



# St. Oscar Romero Parish

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## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Luke 16:13



### 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."*

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Our September second collection supports the Clergy Trust, which cares for the health and well-being of all our active and senior diocesan priests. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those who faithfully serve God and our communities.

### Dear Friends,

Do you have family members or friends who are Baptized Catholics but were never confirmed? Over the years, most folks I have met who fall into this category are anxious to receive the sacrament because they are about to get married or have been asked to be a Godparent. As you recall, the Baptismal Promises are made for an infant by the parents at an infant baptism. Confirmation requires the individual to renew the Baptismal Promise of their own free will after having learned their content. This is why one who has not been confirmed cannot be a Godparent.



Our Archdiocese offers an easy remedy for earnest Catholics who never got confirmed. In fact, I suspect we might run into more such cases because of the Covid period. Each region of our Archdiocese offers Adult Confirmation in the fall and spring. Our South Region will offer Confirmation on Monday evening, **November 17, at 7pm at St. Michael Church in Avon**. Please contact Deacon Dan Nelson, or one of the priests, if you are interested.

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Tom*

## Sunday Morning Coffee and Donuts Returns This Weekend



Good news—your Sunday mornings just got sweeter!

Join us after the **8:00 am or 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!



# ParishSOFT

## *Have you Made the Switch to ParishSOFT Giving Yet?*

Our parish is excited to announce a new, user-friendly way to support our vital ministries: **ParishSOFT Giving!** It is a secure online platform, designed specifically for Catholic churches, offers a convenient way for you to give and helps our parish manage resources efficiently.

### **For Current Online Givers (OSV):**

Please create a new account in ParishSOFT Giving by visiting:

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Schedule your first ParishSOFT Giving contribution to begin after your final OSV donation.

**Important:** Please cancel your existing OSV account by **September 30, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Olsen-Viola in our Business Office at 781-828-0090, ext 316 for assistance.

### **New to Online Giving?**

We warmly invite you to experience the ease and impact of online giving through ParishSOFT Giving! It's simple and secure. You can give in three convenient ways:

- Visit: [giving.parishsoft.com/giving/cantonicatholic](https://giving.parishsoft.com/giving/cantonicatholic)
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- Scan the QR Code: Need Assistance?



### **Need Assistance?**

The ParishSOFT Donor Support team is also ready to help! Contact them at (866) 930-4774 Ext 6 or [donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com).

## *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](mailto:bmaureen289@gmail.com)

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

*Autumn in the Garden Market*


**Saturday, October 4**

# AUTUMN IN THE GARDEN MARKET

**The event will follow the 9am & 4pm Masses**  
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**in the Mary Garden**  
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*Faith Formation Kick-Off Mass & Family Celebration*

Join us on **Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 AM** as we begin a joyful new year of Faith Formation with a special **Kick-Off Mass** for all students in **Grades 1–8** and their families.

During Mass, we will celebrate and bless our dedicated Catechists who give so generously of their time and faith.

After Mass, stay for a **Family Gathering** with light refreshments, fellowship, and fun! Students will:

- Meet their teachers and receive their class textbooks
- Learn about opportunities to serve as **Altar Servers, Readers, or Choir members**

This is a beautiful way to start the year together in prayer, community, and joy—we can't wait to see you there!



*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](http://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](mailto:bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org).



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

***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 rehearsal or meeting.

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.

## Parish Directory

**OFFICE** (M-TH 9am-4pm) | Phone: 781-828-0090 x311 General Inquiries | Fax: 781-828-2520

### CLERGY

**Rev. Thomas S. Rafferty, x209**

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Matthew 10:8

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** For assistance, call 781-828-0090 and leave your contact information.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### Monday, September 22

9:00am~Mr. & Mrs. Vern Christensen, Memorial

### Tuesday, September 23

9:00am~

### Wednesday, September 24

9:00am~

### Thursday, September 25

9:00am~Cleo Orbita, Birthday

### Friday, September 26

9:00am~June Cash, Month's Mind

### Saturday, September 27

9:00am~

4:00pm~Members of St. Vincent de Paul, Living and Deceased

### Sunday, September 28

8:00am~

10:00am~Anna F. Cashman, Memorial

12:00pm~Mr. & Mrs. Leo Saidnawey, Memorial

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

## Prayers and Sympathy



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

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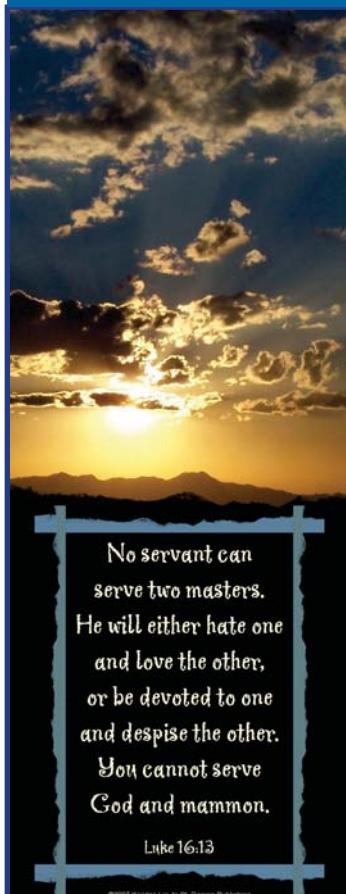
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