



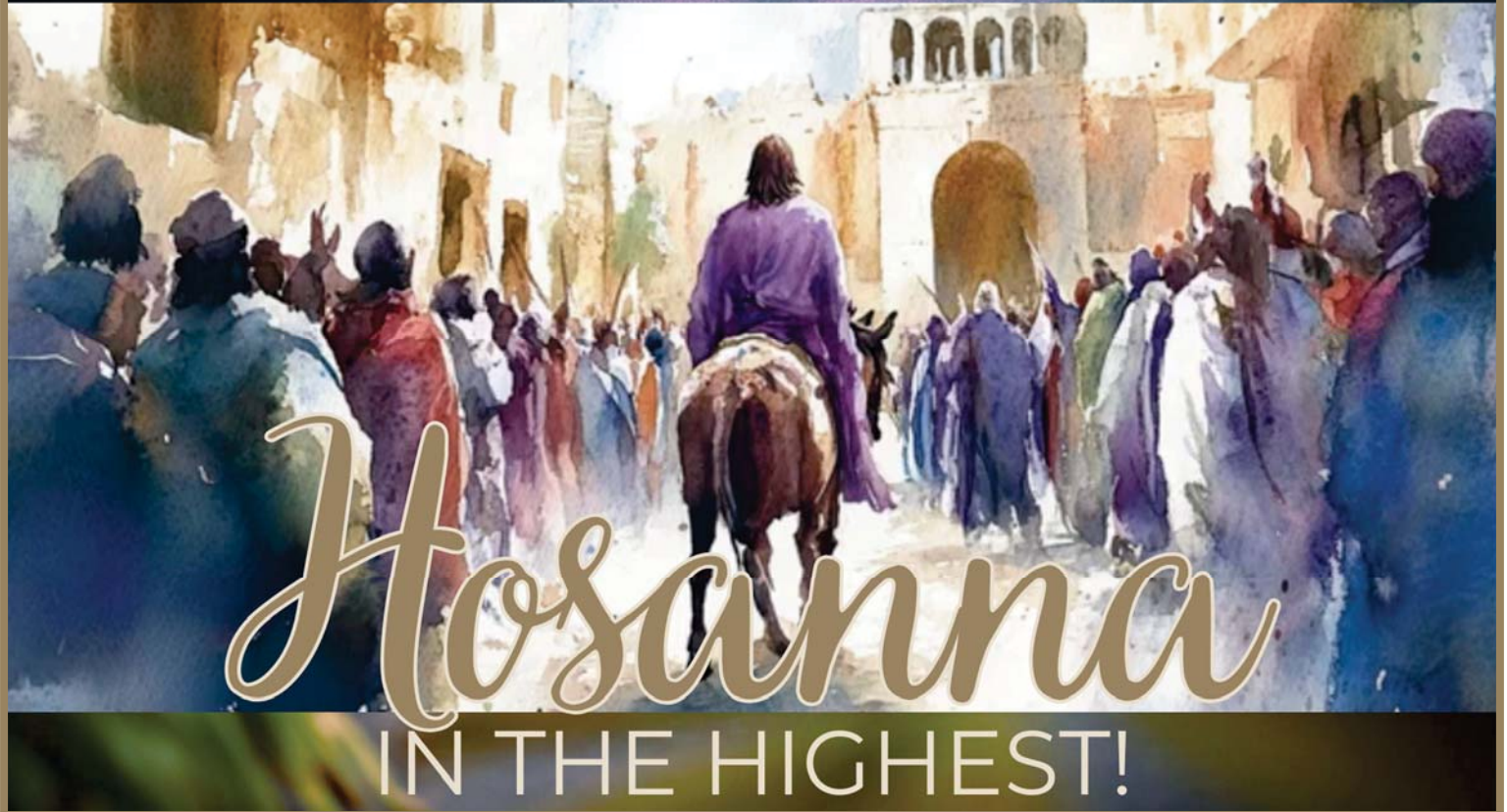
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Mass Schedule and Parish Information

Daily Mass ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,
preceded by **Daily Rosary** at 8:30am

Weekend Masses ~ Saturdays 4:00pm

Sundays 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm & 5:00pm

~ **Church Open for Prayer** ~
Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

Bereavement Support Ministry ~ For support, please
Contact Deacon Dan Nelson at dcn785@aol.com

Staff Directory ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

Parish Prayer Wall ~ Submit your prayer requests on
our parish website.

Parish Newsletter ~ Visit parish website to subscribe.

St. Mary's Cemetery ~ For inquiries, please contact Bar-
bara McKenney at 781-828-0090 x 311.

Sacramental and Devotional Life

Anointing of the Sick ~ Contact the parish office for more
details.

Baptism ~ Twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
To register, visit www.cantoncatholic.org and click on
Sacraments. Contact: Barbara McKenney (781) 828-0090.

Marriage ~ Arrangements should be made six months
in advance. Contact the parish office for more information.

Reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am.

Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032 for
more details.

Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via Zoom. Email
jptjr2@gmail.com for more information.



*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

Dear Friends,

Our commemoration of Palm Sunday recalls Jesus' triumphant reception in Jerusalem. The Gospels tell us that Jesus was anxious as he made his way toward the walled city. Events justified his concern. The proclamation of the Passion at Mass and the brief moment of reflection that occurs toward the end give us a sense of what transpired. Jesus was a real person. We know when and where he lived, where he traveled, and what he preached. The liturgies of Holy Week, specifically the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, have imbued Christians with historical and spiritual insights into these events which transformed humanity's relationship with the Divine. I hope you will be able to join us.

*In Christ,
Fr. Tom*



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Our Easter collection benefits the Clergy Trust which cares for the health, well-being, and retirement needs of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. These parish collections are crucial for them to continue their mission, so any gift you're able to give is appreciated. Information to make your gift online is in the bulletin on page 7 or on the collection envelopes. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 13

Procession of Palms - 10:00 am Mass
All gather in the Mary Garden for the procession.

After the Opening Prayer, children will be invited to a Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Holy Thursday - April 17

9:00am - Morning Prayer

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 18

9:00am - Morning Prayer

12:00pm - Family Stations of the Cross

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - April 19

9:00am - Morning Prayer

7:30pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

(No 4:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday)

Easter Sunday - April 20

8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00 Noon Masses

(No 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

Please join us for these sacred celebrations as we journey through Holy Week and celebrate the joy of Easter together!

St. Oscar Romero Parish Announces Recipients of the Fr. Mac Scholarship

St. Oscar Romero Parish is delighted to announce the two deserving recipients of this year's Fr. Mac Scholarship. This \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to help with tuition costs at a Roman Catholic High School. It was made possible through a fund created in loving memory of Fr. McLaughlin after his passing, along with the generous contributions from our parish community.

We are pleased to congratulate **Abigail Gallagher**, an eighth grader at St. John the Evangelist School, and **Brendan Gannon**, a first-year student at Boston College High School. Abigail has been accepted as a first-year student at Bishop Feehan High School, and Brendan will continue his studies at Boston College High School.

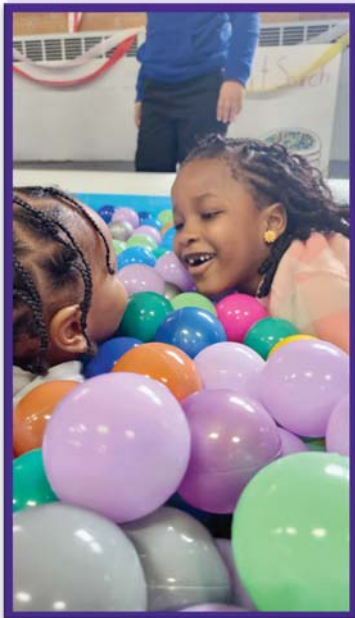
We extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the selection committee—Erin Sullivan from our Religious Education Ministry, Fr. Jeremy Wagner, and parishioners Mary Bocash and Mike Cunningham—for their time and dedication in selecting this year's recipients.

The Fr. Mac Scholarship is an annual award, offered each spring by St. Oscar Romero Parish. This scholarship is open to any parishioner who completes the application process and has been accepted at a Roman Catholic High School.



Spreading Joy and Smiles: Youth Ministry's Heartwarming Spring Carnival

On Sunday, our Youth Ministry program hosted a heartwarming Spring Carnival for 30 children and adults from local shelters. It was a day full of joy and laughter, as members from St. Ambrose House and Nazareth House enjoyed fun games, colorful face painting, a bouncy house, and even a magical performance! The excitement didn't stop there—there was a special visit from some adorable baby animals in a petting zoo, bringing even more smiles to everyone's faces. It was truly a day to remember, filled with love, community, and togetherness. A huge thank you to everyone who helped bring this beautiful event to life!



Spring/Summer Projects at St. Mary's Cemetery

Several exciting projects are underway at Saint Mary's Cemetery this spring and early summer. Our dedicated team is focused on enhancing both the appearance and functionality of the cemetery grounds. Here's an update on the ongoing work:

Spring Maintenance and Clean-Up

- We're currently addressing the clean-up after the winter and holiday season, which involved removing a significant number of decorations.
- Several lawn areas have been leveled, loamed, and seeded due to damage caused by a parking issue that occurred a few weeks ago.

Water Pipeline Repair

- A water pipeline sustained damage, requiring immediate repair to fix a break and prevent further leakage.

Overseeding of New Cemetery Section

- This spring, we'll be overseeding the entire new section of the cemetery to ensure healthy, lush growth.

Electricity for Utility Shed

- Electricity will soon be provided to our utility shed, which currently lacks power. This upgrade will allow us to install much-needed lighting for both security and the practical use of power tools

and equipment. It will also help accommodate the celebration of our outdoor Masses.

Beautification Projects

- **Columbarium:** We're adding shrubs, plants, and a decorative paver border in front of the three columbarium units. Additionally, we'll be installing mulch and plants in the columbarium garden area.
- **St. Robert's Section:** Grading and filling work is underway to prepare the section behind St. Robert's for additional gravesites and to create a new section.

Future Plans

- Our staff is working diligently to prepare for the future. We will soon announce new plans for the creation of an additional section for gravesites and an extension of the current St. Robert Section.

Get Involved

If you're interested in contributing to any of these projects or learning more about our new Donor Wall, please contact our Cemetery Manager, Barbara McKenney, at 781-828-0090 x311 or via email at bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org. Your time, talent, and stewardship are greatly appreciated!

Emma Novogratz Clinches Victory at the K of C State Free Throw Finals!

The results are in, and we are thrilled to share some exciting news! This past Saturday, at the Knights of Columbus Massachusetts State Free Throw Challenge Finals in Holliston, Emma Novogratz, a student at St. John School, demonstrated incredible skill and determination, soaring to victory in the 9-year-old Girls Group.

With an impressive performance, Emma nailed 17 out of 24 free throws, securing her spot at the top. What a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations, Emma!



You're Invited!

The Canton Catholic Woman's Club is hosting their **Annual Fundraiser** on **Wednesday, April 30th at 11:00 a.m.** in the **lower church**. They warmly invite all parishioners and friends to come and enjoy a fun-filled day for a great cause!

There will be something for everyone:

- Exciting raffles
- White Elephant treasures
- Beautiful jewelry
- Fabulous clothing tables



And, of course, they will be serving a **complimentary potluck lunch**! This event is their main fundraiser for local charities, and your support is deeply appreciated.

They can't wait to see you there—bring a friend, and let's make this a day to remember!

What is the Significance of Covering Statues During Lent?

In the Catholic tradition, covering statues and religious images during the last two weeks of Lent, especially from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until Easter, is a way to focus on the solemnity and intensity of Christ's suffering and passion.



The practice serves as a reminder of the starkness of Christ's death and the anticipation of His resurrection. By obscuring the images, the faithful are invited to enter more fully into the mystery of Christ's sacrifice and the somberness of Holy Week. It emphasizes a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation for the joy of Easter. The covering symbolizes how Jesus' glory was hidden during His death but will be revealed again when He rises from the dead.

On Good Friday, the Cross is covered in red, and we venerate a Cross that is processed into church specifically for veneration by the faithful.

Important Cemetery Notice for Easter Holiday Plant Placement



Due to the seeding of lawn areas at St. Mary Cemetery, we kindly ask that Easter plants be placed beside the headstone rather than directly in front.

This request applies to this Easter season only.

April is National Child Protection Month



"It takes a village"—or, in this case, a parish or a school—to keep our children safe. There's no such thing as too many educated individuals or too many people praying. Every person who knows how to protect children adds another layer of safety, and potentially, one more child remains safe.

The Archdiocese of Boston requires all volunteers working with children and youth in our parishes and schools to complete child abuse prevention training through the VIRTUS program.

To participate, please visit [VIRTUSonline.org](https://www.virtusonline.org) for training dates and sign-up details. Thank you!

Save the Date!

The Canton Catholic Women's Club invite you to their final gathering of the season on **May 21st at noon** at **The Back Street Grille** in Stoughton. The guest speaker will be **Fr. Pinto Paul**, from Holy Cross Ministries. More details to follow soon!

Kellie Needs a Kidney

Kellie Mitchell, a 40-year-old from Canton, urgently needs a kidney transplant. If you are healthy and willing to be tested as a potential donor, you could help save her life. To learn more or to start the donation process, please call **617-632-9700**. Your kindness could give Kellie the chance for a healthier future.

Thank you for considering this life-changing gift.

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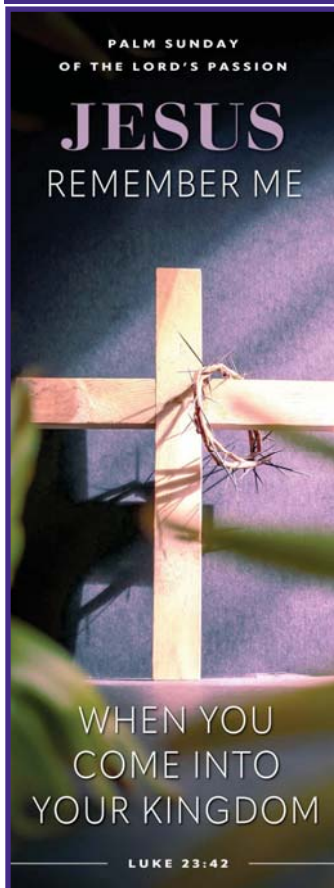
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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, April 12
 9:00am~
 4:00pm~Judy Hutchinson, Memorial

Sunday, April 13
 8:00am~Eleanor & Thomas DePalma, Memorial
 10:00am~Michael W. McDonough, Memorial
 12:00pm~
 5:00pm~William Kilroy, Memorial

Monday, April 14
 9:00am~Special Intention

Tuesday, April 15
 9:00am~Amerigo DiNicola, Memorial

Wednesday, April 16
 9:00am~Gina Federico, Memorial

Thursday, April 17
 9:00am~Morning Prayer
 7:30pm~Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18
 9:00am~Morning Prayer
 3:00pm~Passion of the Lord
 7:30pm~Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 19
 9:00am~Morning Prayer
 7:30pm~Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20
 8:00am ~ Easter Memorials
 10:00am~Easter Memorials
 12:00pm~Easter Memorials



Prayers and Sympathy

Anthony Bonanno, Jr.
Sheila McCabe

Please remember in your prayers all those who have entered into eternal life.

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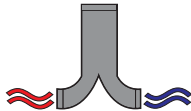
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