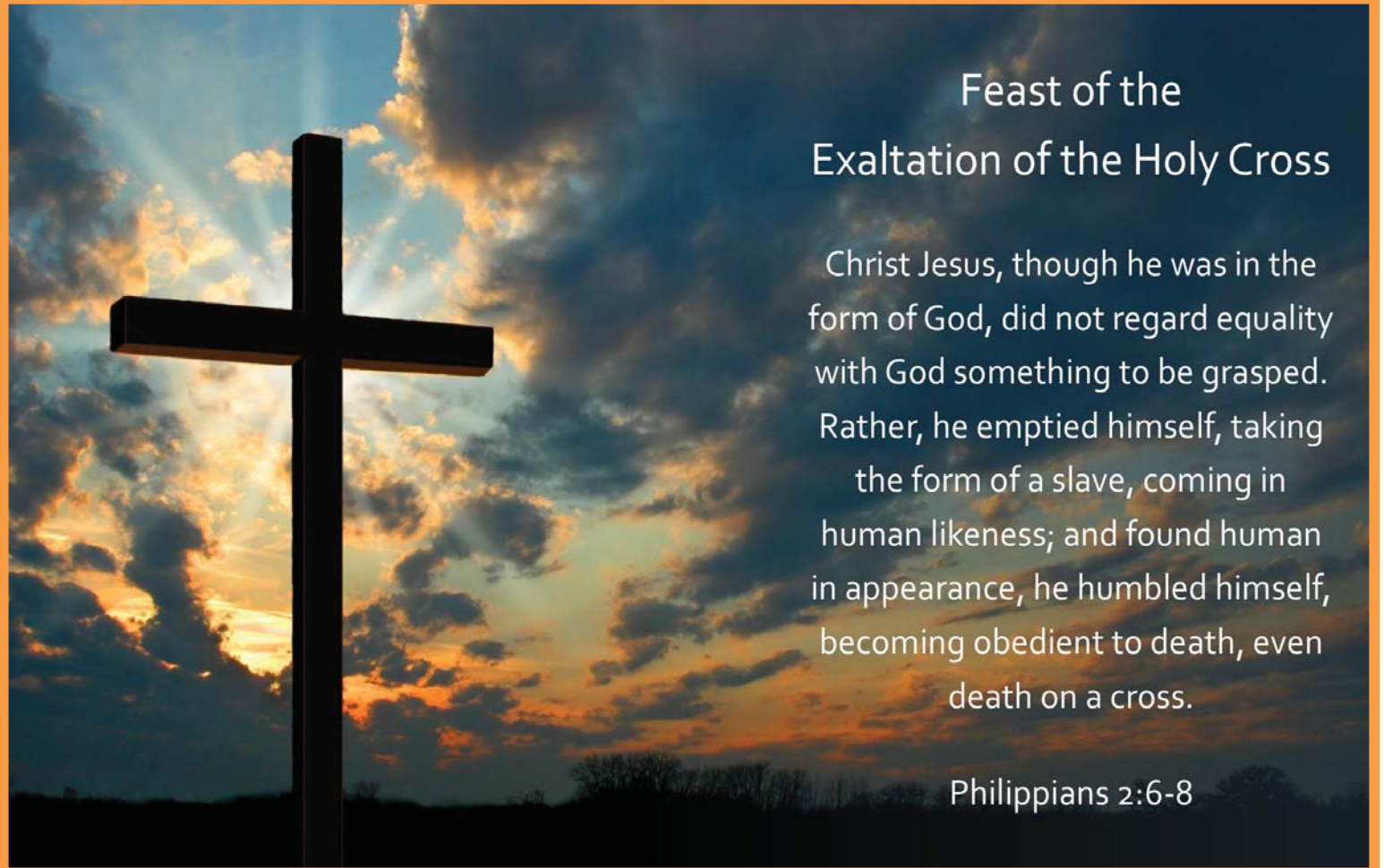




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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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Philippians 2:6-8

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,

Recently, two new names will be added to the roster, or canon, of saints. Carlo Acutis and Pierre Giorgio Frassati. I know less about the admirable and heroic life of Pierre Giorgio, who, like Carlo Acutis, died young. In recent years, like many others, I have read much about the unique and timely life of Carlo Acutis. He has been called the first Millennial Saint because he was born in 1991. He was an avid computer user who, at a young age, used the internet to spread the Gospel. He compiled an extensive list of Eucharist related miracles.

I am fascinated by more than his interest in Mass and the Eucharist. He pushed his family to let him attend Daily Mass and he regularly prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament. However, he did not come from a particularly pious family. What sparked this interest within him?

We cannot be sure. However, since he would later contract leukemia at a young age, it may have been a special grace extended to him. The Italian mystic and saint Padre Pio liked to say there are no such things as coincidences. He suggested that some things we attribute to luck are divinely rooted.



Our world isn't just busy; it is often noisy. It can take effort to find the time and space for quiet prayer or meditation. Remarkably, that is what St. Carlo did. Somehow, he found a way to tune out the distractions and listen to the Lord's voice. May his intercession help us to do the same.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Our Parish's Generosity Shines for Fr. Patrick's Mission



To date the collection for Fr. Patrick's mission in the Congo has raised \$24,000. This is an unprecedented

amount for a visiting missionary. It is a testament to how warmly this faith community embraced him, and its generosity.



Restoring the Beauty of Our Church Turrets

The two turrets that adorn our church, one on top of the Baptistry and one above the Crying Room, are an architecturally distinctive aspect of the building. Composed of stained glass they have occasionally been the source of leaks. Fortunately, it has only been an issue during heavy rain with wind. Recently, we took advantage of the warm weather to have the glass re-glazed. We have been advised that the new material used, which not available during initial construction, will protect us from the elements and last for a long time.



Join Our Parish Choirs!

Our new choir season is beginning, and we'd love for you to be part of it! All are welcome—children, teens, and adults.

Rehearsals take place as follows:

- **Youth Choir (Gr. 2–6):** Thursdays, 3:30–5:00 pm
- **Adult Choir:** Thursdays, 7:15–8:45 pm
- **Junior Choir (Gr. 7–12):** Sundays, 1:00–2:30 pm, after the noon Mass

For details or to sign up, contact **Maria White** at mwhite@cantoncatholic.org or visit www.cantoncatholic.org.

Lift your voice and make a joyful sound!



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- Schedule your first ParishSOFT-Giving contribution to begin after your final OSV donation.
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A Joyful Beginning: CCWC Communion Breakfast

The Canton Catholic Women's Club (CCWC) warmly invites all women of the parish to our **Communion Breakfast and Opening Meeting** for the 2025–2026 club year on **Sunday, September 28**. We will gather following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the **Canton Senior Center on Pleasant Street**.



A delicious catered breakfast will be served, and we will be blessed to hear from our guest speaker, **Mike Mahan** from our **Parish Youth Group**.

It will be a wonderful morning of faith, fellowship, and friendship.

The cost is **\$20.00**. Please send your check, payable to **CCWC**, to **Antoinette Papagno, 5 Summer Street**, by **September 21**.

We are always delighted to welcome new members! If you would like to join the Canton Catholic Women's Club, please send your **\$10.00** membership fee to **Maureen Bass, 33C Rockland Street**. If you would like to learn more about CCWC, please email Maureen at bmaureen289@gmail.com

Come and share in the joy of friendship and community as we begin another blessed year together!

Heritage Celebration -

Join us for an afternoon of Remembrance, Song, and Prayer to celebrate our Italian heritage on **Sunday, Sept. 21, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**, at the **Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA**. Cultural stories will be shared; Anne DeSanto will offer music. Refreshments. Free event. Visitors warmly welcome. Rain or Shine. Host: Father Leo Polselli, C.S.C. Registration not required. Questions? Email us: Mission@HCFM.org or call 508-238-4095.

CORI Weekend – September 27 & 28

At Saint Oscar Romero Parish, the safety and care of our parish family is a top priority. Each year, we are called to renew our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment by completing the required CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) forms.

We are truly blessed by the dedication and generosity of our parish volunteers who give so much of themselves in service to others. Your willingness to serve as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, adult altar servers, sacristans, and homebound ministers is a gift to our parish. To support you in this important ministry, we will hold a **CORI Weekend on September 27 and 28**.

After every Mass, tables will be set up at the church entrance where you may complete your CORI form, Code of Conduct, and—if needed—sign up for VIRTUS training. Music and Religious Education volunteers will complete their CORI forms at their ministry's first meeting or rehearsal.

We hope this makes the process simple and convenient for both our new and continuing volunteers. Thank you for your cooperation, and for the care you show in serving our parish.

Sunday Morning Coffee and Donuts Returns Next Weekend



Good news—your Sunday mornings just got sweeter!

Join us next **Sunday, September 21**, after both the **8:00 am** and **10:00 am Masses** in the **lower church hall**

for hot coffee, fresh donuts, and friendly conversation.

It's the perfect way to relax after Mass, reconnect with friends, and make new ones in our parish family. Come for the coffee and donuts—stay for the laughter, fellowship, and community.

All are welcome—bring your sweet tooth and your smile!

Protecting God's Children



VIRTUS Training – Protecting God's Children

A VIRTUS Training Session will be held on
Tuesday, September 30, 2025,
6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment, the Archdiocese requires **all clergy, parish staff, and every parish volunteer** to complete a *VIRTUS—Protecting God's Children* training session. This one-time program helps us recognize and prevent situations that could place children at risk and reminds us of our shared responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us.

If you serve the parish in **any volunteer role—whether in liturgical ministries, faith formation, outreach, parish events, or other activities—your participation is essential.**

Please take a moment to register for this session at

www.virtusonline.org or by scanning the QR code provided. Together, we can ensure that our parish continues to be a place of safety, trust, and faith for all.



Light refreshments will be available.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara McKenney, 781-828-0090 x311 or bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org.

Thank you for helping us keep a safe environment for all.



Parish Directory

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Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 13

9:00am~Ronald & Eileen Guiry,

Living Intention

4:00pm~Cullinane & Kearns Families,

Memorial

Sunday, September 14

8:00am~

10:00am~William & Helen Dillon,

Memorial

12:00pm~Ann, Thomas & Rita McCabe,

Memorial

5:00pm~Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Leary,

Memorial

Monday, September 15

9:00am~Dominic Akilo, Memorial

Tuesday, September 16

9:00am~

Wednesday, September 17

9:00am~

Thursday, September 18

9:00am~Marie & George Hulme, Memorial

Friday, September 19

9:00am~Ruth McNeil, Memorial

Saturday, September 20

9:00am~Special Intention

4:00pm~Members of the Duganiero Family,

Memorial

Sunday, September 21

8:00am~

10:00am~Gertrude Noonan, Memorial

12:00pm~Marie Clausen Corcoran, Memorial

5:00pm~Charles Armando, Month's Mind

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Philippians 2:6-8



Prayers and Sympathy

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

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