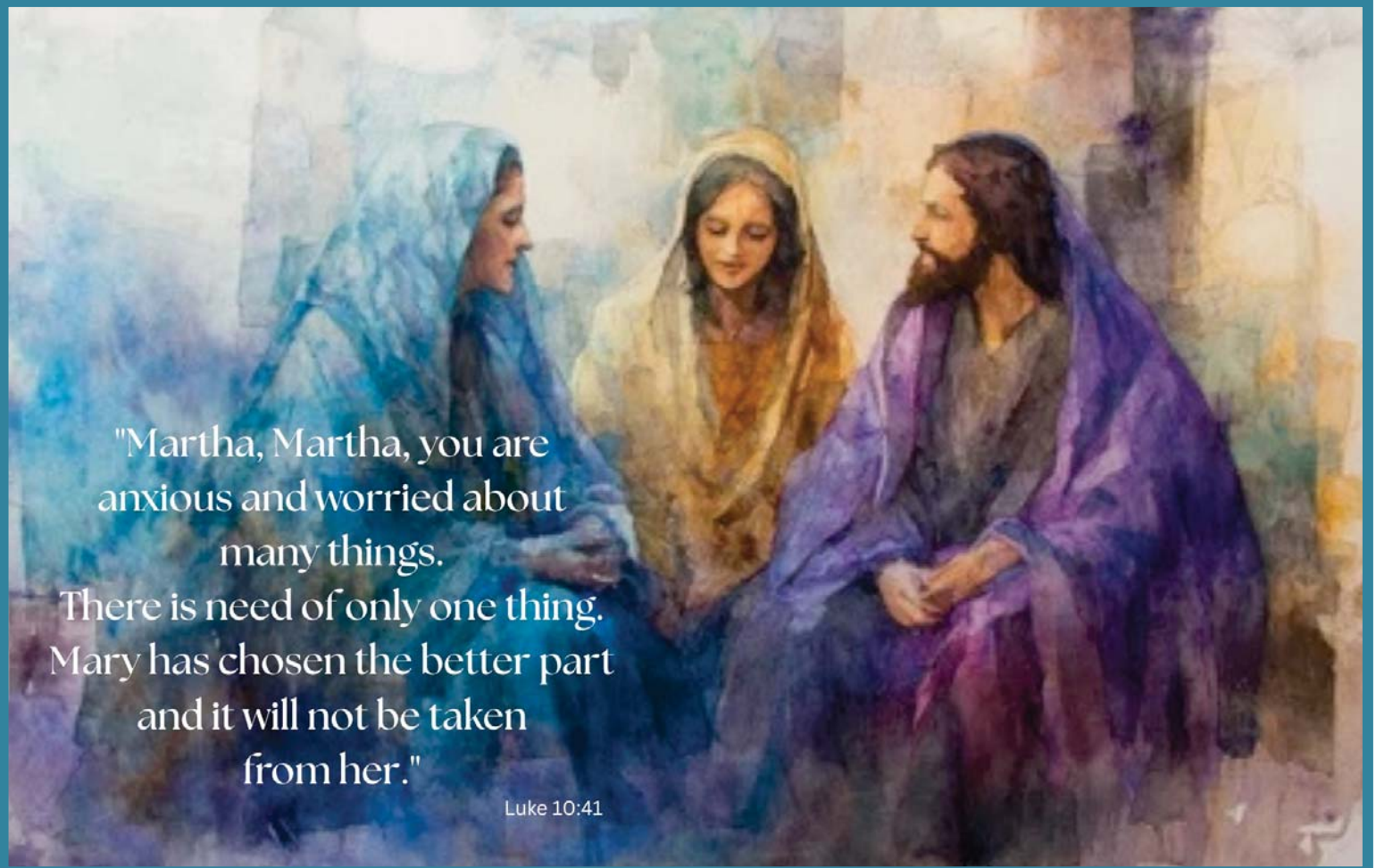




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"Martha, Martha, you are
anxious and worried about
many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken
from her."

Luke 10:41

Mass Schedule

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
Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 x 311.

Sacramental and Devotional Life

Anointing of the Sick ~ Contact the parish office.

Baptism ~ Twice a month, 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.

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

Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via a zoom link
option. 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.

A few years ago, I heard someone remark, *"We have celebrities today, not heroes."* Many can attain fame, but heroism requires a dose of nobility. Heroes can be anonymous. And we can overlook them in our midst. In recent months, and very visibly last week, the Town of Canton watched heroes in action. Scores of Canton teenagers gave up a week of their summer vacation to serve as counselors for another successful week of Kids' Camp. Before it started, they worked on logistics, planning, and building. Once it began, they turned their attention to the young campers. That is the real Canton!

In addition to Kids' Camp, many young people are or will be participating in Outreach trips this summer. We look forward to hearing them share

their experiences when they return. Our list of heroes must include the college students and adults who accompany the teens on these adventures. In addition to praying for their well-being, we should let them know how much we admire their effort.

Please note that on **Sunday, August 17** we observe a one-time change to the Mass schedule. **Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am! (No 10 and no noon.)** Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to our Annual Parish Cookout. Once again the Canton Catholic Women's Club will donate the food, and our own Council 2095 of the Knights of Columbus will man the grills.

Everyone is welcome.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



A Message from Fr. Patrick

Hello!

I am Reverend Father Patrick MPETE EBALALING, a priest of the Society of African Missions (SMA). I was born on July 6, 1984, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). I come from a large family of ten children, including 2 girls and 8 boys, and I am the ninth child. I entered the seminary in 2006, completed one year of propedeutics (preparatory), three years of philosophy (in Congo), one year of novitiate in the Republic of Benin, one year of pastoral experience in Ghana, three years of theology in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, one year of diaconal internship, and finally, I was ordained a priest on May 8, 2016, in the DRC. After my ordination, I pursued higher studies (5 years) in agronomic and veterinary sciences. Therefore, I hold a Master's degree in Animal Science.

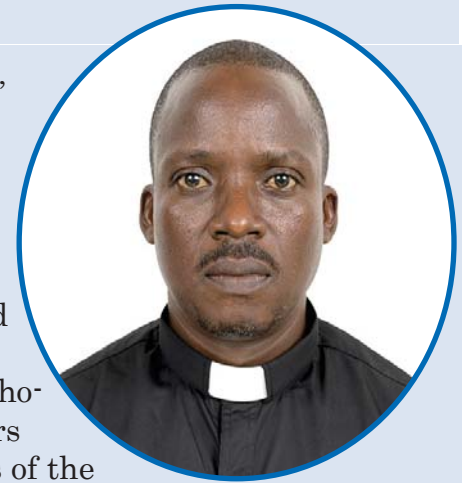
I enjoy reading, working for community development, I like cultivating the field, I enjoy raising

animals (pigs, goats, chickens, cattle...), I also enjoy working with poor people and the homeless.

Since last year, I have been appointed as the pastor of a young parish (St. Thomas Aquinas, 5 years old) on the outskirts of the Archdiocese of Kinshasa (170 km away). We serve 13 outstations, which are very distant from each other across the parish.

I am here in the USA to share my missionary experience with you and to find potential benefactors who can support the SMA mission in Congo and especially our young parish that is striving to take flight.

Fr. Patrick MPETE, SMA



Paving the Way: Parking Lot Improvements Begin July 21

Work on the **main church parking lot** will begin on **Monday, July 21**, and continue through **Thursday, July 24**. During this time, the lot will be **closed to the public**, and **no Masses will be celebrated**. We expect to reopen the lot and resume access to the church on **Friday, July 25**.

Please note that there will be **no access to the Parish Administrative Office** during this time. Staff can be reached by **phone or email**.

Work on the **back parking lot** is scheduled for the following week. While we hope for minimal disruption, **Masses and funerals may be affected**. We will share updates as plans develop via the **parish website and Facebook page**.

As with all outdoor projects, the weather may cause delays. We ask you to **pray for good weather and a smooth process** as we improve our grounds and “pave the way” for a safer, more welcoming space for our parish family.

Thank you for your patience and continued support!

**NEW
UPDATE**

The Better Part

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are invited into the home of Martha and Mary, two sisters who welcome Jesus in very different ways. Martha, the ever-dedicated hostess, is busy with the tasks of hospitality—preparing, serving, and ensuring everything is just right. Meanwhile, Mary chooses to sit at the feet of Jesus, listening intently to His words.

Martha, feeling overwhelmed and frustrated, turns to Jesus for help. *“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?”* she asks. But Jesus gently responds, *“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.”*

This exchange reminds us of something essential: in the midst of our busy lives, our first call is to be present with the Lord. Like Martha, we all have responsibilities and good work to do, but we must not allow those tasks to pull us away from the One who gives our work meaning. Mary's choice to pause and listen to Jesus is not a dismissal of Martha's service—it is a reminder that our activity must be grounded in prayer and relationship with God.

This week, let us consider how we might better balance our *“doing”* with our *“being”*—to take time in stillness, in prayer, and in quiet reflection. For in choosing to sit with Christ, we too choose the better part.



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Left to right Janine Collins, Father Rafferty, Cooper Krug

Faith Formation Registration



the gifts God has given you. Whether as a catechist, classroom assistant, substitute, or helper with special events and behind-the-scenes tasks—there's a place for you here. Our children are eager to learn, full of joy, and their love for God is contagious. Walk with them. Grow with them. Inspire and be inspired.

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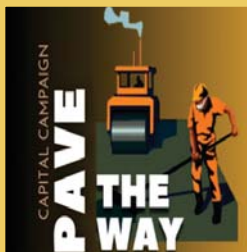
Families who were enrolled last year recently received an email with all of the program details. We encourage early registration to help us prepare a welcoming and enriching experience for every child.

Our doors and hearts are always open to new families! If you know someone looking to grow in faith—whether it's a friend, neighbor, or relative—please invite them to explore our vibrant Faith Formation community.

Answer the Call to Serve

Do you feel called to make a difference? Volunteering with Faith Formation is a powerful way to live your faith, support the next generation, and share

Still Time to Donate



Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our parking lot improvement efforts! We are still gratefully accepting donations to help complete this important project. To date we have raised \$65,804. Every gift—large or

small—brings us closer to our goal. Please consider giving whatever you can to help us “pave the way” for a safer, more welcoming parish space:

- Click the *Pave the Way* button on the homepage of our website
- Write a check with “*Pave the Way*” in the memo line
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Save The Date

SUMMER BBQ PARTY

You're Invited to Our Parish Barbecue!

When: Sunday, August 17, 2025 | 11:00 AM Mass
Noon Barbecue

Where: Parish Center

What to Expect: BBQ favorites, music, family games, and plenty of fun for all ages!

Let's come together as a parish family to relax, reconnect and celebrate the blessings of summer.

Bring your appetite and your parish spirit — We'll take care of the rest!

All are welcome — invite a friend!

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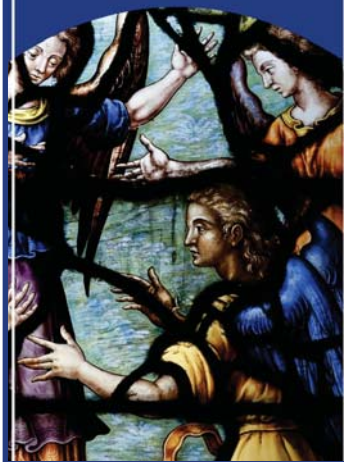
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"I will surely return to you about this time
 next year, and Sarah will then have a son."
 (Gn 18:10)*



Saturday, July 19

9:00am~
 4:00pm~Michael & Catherine Regan,
 Memorial

Sunday, July 20

8:00am~Wayne West & Ryan Augier,
 Birthday Blessings
 10:00am~Alice & Charles Ogalin,
 Memorial
 12:00pm~Sante Poles, Birthday
 Remembrance
 5:00pm~Outreach Intentions

Monday, July 21

9:00am~NO Mass Today

Tuesday, July 22

9:00am~NO Mass Today

Wednesday, July 23

9:00am~NO Mass Today

Thursday, July 24

9:00am~NO Mass Today

Friday, July 25

9:00am~Norma Louise Lakin, Memorial

Saturday, July 26

9:00am~
 4:00pm~Gertrude Noonan, Memorial

Sunday, July 27

8:00am~Rev. Bernard McLaughlin, Memorial
 10:00am~Dominick Pugliese, Memorial
 12:00pm~Josephine Cappelletti, Memorial
 5:00pm~Outreach Mass



Prayers and Sympathy

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

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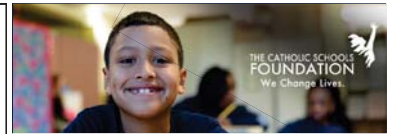
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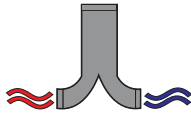
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