



# St. Oscar Romero Parish

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*"If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts."*

Psalms 90



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jptjr2@gmail.com) for more information.



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

*Dear Friends,*

I am pleased, and not surprised, that Father Patrick repeatedly tells me how warmly he feels our parish community has welcomed him. The way this community rallies to help a family in distress, the generous support of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and the myriad good works performed by our parish Youth Ministry program give evidence of this faith community's kind-heartedness.

Last week Father told us a little about the new parish, St. Thomas Aquinas, he is building. I have asked him to tell us more about it in the next couple of weeks. We will hold a special collection to support Father Patrick's mission dur-

ing the weekend of August 23 and 24. To help accommodate vacation schedules, special envelopes will soon be available in the church. You can also give online by visiting St. Oscar Romero Online Giving on our website ([cantoncatholic.org](http://cantoncatholic.org).) This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of something truly meaningful—even if you're away that weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Please note the revised Mass schedule for the **Parish Cookout on August 17**. It's a free event. The sign-up request is to help our sponsors, the Canton Catholic Women's Club and the Knights of Columbus, plan accordingly.

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Tom*

## **Pave the Way FINAL STEPS**

We're almost there! The final phase of our church parking lot project begins **Monday, August 4 and will continue through Saturday, August 9**. During this time, the entire lot will be closed, and Masses will be suspended for the week. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Saturday, August 9, for the 4:00pm Vigil Mass in our newly paved lot!**

**Please also note:** The Parish Administrative Office will be closed to in-person visitors during this time. Staff will be available by phone and email throughout the week.

**Stay connected!** Visit the parish website or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and photos as we move forward.

*Thank you!*

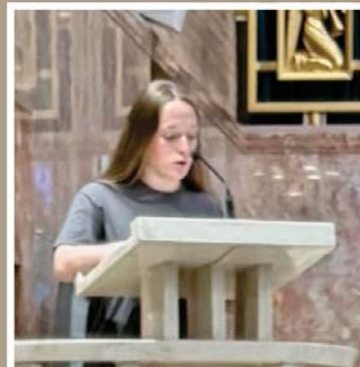




## Youth Ministry's Outreach Summer Program



**Teddy McDonough**  
Disaster Relief in NC



**Samantha Gardner**  
Homeless in Philadelphia



**Kayla Walsh**  
Building in Kentucky



**Alyssa Hanlon,**  
Veterans in NH

### Hearts on Mission: Teens Living the Gospel

Our Youth Ministry is committed to serving others throughout the year—but in a special way during the summer. After Kids Camp wraps up, more than sixty of our teens step forward in faith, boarding buses and planes to bring hope, help, and healing beyond our parish community. These life-changing journeys are made possible through your generous donations and support of our Youth Ministry Program.

This past Sunday at the 5:00pm Mass, our parish welcomed home teens who had just returned from four impactful outreach trips: Disaster relief efforts in North Carolina, home building projects in Kentucky, feeding the homeless in Philadelphia, and spending time with veterans at Mount Washington in New Hampshire.

Each group invited a team member to share their reflections, and though their stories were unique, they were united by a beautiful common thread: friendship, empathy, hard work, and a deep sense of renewal found in serving others. These are the moments where hearts are opened, faith is deepened, and Christ is encountered in the faces of those in need. This time of living the Gospel has left an imprint on our young people that will continue to shape their lives and strengthen their journey of faith.

We offer heartfelt thanks to the dedicated college students and adult chaperones who guided and supported our teens every step of the way. Your presence, leadership, and love made these Outreach Programs possible—and unforgettable!



**You're Invited to Our Parish Summer Cookout!**

**Sunday, August 17th • Following the 11:00 AM Mass • Parish Center**

*(The 10:00am & 12:00pm Masses will merge into a unique 11:00am Mass, followed by the cookout at noon.)*

### ***Celebrate Summer***

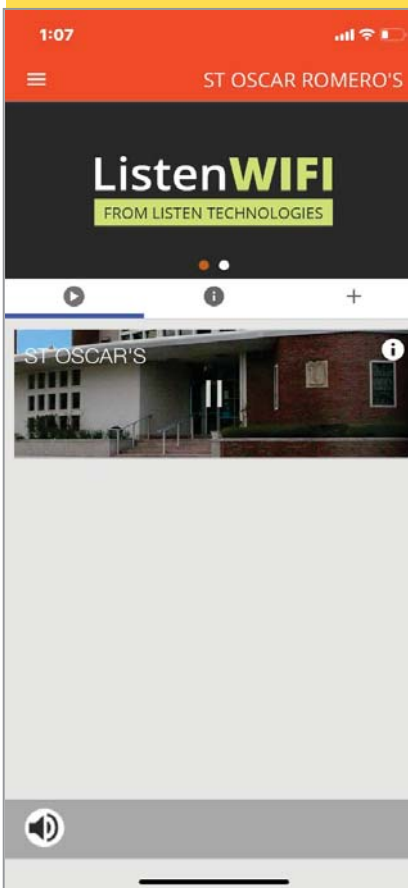
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***We can't wait to see you there!***



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For additional support, please go to the ListenWiFi website ([info@listentech.com](mailto:info@listentech.com)) or call the staff office on 781-828-0090 x311.

*We are pleased to provide this helpful resource to make Mass more accessible to everyone in our parish family!*



## Rich in What Matters to God!



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers a powerful reminder: *"One's life does not consist of possessions."* It's a striking message in a world that often encourages us to measure our worth by what we own, achieve, or store away for the future. The man in the parable isn't condemned for being successful—his land yielded a great harvest—but for believing that material abundance guarantees peace, joy, or control over the future.

Jesus lovingly but firmly warns us not to let greed cloud our hearts. When we place too much value on wealth or status, we risk building barns for things that do not last—while neglecting to build a heart rich in love, generosity, and trust in God. The truth is, our lives can be taken from us in an instant. What remains is not what we have stored up, but what we've given away: our kindness, compassion, mercy, and faith.

As we reflect this week, let us ask ourselves: *Am I storing up treasure on earth, or am I growing rich in what matters to God?*

May we seek to fill our lives not with things, but with meaning—lived out in love of God and neighbor.

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## 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:

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 Matthew 10:8



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, August 2

9:00am~Edward L. Sullivan, Sr. &  
 Bette Sullivan Barr, Memorial  
 4:00pm~Andrew S. Cameron, Memorial

### Sunday, August 3

8:00am~  
 10:00am~Eugene Landolfi, Memorial  
 12:00pm~Perry, David, & Dennis  
 Fagerberg, Memorial  
 12:00pm~Betty Hagan, Memorial

### Monday, August 4

9:00am~

### Tuesday, August 5

9:00am~

### Wednesday, August 6

9:00am~Jack & Jerry Hartling,  
 Memorial

### Thursday, August 7

9:00am~

### Friday, August 8

9:00am~Jeanne McNeil, Memorial

### Saturday, August 9

9:00am~  
 4:00pm~

### Sunday, August 10

8:00am~Louisa Dekkers, Memorial  
 10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial  
 12:00pm~Jamie Erti, Memorial  
 5:00pm~Mary Masciola, Memorial



*Seek what is above,  
 where Christ is seated  
 at the right hand  
 of God.*

*Colossians 3:1*

### Prayers and Sympathy

Catherine "Kay" Nicholson  
 Warner Lund



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

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