

**SAINT GREGORY PARISH
LOWER MILLS - DORCHESTER, MA**

November 5, 2021

Dear Friends,

Sometimes life seems to go by very quickly and in our haste we sometimes fail to take stock of our blessings and give thanks for what we have.

In that spirit, I want to thank you for a number of things. First, I thank you for your many kindnesses and your gracious support of me during what has been for most of us a very challenging time.

I'm thankful for the many volunteers who give so much of their time and talents to keep our parish alive and growing and for the members of the parish staff who do so much for our parish – often behind the scenes. They truly are incredible.

I'm also most appreciative for the financial support you give to our parish each week. As many parishes in the Archdiocese during the pandemic experienced losses in income, St. Gregory's offertory saw an increase. This coupled with money through the PPP Loan program allowed us to keep our heads above water and helped us to maintain our parish programs and property. Now though my attention turns, as it must, to the upcoming Grand Annual Collection which is of critical importance for our Parish.

The Grand Annual Collection which begins later this month accomplishes two things for our parish. First, it helps us balance our operating budget and meet our monthly expenses that are not presently covered through our offertory income. Second, the revenue from this collection will allow us to begin to repay a loan of \$250,000 which we took out to do critically necessary repairs to the Convent prior to our entering into a long-term lease. Long deferred repair and restoration of the High School Building, Parish Center and Church is estimated to be above a million dollars. These maintenance items will be considered over the next five to ten years.

St. Gregory's need your help! I turn to you for a financial commitment if you are able. This year's goal is \$60,000. If you find that a one-time donation may be difficult, please feel free to spread your payments over the next several months.

I thank you for your consideration of this Appeal. Whatever the amount of your gift may be, please know that it is gratefully received and is necessary to ensure the financial well-being of our parish. Thank you in advance for your generous response and I pray that God will continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Courage and confidence in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Jack Ahern

St. Gregory Parish
Annual Report to Parishioners
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

	Actual FY 20-21	Budget FY20-21	Variance	Budget FY21-22
Parish Income				
Offertory	303,751	226,435	77,316	232,042
Grand Annual	47,969	47,122	847	24,500
Shrines, Candles, Flowers	14,057	2,769	11,288	1,008
Sacramentals	55,235	17,580	37,655	22,000
Lease/Rental Income/Housing	101,935	99,000	2,935	177,300
Interest	1,765	2,377	(612)	3,000
Gifts, Bequests, Other Sourc. Income/*PPP Loans	153,240	18,812	134,428	15,000
Total Income	677,952	414,095	263,857	474,850
Parish Expenses				
Staff/Maintenance/Music/Clergy Unassign	251,317	214,630	36,687	256,995
Clergy Assigned Compensation	40,690	40,690	-	40,967
Benefits	84,487	37,080	47,407	23,414
Office Supply & Household Costs	33,799	34,694	(895)	35,000
Capital Expenses	-	75,000	75,000	25,000
Heat, Utilities, Water & Sewer	90,886	74,181	16,705	96,170
Property & Liability Insurance	97,669	100,128	(2,459)	127,422
Maintenance Supply, Buildings, & Grounds	61,995	30,000	31,995	75,000
Minor Repairs: Rectory, Church, BYS, Gym, CSO	91,212	10,000	81,212	10,000
Legal Fees, Fndrsng, Mtgs, Wrkshops	309	300	9	300
Charitable Works	2,900	20,000	(17,100)	5,000
Pastoral/Liturgical & Misc	10,815	5,000	5,815	6,000
Tithe/Central Ministries	65,242	68,856	(3,614)	65,000
Total Expenses	831,321	710,559	120,762	766,268
Operating Profit or Loss	(153,369)	(296,464)	143,095	(291,418)

* PPP LOANS (2) TOTAL: \$152,340.00