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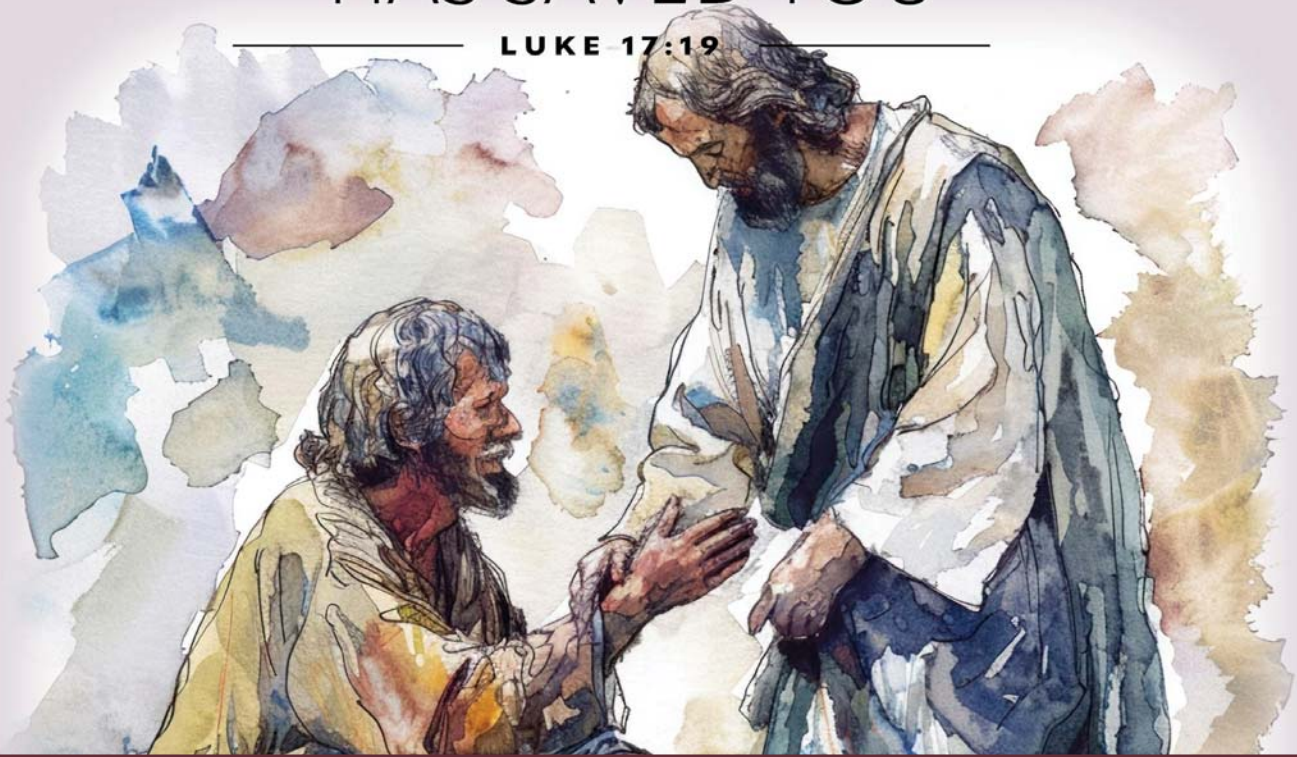
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU

LUKE 17:19



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.

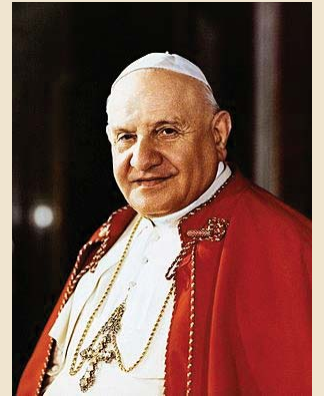


*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

Dear Friends,

Saturday, October 11 was the feast day of St. Pope John XXIII. The date was chosen because October 11, 1962, was the day the Second Vatican Council opened. While Pope John XXIII convened the Council, its last sessions were presided over by his successor Pope Paul VI, who also implemented many of the Council's reforms.

During his distinguished career as an academic, papal nuncio (diplomat), and cardinal-archbishop, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was underestimated. Biographers note that his self-effacing style was at the root of his prodigious accomplishments. Contemporary scholarship is increasingly acknowledging the contributions of this wise, insightful and humble servant of the Lord.



Next weekend the sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to 75 young men and women at two sessions. Please pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit, imparted on these candidates, bears fruit in their lives. Also, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered during the 4 pm Mass. Please see the notice in this bulletin for more details.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

A Mass of Healing and Hope

The *Anointing of the Sick* is one of the Church's beautiful Sacraments of Healing, offering strength, peace, and the grace of Christ's loving presence to those who are ill or aging. It is a tender moment when the Church gathers to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer and entrust them to the care of the Divine Physician.

If you, or someone you know—a friend, neighbor, or loved one—are facing illness, preparing for surgery, or in need of God's healing grace, we invite you to join us for the **4:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 18.**



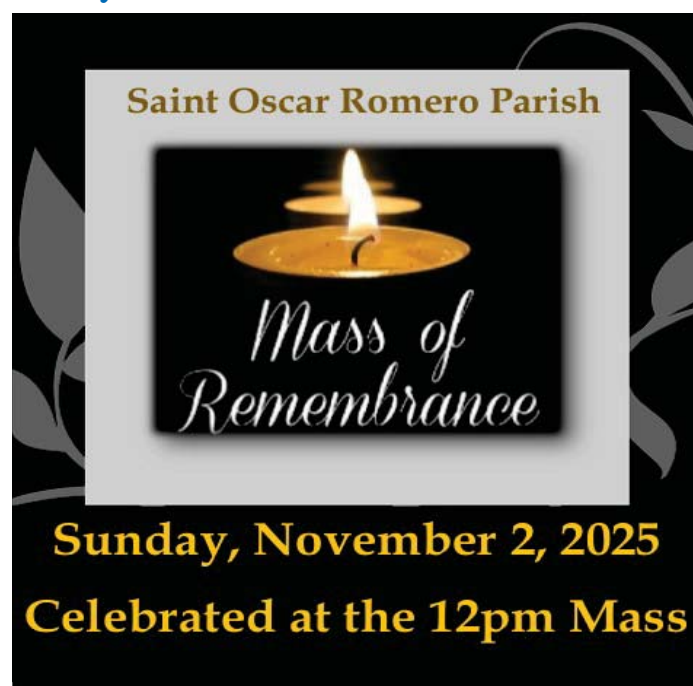
During this Mass, we will pray in a special way for all who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, as well as for their families, caregivers, and healthcare providers. The *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* will be celebrated following the Homily.

Come, and allow Christ's healing love to surround you and those you hold in your heart.

Autumn Seaside Festival—Nov. 1

Tickets will be on sale beginning this weekend through October 26 after most Masses. They may also be purchased by contacting Barbara McKenney via email at bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org or by phone at 781-828-0090 x311. Additionally, tickets are available at the parish business office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Please note: tickets are limited. The event will take place in the lower church hall.

Mass of Remembrance ~ November 2

You are warmly invited to a special Mass in remembrance of our loved ones who were laid to rest from St. Oscar Romero Parish over the past year. Let us come together in prayer and support as we honor their lives and lift them to God.

And may all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Annual Financial Report Now Available

The **St. Oscar Romero Parish Annual Financial Report** is now available for parishioner review on our website: www.cantoncatholic.org. Printed copies are also available upon request at the Business Office.

We are pleased to report that all three parish entities—**Church/Rectory**, **St. Mary's Cemetery**, and **St. John the Evangelist School**—experienced financially strong years, with positive growth in our investments.

As you review the report, you'll find explanations for any variances from the approved budget.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Finance Council members—**Jim Damico**, **Tom Morrissey**, and **Roxana Perry**—for their ongoing leadership and dedication to guiding the financial health of our parish.

Autumn Market in our Mary Garden



The weather cooperated last Saturday as we prepared for the Autumn Market! Our Social Ministry volunteers used their creativity to transform the garden into a farmers' market! After hours of preparation and set-up, the garden became a beautiful and festive area for our visitors to browse, shop, socialize, and enjoy refreshments. As you will see from the photos, we were ready and waiting for our visitors to arrive! And they did, in abundance! Thank you to all who enjoyed the afternoon and for your support and generosity!



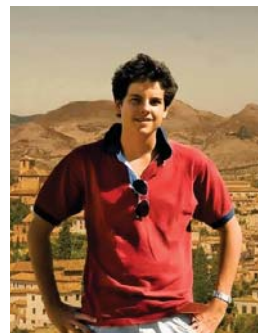
St. Carlo Acutis – A Modern Witness of Gratitude and the Eucharist

This Sunday's Gospel tells of the Samaritan leper who, healed by Jesus, returned to give thanks. Gratitude is at the heart of faith—it recognizes that every good gift is from God.

St. Carlo Acutis, whose feast day is October 12 lived this truth with joyful simplicity. A modern teenager who loved soccer, video games, and computers, he used his gifts to glorify God, creating a website to share Eucharistic miracles with the world. His deep devotion to the Eucharist, "*my highway to heaven*," flowed from a heart full of thanksgiving for God's presence in his life.

Like the healed Samaritan, Carlo teaches us that gratitude is more than a feeling—it's a way of life. As we celebrate his feast day, may we, too, return to Jesus with thankful hearts and recognize Him, living and present in the Eucharist.

Visit and explore the website of Eucharistic miracles that was developed by St. Carlos Acutis: www.miracolieucaristici.org/



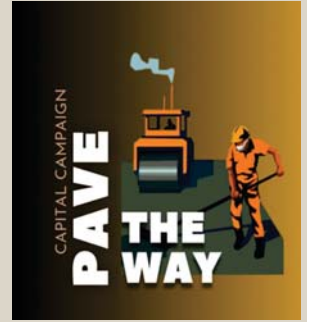
Pave the Way — Thank You for Making It Happen!

What a blessing it is to drive onto our parish grounds and see the smooth, renewed parking lot that welcomes us each week! This improvement is more than fresh tar and filled potholes—it's a reflection of our parish family's care for God's house and the generations who come here to learn, pray, and grow in faith.

This project was a true team effort between our school and parish. The school received an \$80,000 grant to help fund the work, and the church set out to raise \$87,000 toward its share. Thanks to your generosity, we've already raised **\$67,630**—we're so close to the finish line!

If you haven't had a chance to give yet, it's not too late. Every gift, big or small, helps us reach our goal. Our hope is to have the **final \$20,000 raised by Christmas**—a wonderful gift to our parish family and to all who gather here. You can give online, drop an envelope in the offertory basket, or leave a donation at the Business Office.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity. Together, we're not just paving a parking lot—we're paving the way for a vibrant future for St. Oscar Romero Parish!



Charity Fund Tootsie Roll Drive Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" Drive

After all Masses on **Columbus Day Weekend (October 11& 12)**, the Father John J. Flatley Council No. 2095 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual *"Tootsie Roll" Drive*.

This cherished tradition supports the **Massachusetts State Council Charity Fund**, which helps individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities live with greater joy, dignity, and independence. To learn more about the impact of this effort, visit: masskofc.org/charity-balls and scroll down to *"It's More Than a Tootsie Roll."*

The candy is offered as a gift of gratitude, and your generous donations will directly benefit our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for sharing in this work of mercy through your prayers and support.



An Inspiring Morning with Justice Raya S. Dreben

The Canton Catholic Women's Club is honored to welcome **The Honorable Associate Justice Raya S. Dreben** on **Wednesday, October 15, after the 9:00 AM Mass** in the lower level of the church.

Justice Dreben was born in Vienna, Austria, and emigrated to the United States with her parents when she was just 9 years old. A brilliant scholar, she graduated *magna cum laude* from Radcliffe College and *cum laude* from Harvard Law School before beginning her distinguished career in law. In 1979, Governor Michael Dukakis appointed her as Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, where she served faithfully for 32 years. Known as a trailblazer for women in the legal profession, she continued her work with dedication and grace until her retirement at the age of 84.



Come meet this extraordinary woman and hear her inspiring story of faith, perseverance, and service. **Coffee and desserts will be served.**

All are welcome—please join us for this very special gathering!

Parish Directory

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Mass Intentions for the Week

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Lk 17:19	Saturday, October 11 9:00am~ 4:00pm~John Hutchinson, Sr., Memorial	Friday, October 17 9:00am~
	Sunday, October 12 8:00am~ 10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial 12:00pm~Agustin Iglesias, Memorial 5:00pm~	Saturday, October 18 9:00am~ 4:00pm~Mass of Healing
	Monday, October 13 9:00am~Margaret Niland, Memorial	Sunday, October 19 8:00am~ 10:00am~Ida, Frank, Mark & Andrew Zmiejko, Memorial 12:00pm~Ann Casey, Memorial 5:00pm~Lorenzo Facchini, Memorial
	Tuesday, October 14 9:00am~	Prayers and Sympathy Maureen Creedon Weinberg George Hannon Please remember in your prayers all those who have entered into eternal life.  Follow us on Facebook and Instagram Facebook.com/cantoncatholic Instagram.com/cantoncatholic  
	Wednesday, October 15 9:00am~	
	Thursday, October 16 9:00am~	
	To request a Mass Intention, please call 781-828-0090	

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