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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."*

*Wishing you joy, peace, and hope
in the New Year.*



Dear Friends,

This Sunday following Christmas, the Church, as it has since ancient times, celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Jesus was raised and nurtured in the warmth of a human family. For several years now, I have prayed earnestly on this feast day for families encountering any degree of separation or bitterness. May the example, and the intercession, of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph bring reconciliation where there may be division. I also hope that all families use this happy time, and the break from work and school, to spend time with one another.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2026.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day

On this holy day, we honor Mary's profound role as the Mother of Jesus and celebrate her place in God's plan of salvation. The readings invite us to receive the blessing of peace, to marvel at God's divine design fulfilled through Mary, and to join her in quiet contemplation of the mystery of Christ's birth.

This feast reminds us that Mary is not only the mother of Jesus, but also our spiritual mother, guiding us with tenderness and faith. It speaks to the joys and challenges of parenthood, and to our deepest identity as beloved children of God. May Mary's example inspire us to treasure God's presence in our lives and to share His peace with the world.



Holy Day Mass Schedule
Tuesday, December 31 at 4:00pm
Wednesday, January 1 at 9:00am

Marlys & Jim Aiken
 Francisco Andrade
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 Joseph & Rose Cogliano
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 Colman & Mary Costello
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 Robert Crimmins
 C. S. Cross
 Catherine and John Cunniff
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 Maurice & Anna Curran
 James & Mary Curran
 Joseph P. Currivan
 Dorothy Days
 Romolo & Eda DeBaggis
 Richard & Kate DeLello
 Margaret Delfino
 Peter & Ellen Dervan
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 Richard & Francine Devlin
 Edward Diaz
 Richard Diaz
 William Dickie
 Michael & Domenica Digirolamo
 Vincent & Mary Digirolamo
 Ann L. Digirolamo
 Susan Diodato
 William & Margaret Donnelly
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 Dominic & Ursula Duganiero
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 Nick & Mary Fama
 Philip & Patricia Fama
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 Richard Fitzgerald
 Patrick Fleming
 Paul Flynn
 The Flynn Family
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 Alice Franco
 Carmino Franco
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 Emilio P. Kelly
 Gerry & Elaine Kenneally
 Arthur & Marie Kennedy
 Mark Kennedy

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 Michael Kuneginas
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 Charles & Frances Lenhart
 Brian Lenhart
 Frances Lenhart
 Charles J. Lenhart III
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 Theresa Lesniak
 Richard N. Levrault
 Thomas Raymond Long
 Stephanie & Kieran Long
 Auxilia Lowney
 Jeremiah J. Lowney
 Daniel T. Lowney
 Dick & Ellie Mangerian
 Judy Marcone
 Edward Marshall
 Eillen & Bill McNeil
 Brian & Joan McSweeney
 Mike Jack, John & Helen Mezzano
 Don & Catheryn Miller
 Helen Monahan
 Mary Moran
 Evelina & Silverio Morle
 Doris Morley
 John Morley
 Bryan C. Moynihan
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 Anthony Papagno
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Christmas Flower Memorials

Bethlehem Stars: Prayers of Hope



Throughout this Christmas season, you will see star-shaped ornaments hanging on our parish Christmas tree. These **Bethlehem Stars** were created during our Advent Series, *Awaken the Heart* as part of the parish activity *Prayers of Hope*.

On the first evening of the three-week series, parishioners and families were invited to pause in prayer and reflection, then write their prayers, hopes, or intentions on star-shaped ornaments. Each star represents a heartfelt offering lifted to God during Advent—a visible reminder of our community's faith, love, and longing for Christ's light.

Together, these stars form a constellation of hope, shining on our parish tree as a symbol of the prayers we carry and the joy we share. They remind us that, just as the star of Bethlehem guided the Magi to Christ, our prayers guide us closer to Him and to one another.

The Gift of Family: Living God's Presence at Home

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to look to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model of love, faith, and trust in God. Their life together was not without challenges—fleeing into Egypt, living in simplicity, and raising the Son of God in ordinary daily life. Yet through it all, they remained faithful, patient, and united in love.

This feast reminds us that holiness is found not only in grand gestures, but in the everyday moments of family life: sharing meals, offering forgiveness, supporting one another, and praying together. The Holy Family shows us that God dwells in the midst of our homes, even in the ordinary routines and struggles.

As we celebrate this day, we are invited to ask: How can our families reflect the love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph? Perhaps by listening more deeply, offering encouragement, or extending kindness when patience runs thin. In these small acts, we make Christ's presence visible in our homes and communities.

May the Holy Family bless our parish families with peace, joy, and strength, guiding us to grow in love and holiness together.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
Colossians 3:14



Ring in the New Year Clean & Green!

Start the year fresh and eco-friendly! The **Canton Scouts** are once again offering curbside Christmas tree pickup and responsible disposal—no mess, no hassle, and no needles left behind.

Let the Scouts take care of your tree while you enjoy the peace of knowing it's being recycled responsibly and supporting their service to the community.

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Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

Lord Jesus, You chose to dwell among us in the love of Mary and Joseph. Bless our families with patience, kindness, and faith, that we may reflect the holiness of your home in Nazareth.

May our homes be places of prayer, peace, and welcome, where your presence is known in daily life. Guide us to love one another as you love us, and strengthen us to share that love with the world.

Holy Family of Nazareth, pray for us. Amen.

New Year, New Hope – Give the Gift of Life

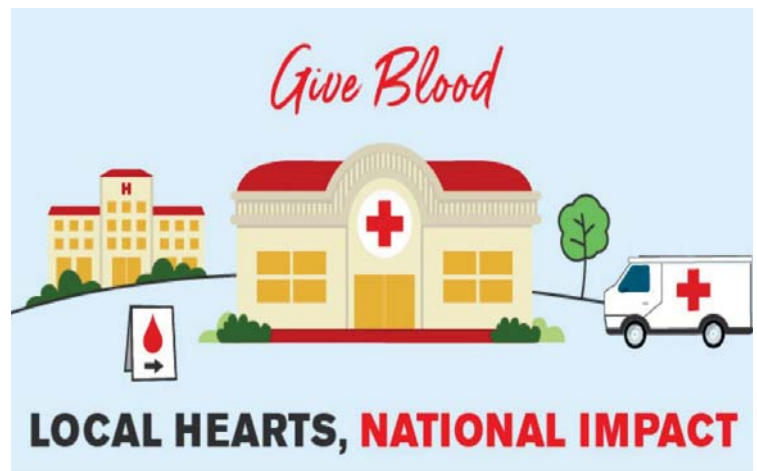
As we begin a new year, let's carry forward the spirit of generosity and care. The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on **Thursday, January 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the **Community Room at the Canton Library**. January is National Blood Donor Month!

What better way to start the year than by giving the gift of life? Your donation can bring hope and healing to someone in need.

To schedule your appointment, simply scan the QR code in this bulletin or visit redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and enter Sponsor Code "CantonKofC."



Together, let's make 2026 a year of compassion and community.



**Canton Community
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Knights of Columbus

Canton Library Community Room
786 Washington Street
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January 8, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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"Freely you have received; freely give."
Matthew 10:8

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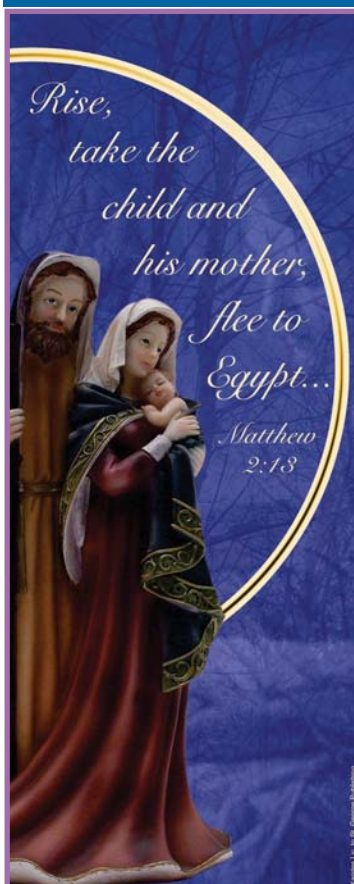
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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, December 27

9:00am~NO Mass

4:00pm~John, Ann & Joseph Hogan, Memorial

Sunday, December 28

8:00am~John Ferrara, Memorial

10:00am~Christine Gallery, Birthday Remembrance

12:00pm~Michael Counterman, Memorial

5:00pm~

Monday, December 29

9:00am~Ellen Dervan, Memorial

Tuesday, December 30

9:00am~Barbara Hannigan, Memorial

Wednesday, December 31

9:00am~

4:00pm~Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 1

9:00am~Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 2

9:00am~

Saturday, January 3

9:00am~

4:00pm~Warner Lund, Memorial

Sunday, January 4

8:00am~Ida Emde, Month's Mind

10:00am~Scott Michael Herr, Memorial

12:00pm~William Burke, Memorial

5:00pm~

Prayers and Sympathy



**Joseph Foley, Jr.
James Walsh, Jr.**

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

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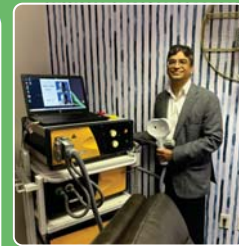
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