

St. Gregory's Parish

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners of Saint Gregory Parish. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here! Newcomers are encouraged to register as members of the Parish. Registration forms are available in the entryways of the Church and in the Parish Office and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Second Sunday of every month at 11:00 AM, in the upper Church. (Call rectory in advance to register).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard from Noon to 1:00 pm on Saturdays to allow both the celebration of the Sacrament weekly, and also to schedule funerals.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married should contact Fr. Jack at least six months prior to the date requested.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Anytime by request

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes begin in October each year. Please contact the rectory for more information.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ACADEMY -LOWER MILLS

Lisa Warshafsky, Principal

For more information call 617-265-0019 or visit
www.sjp2ca.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

Please visit our website often for news and information.
www.stgregoryparish.com

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers upon entering the church.



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday – 6:45 AM

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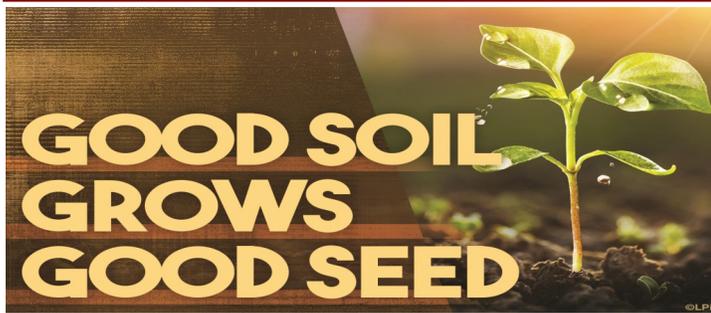
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**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

4:00 PM Dorothy Orlando (Memorial)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

7:00 AM Esther Lane (8th Anniversary)

10:00 AM Richard Dray (Anniversary)

5:00 PM

MONDAY, JULY 13

6:45 AM Anna Jean Keefe (Birthday Memorial)

TUESDAY, JULY 14

6:45 AM Hedwig Bibinski (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

6:45 AM Henry & Helen Lunny (Memorial)

THURSDAY, JULY 166:45 AM Li Thi Thai (Memorial) and
Richard Dray (3rd Anniversary)**SATURDAY, JULY 18**

4:00 PM Eric M. Foley (2nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

7:00 AM Mary C. Mulvey (9th Anniversary)

10:00 AM Janice E. Donovan (10th Anniversary)

5:00 PM

Please keep in your prayers

Denis McCarthy, Thomas Griffin and all who have passed to the Lord recently. May they rest in God's peace. Please also pray that their family and friends might know the gift of God's loving consolation.

OFFERTORY**Sunday, July 5, 2020****\$ 5,307.00 (includes online and mailed in giving)****To Give online go to: www.stgregoryparish.com****Click on green button "get started". If you need help, feel free to call Julie at the rectory during office hours.****Some Important Information**

1. Mask should be worn unless one is under the age of two or have an exemption for some medical reason. Parents should judge for children.
2. Social distancing is important. Clearly family members can be close to one another. But in other cases, try to maintain a six-foot distance.
3. There is no Offertory Collection by basket. There will be receptacles at the doors for the offering.
4. There will be no Sign of Peace.
5. Reception of Holy Communion is only by hand. Both the minister of the Eucharist and the communicant will have masks on at the time of distribution.
6. Between Services the Church will be cleaned and sanitized.
7. All who attend Mass are invited to write their names and contact information so that if we learn that someone tested positive for Covid-19 we can be in touch with you. If this does happen it will also be put on the parish website.

**Some Suggested Reading
(if you are interested)**

The History of Black Catholics in the United States by Cyprian Davis. Post pandemic it might help facilitate conversations, plans and actions in the Parish and Archdiocese.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

On Tuesday of this week we celebrate the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, who is also known as the "Lily of the Mohawks."

Kateri was born in 1656 to a pagan Iroquois father and an Algonquin Christian mother. Her parents and only brother died when she was four years old during a smallpox epidemic that left her badly scarred and with impaired eyesight. She went to live with her uncle, a Mohawk, and was baptized Catholic by Jesuit missionaries. But she was ostracized and persecuted by other natives for her faith. She died in what is now Canada when she 24.

At her Canonization in 2012 Pope Benedict XVI noted how unusual it was in Kateri's culture for her to choose to devote herself to her Catholic faith.

"May her example help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who we are," Benedict said. "Saint Kateri, protectress of Canada and the first Native American saint, we entrust you to the renewal of the faith in the first nations and in all of North America!"



2020 Catholic Appeal

The COVID-19 pandemic has postponed the launch of the Catholic Appeal in our parishes. This presents a unique challenge in continuing the work of our ministries within the Archdiocese of Boston as the Appeal provides nearly half of the funding for these efforts. With the knowledge that many of you are also facing challenging financial realities, and with concern for the people we serve, your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated. Your support will make a significant difference as we attempt to continue serving the Catholic faithful and all our brothers and sisters in need. Please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more about Your Church at Work or to make a donation, visit Thank you!



The Commonwealth has moved into Phase Three where gyms, museums, pro sports (I cannot wait for the first Red Sox game) and other venues are allowed to open up with some necessary restrictions.

Given that, it is easy for us to let our guard down and think we can return to the way things used to be. The experience of many states including Florida, Texas, and California should cause us to pause for a moment and take it slow.

Although we are in a better place with the pandemic it is still risky to gather in Church even with keeping all the necessary directives from the State, the City, and the Archdiocese.

Over the past few weeks more have come back to Church to worship and it is great to see them. But as I have said over and over again it is not the right time for many. Please remember that the dispensation from the obligation for Sunday Mass continues and that the Cardinal and I encourage people to stay safe. I look forward to the day where all of us can again gather, but now is not the right time for many.

Confirmation and Confirmation Questions have also been raised concerning the rescheduling of the Confirmation and First Communion Liturgies. Given the fact that music is limited, masks must be worn, and social distancing needs to be maintained we are looking to the Fall for both. We will be in touch when it is scheduled in August.

Supermarket Gift Cards and More: As the pandemic continues, please know if you are in need for food or other kinds of assistance, please call Fr. Jack or speak with Julie in the parish office.