



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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*"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14*

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

*Family Mass

**~ 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,

Last weekend we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a beautiful ceremony during which seventy-five young men and women received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are most grateful to Nancy Cuniff who leads the Confirmation Program and the volunteers, including Jennifer Bethoney Russell whose service helps form our young people in faith.

It has just been announced that Boston Auxiliary Bishop Mark O'Connell, presently our Vicar General, will be the new bishop of the Albany Diocese. Bishop Mark has filled a variety of leadership positions in our archdiocese. He is held in high esteem by his brother priests and all who have worked with him. While this is great news for the faithful of Albany, we will miss him! Please pray for him as he makes this big life adjustment after 35 years of priestly service in Boston.

(Visit our Facebook page to see more photos.)

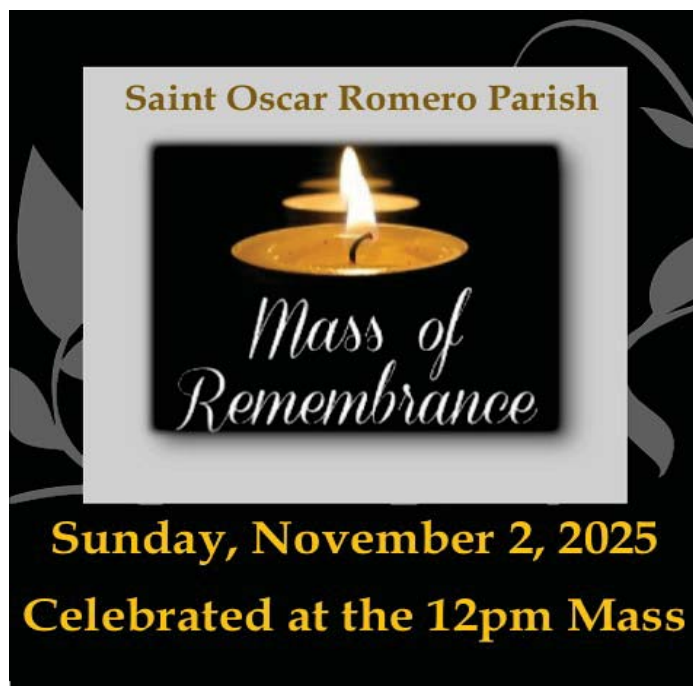
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



Autumn Seaside Festival—Nov. 1**Final Week to Purchase Tickets!**

Don't miss your chance to join us for this special parish event! Tickets will be on sale through **October 26 after most Masses**. You may also purchase tickets by contacting Barbara McKenney at bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org or 781-828-0090 x311. Tickets are also available at the Parish Business Office on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please note: Tickets are limited, and 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.

Autumn at the Cemetery: A Time for Care and Preparation

As fall settles in, we're reminded of the beauty of the season — colorful trees, crisp air, and yes... lots and lots of leaves! Soon we'll begin the annual fall clean-up at our cemetery. To help us prepare for winter, please take a moment to remove any items from gravesites that may hinder the clean-up process.

Cemetery Lots and Niches Available:

No matter the season, both lots and columbarium niches are available for purchase. Our new expansion area in St. Robert's offers multiple side-by-side and single lots. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 ext. 311. She'll be happy to discuss available options and arrange a tour for you.

Seasonal Maintenance Notice:

Please note that the outside water will be turned off toward the end of November. The exact date will be announced in an upcoming bulletin. We also encourage you to check with us, or with your chosen monument company, regarding headstone and foundation installations before winter rules take effect.

Thank you for your cooperation and care in helping us keep our cemetery beautiful and well-maintained. Wishing you a peaceful and pleasant fall season!

An Inspiring Morning with Justice Raya S. Dreben

The Canton Catholic Women's Club was delighted to welcome The Honorable Associate Justice Raya S. Dreben on Wednesday, October 15, following the 9:00 AM Mass. The lower level of the church was filled with parishioners and guests eager to hear from this extraordinary woman whose life story is both inspiring and faith-filled.

Justice Dreben shared her remarkable journey—from her early years in Vienna, Austria, to her family's emigration to the United States, and her distinguished legal career. A graduate of both Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School, she went on to serve with great integrity and wisdom on the Massachusetts Appeals Court for 32 years after being appointed by Governor Michael Dukakis in 1979.

Guests were captivated by her humility, intellect, and wit as she reflected on her experiences as a pioneer for women in law and on the values that guided her throughout her life of service. The morning concluded with lively conversation, coffee, and delicious desserts, as guests expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn from Justice Dreben's example of perseverance, grace, and dedication.

The Canton Catholic Women's Club extends sincere thanks to all who attended and helped make this special event such a success.



Finishing the Race with Faith

In this moving passage from 2 Timothy, St. Paul offers a final reflection on his life and ministry. His words are not filled with fear or regret, but with peace and fulfillment: *"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."* Paul's journey was marked by trials, loneliness, and sacrifice, yet he remained faithful to the mission entrusted to him.

Even when others deserted him, Paul found strength in the Lord, who *"stood by me and gave me strength."* This is a powerful reminder that God's presence is constant, especially in our most difficult moments. We are never truly alone.

Paul's confidence in the *"crown of righteousness"* is not just for himself, but for "all who have longed for his appearance." That includes each of us who strive to live in hope and remain faithful, even when the path is hard. His words challenge us to

reflect: **Are we running our race with purpose? Are we keeping the faith?**

May we, like Paul, trust that the Lord will rescue us from every evil and bring us safely into His heavenly kingdom. And may our lives proclaim the Gospel with courage, so that others may come to know the love and mercy of Christ.

To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen.



Surrounded by Saints: A Call to Holiness



This year, **All Saints' Day falls on Saturday, November 1.** On this solemn feast, we pause to honor all those whose lives were illuminated by the Gospel—those known and unknown—who walked the path of holiness and now rejoice in the presence of God. We also reflect on our own calling to sainthood, remembering that the Christian life, though challenging, is a journey toward divine love and eternal joy.

The saints remind us that holiness is not reserved for the extraordinary few, but is a vocation for each of us. As Pope Francis beautifully said, *“What must one do to be a good Christian? The answer is simple: we have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus says in the Beatitudes.”* One Beatitude reads, *“Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.”* Today, we celebrate the radiant witness of those pure hearts—men and women who dedicated their lives to God and became beacons of light in the world.

Though All Saints' Day is not a holy day of obligation this year, it remains a solemnity worthy of celebration. Saints are not distant relics of the past; they are our companions on the journey, examples of holiness, and friends in heaven who intercede for us. Their lives—marked by courage, humility, and love—offer us inspiration and strength to live more fully in union with Christ.

As we remember their example, we are invited to consider our own call to holiness. How might we live with greater kindness, deeper prayer, and more generous hearts? Who are the “saints next door” whose quiet faith encourages us? This week, take a moment to ask a saint to pray for you. Let their example guide your steps, confident that the great cloud of witnesses surrounds us with love and encouragement.

May this feast renew our desire to live as disciples of Christ, and may the lives of the saints remind us that holiness is possible—right here, right now.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

*I have
competed well;
I have
finished the race;
I have
kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7



Saturday, October 25

9:00am~

4:00pm~William & Gertrude Noonan, Memorial

Sunday, October 26

8:00am~Gerardo LoPilato, Memorial

10:00am~Darnuta & Ignacy Macina, Memorial

12:00pm~People of the Parish

5:00pm~Edmond Caruso, Memorial

Monday, October 27

9:00am~Carolyn Johnson,

Living Intention

Tuesday, October 28

9:00am~Frank Augier, Living Intention

Wednesday, October 29

9:00am~Kevin Niland, Memorial

Thursday, October 30

9:00am~Carol A. Romanelli,

Month's Mind

*To request a Mass Intention,
please call 781-828-0090*

Friday, October 31

9:00am~

Saturday, November 1

9:00am~All Saints Day

4:00pm~The Souls of the Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 2

8:00am~The Souls of the Faithful Departed

10:00am~The Souls of the Faithful Departed

12:00pm~Mass of Remembrance (Mass for all those whose funerals were celebrated in our parish this past year.)

5:00pm~The Souls of the Faithful Departed



Prayers and Sympathy

Don Novak

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

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