



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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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 requests on 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.

Hearing Assistance: ListenWIFI App (StOscars)

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."*

Special Collection This Weekend: Please note "Hurricane Melissa Relief" in the memo line of your check.

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



Do you not know that you are the
temple of God, and that the Spirit
of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

Dear Friends,

St. Paul begins today's second reading, from his first Letter to the Corinthians, "Brothers and sisters: You are God's building." It encapsulates the concept that "church" can mean both a building and the People of God. Today's commemoration of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica reinforces the concept. First, it is a celebration of the Bishop of Rome's Cathedral. Secondly, it is celebrated throughout the Church Universal as acknowledgment of the Catholic Church's unity.

I think an objective observer of our parish community would be impressed by how we score on both the small "c" and Capital "C" fronts. Last weekend, for example, events at our vibrant and active community included Saturday evening's social and Sunday's Annual Mass of Remembrance. Additionally, this community has ensured that our church building, our temple, and its surrounding grounds are well-maintained and worthy places for sacred worship.

Scores of committed parishioners contribute to this success. For me, it is a privilege to witness such dedication and effort. Thank you and may the Lord bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Honoring Our Veterans

On **Tuesday, November 11**, we pause to honor all those who have served in the armed forces, defending our nation and the freedoms we hold dear. Veterans have answered a call to courage and sacrifice, often putting the needs of others before their own. Their service reminds us of the virtues of dedication, loyalty, and selflessness.

As a parish community, we offer our gratitude and prayers for these men and women, as well as for their families who share in their sacrifices. May God bless them with peace, comfort, and the assurance that their service has made a difference in our world.

Please note that the **Parish Administrative Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11**, in observance of Veterans Day. Take a moment on this day to pray for our veterans and to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy thanks to their service.



The Canton Food Pantry Collection

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

FOOD DRIVE

Together, we can make a difference for families in our community by supporting the Canton Food Pantry. Every can, box, and bag shared brings comfort and care to someone in need.

How You Can Help:

Canned vegetables and fruits
Pasta, rice, and beans
Pasta sauce and canned tomatoes
Breakfast cereal and oatmeal
Canned soup and stew
White tuna fish
Hamburger Helper

Macaroni & Cheese
Apple/Cranberry Juice
Peanut butter and jelly
Granola bars and snacks
Crackers and Cookies
Paper towels, Toilet Paper

The collection will take place from November 15 & 16.

Please place your donations in the baskets at the church entrance.

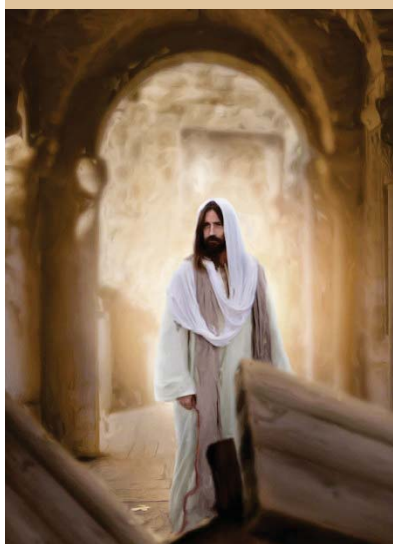
"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2



Our parish is collecting non-perishable food items to help local families in need. The collection will take place the weekend of **November 15 & 16**. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Your gift of food and compassion brings comfort and hope to our neighbors during this season of giving.

Zeal for God's House

In this weekend's powerful Gospel, we witness Jesus entering the temple and reacting with righteous anger at what had become a marketplace. The temple, meant to be a place of prayer, worship, and encounter with God, had been turned into a place of commerce and distraction. Jesus' actions remind us that God desires our hearts to be fully focused on Him, not divided by worldly concerns.



"Zeal for your house will consume me," He says. These words reveal the intensity of Jesus' love for God and His desire that our worship be sincere and our hearts fully present. They also invite us to reflect on our own lives: Are there ways we allow distractions, busyness, or even selfish desires to crowd out our relationship with God?

Jesus also points to a greater reality—the temple of His Body, which would be raised from the dead. In Him, God's presence is made alive and accessible to all. Through His death and resurrection, we are invited into a living encounter with God that transforms our hearts and lives.

As we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask ourselves how we can honor God's presence in our own lives. May our hearts, like the temple, be a dwelling place for God, open to prayer, love, and service, free from what distracts us from His grace.

Canton Catholic Women's Club Event—Wednesday, November 19

CANTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

ROSE KENNEDY TEA

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19

AFTER THE 9:00 AM
MASS
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Discover the faith
that sustained
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philanthropist, and
devoted matriarch
of the Kennedy
family.



GUEST SPEAKER

Ruth Pinkus — who found inspiration in Rose Kennedy's life and faith on her own journey to Catholicism.



Enjoy tea, coffee, and light refreshments as we reflect
on a remarkable woman of grace and courage.
All are welcome!

PLEASE, JOIN US FOR A

THANKS GIVING *dinner*

NOVEMBER **27** 12:00PM

If you're feeling far from family, going through a hard time, or need a place to belong this Thanksgiving, come share a comforting meal among neighbors who care.

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Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini: A Heart Without Borders

Feast Day: Thursday, November 13

This week we celebrate the feast of **Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**, the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint. Born in Italy in 1850, Mother Cabrini devoted her life to serving immigrants, the poor, and the sick. With tireless faith and courage, she founded the **Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** and established schools, hospitals, and orphanages across the United States and beyond.

Mother Cabrini's life reminds us that holiness is not found in comfort, but in courage — in trusting God's call even when the task seems impossible. Her motto, *"I can do all things in Him who strengthens me,"* guided her as she crossed oceans and cultures to bring Christ's love to those most in need.

A recent film *"Cabrini"*, beautifully portrays her extraordinary story of faith, resilience, and compassion. The movie offers an inspiring look at a woman who refused to be limited by fear or circumstance — a true witness to the Gospel in action.

As we honor Saint Frances Cabrini, may we be inspired to live with the same missionary zeal and open hearts, seeing Christ in every person we meet.

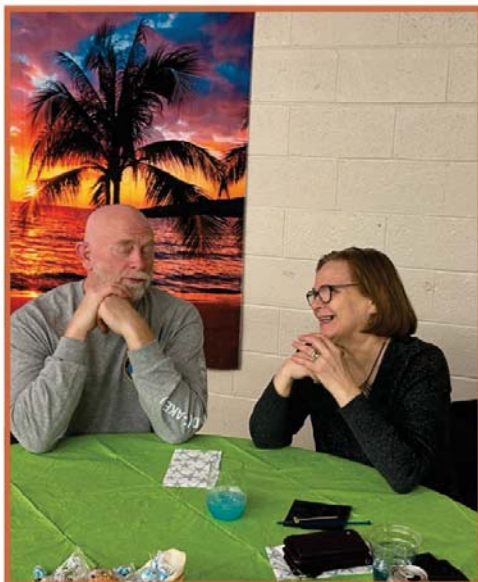


"The heart of a missionary knows no boundaries." — St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Parish Seaside Dinner

The photos say it all — it was a joyful, festive evening by the shore! Guests enjoyed delicious food, lively music, good friends, and wonderful fellowship. Our amazing Social Committee volunteers spent many hours transforming the parish hall into a cheerful seaside café, creating a fun and welcoming atmosphere for all.

A heartfelt *thank you* to everyone who helped make this special night possible—and to all who joined us for the celebration!



Parish Directory

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Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 8

9:00am~

4:00pm~People of Our Parish

Sunday, November 9

8:00am~Nicholas Colantuono, Memorial

10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial

12:00pm~Jesus Gamboa & Virgenmina

Cosme, Living Intention

5:00pm~People of Our Parish

Monday, November 10

9:00am~

Tuesday, November 11

9:00am~

Wednesday, November 12

9:00am~

Thursday, November 13

9:00am~

Friday, November 14

9:00am~

Saturday, November 15

9:00am~

4:00pm~ Nunzio "Sammy" Fama, Memorial

Sunday, November 16

8:00am~ Ferrara Colarusso, Giola Diletizia, Memorial

10:00am~Robert & Rose Maddestra &

Elizabth Squalle, Memorial

12:00pm~Philomena, Paul & Anthony

Donohoe, Baby Seamus, Bridget Nally,

Memorials

Prayers and Sympathy

Irene Kelley, Patricia Malloy

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

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