

SAINT GREGORY PARISH

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WELCOME, WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! We extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners. *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.*

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PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Brian F. McMahon

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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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: Noon—1:00 pm on Saturdays to allow both the celebration of the Sacrament weekly and 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

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**

4:00 PM William O'Connell (Memorial)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 AM Edmund, Margaret & Mary Holmes (Mem)

10:00 AM Kathleen Sullivan & Marianne Collins (Mem)

5:00 PM Ruth Dwyer (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

6:45 AM Peace and Justice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:45 AM Mary Magdalene Thuy Nguyen (Anniv.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

6:45 AM Parishioners of St. Gregory Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00 PM Rita Fraser (4th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 AM Annie Skalecki Woloschuk (Anniversary)

10:00 AM Kathleen Sullivan & Marianne Collins (Mem)

5:00 PM Kevin & Taryn (Special Intention)

**Please keep in your prayers**

Please pray for Catherine Murray, Bob McMahon (Father Brian's brother) and all those who have died recently that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends that they might know the gift of God's loving consolation.

Parish Offertory—Sunday, January 10, 2021**\$5,336.00** (includes online and mailed in giving).

To give online go to stgregoryparish.com and click on the green button "Get Started". For help, call Julie at the rectory.

**WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER**

I am seeing way, way more positive diagnosis of Covid-19 in my ministry. I am concerned for your safety and well-being. I am hopeful as the vaccinations continue but we have many months ahead of us before its good effects realized. Please act with an abundance of caution. Be safe.

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.

Social distancing is important. Please do not remove the tape that blocks off the benches. This is necessary for social distancing.

There is no Offertory Collection by basket. There are receptacles at the doors for the offering.

Dress Warmly for Church: While there will be heat in the church during the cold weather, following pandemic safety precautions, windows and doors will still be kept open as much as possible for ample ventilation. So please be prepared and dress warmly when you come to church. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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.

Assistance: If you need food or any other kind of assistance, please free to call Fr. Jack or Julie at the rectory.

Statements on the Attack on the US Capital

"I send an affectionate greeting to the people of the United States of America, shaken by the recent assault on the Congress. I pray for all those who've lost their lives...five lost in those dramatic moments. Let me reiterate that violence is always self-destructive. Nothing is healed by violence and so much is lost. I exhort the civil authorities and the entire population to keep a high sense of responsibility, to the end of calming spirits, promoting national reconciliation, and promoting the democratic values rooted in American society. May the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of the United States, help keep alive the culture of encounter, the culture of care, as the guiding path to building the common good together and may it be done with all those who live in that land.

-Pope Francis

"The beginning of the Prayer of St. Francis is familiar to most of us: *"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace"*. And it is peace we need in our nation today, united by the common good of our people. The violence witnessed in our nation's capital yesterday serves only to inflame our divisions and pit citizen against citizen at a time we need to be united. We reject all forms of violence including the acts of those who stormed our Capitol. We pray for those who lost their lives and for their loved ones and for the injured. We live in a divided nation and the challenges our nation faces are significant.

Our recovery from yesterday's assault will require the best talents of our civic leaders. Very soon President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris will be sworn in to lead our country. In the spirit of what makes America a beacon of light and democracy for the entire world we must set aside our divisions and together go about the work of helping to lift people out of poverty, healing the sick, welcoming the immigrant and address systemic racism, and many other tasks.

Let us heed the words of St. Francis' simple prayer: *"where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy."*

-Cardinal Sean



Martin Luther King Day 2021 Inauguration of President Joseph Biden

This Monday we celebrate Martin Luther King's life and legacy. This coming Wednesday, 14 days after our Nation's Capital was stormed, President-elect Joseph Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris will be sworn in as President and Vice President of the United States.

As we gather this week for the two-fold celebrations we might ponder the words of Martin Luther King in a sermon delivered at Washington's National Cathedral four days prior to his assassination.

"Cowardice asks the question, *Is it safe?* Expediency asks the question, *Is it politic?* And Vanity comes along and asks the question, *Is it popular?* But Conscience asks the question, *Is it right?*

And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, not popular; but one must take it because it is right."

As the nation transitions into the new administration of President Biden and Vice-President Harris and continues to deal with the aftermath of January 6th the work before us as a nation will be hard and demanding, filled with disappointment and heartache, and it will require us to put aside our own needs and dreams for the sake of the common good. But as a nation I have every confidence that we will 'do what is right' and summon the courage to face this moment together with honesty and hope. Then we will discover once again that the best of who we are as a country can overcome the worst impulses of the national spirit.

Fr. Jack

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

*Martin Luther King –
Letter from Birmingham Jail April 16, 1963*