



# St. Oscar Romero Parish

700 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021 | Website: [www.cantoncatholic.org](http://www.cantoncatholic.org)

Parish Office: 781-828-0090 | Email: [welcome@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:welcome@cantoncatholic.org)



## 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](mailto: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](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."*

*Dear Friends,*

Christmas blessings and Happy New Year! Our celebration of the Christmas season continues with this feast of the Epiphany. It is theologically significant because it makes clear that the newborn Messiah entered the world to offer salvation to all men and women. The Magi, who set out to encounter the Christ Child. This is why most artwork depicts them as representing different races and ethnicities.

Be sure to bring home a parish 2026 calendar before they are gone. In addition to providing a handy reference for the dates of the coming year's feasts and holy days, the photos chronicle many of the events and activities of our vibrant parish.



Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Tom*

### *Advent and Christmas—A Season of Shared Blessings*

This Advent and Christmas, our parish truly shone with extraordinary generosity. Together, we reached neighbors near and far with compassion, joy, and the radiant light of Christ. We are deeply grateful for the many ways you opened your hearts and hands to others. Here is a glimpse of the grace you helped bring to life:

- **Giving Tree:** Parishioners donated dozens of beautifully wrapped gifts and gift cards for families in need, helping ensure that children and parents facing hardship experienced the warmth and joy of Christmas morning.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection:** Your generous financial support enables our St. Vincent de Paul ministry to continue providing emergency assistance, food, and hope to local households during times of difficulty.

- **Gift Bags for the Hellenic Nursing Home and Our Homebound Parishioners:** More than 100 gift bags—filled with blankets, warm socks, lotions, and other comforting items—were lovingly prepared. Our Youth Group delivered them with joy, singing Christmas carols and sharing smiles, conversation, and companionship.

- **Christmas Cards for Cornerstone and Brightview:** Hundreds of handwritten cards, filled with encouragement and holiday cheer, were created and delivered to seniors in local assisted living communities.

This beautiful outpouring of kindness reflects the heart of our parish—a community that recognizes Christ in every person and responds with love. Thank you for being a light during this holy season. May the blessings you have shared return to you abundantly in the coming year.



## 2026 Epiphany Chalk Blessing

For the 2026 Epiphany chalk blessing, you write 20 + C + M + B + 26 above your front door using chalk, symbolizing the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar) and the Latin *"Christus Mansionem Benedicat"* (May Christ bless this house), a tradition inviting God's presence and protection for the new year.

### How to Do It

- Gather at your front door. Invite everyone in the household to come together — little ones can help hold the chalk.
- Make the chalk marking above the door, write: **20 + C + M + B + 26** (The numbers are the new year. The letters remind us of the Magi and mean "May Christ bless this home.")
- Say a short prayer together. Something simple is perfect: *"Lord Jesus, bless our home and all who enter. Fill us with your light and peace this year."*
- Trace a small cross over the blessing. This is a sign that your home belongs to Christ and is a place of welcome.
- Share one hope for the new year. Each person can name something they pray for — kindness, courage, peace, or gratitude.

### Meaning of the Blessing

It's a prayer for Christ's blessing and presence in your home for the entire year. It marks your home as a Christian dwelling, inviting peace, healing, and God's grace.



THE CHALKING OF  
THE DOORS  
20 + C + M + B + 26

## Guided by a Quiet Light

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to pause and marvel at the God who reveals Himself not with fanfare, but with a star. The Magi were not insiders, scholars of the Law, or people who "should have known." They were seekers—people who allowed themselves to be guided by a light they did not fully understand. And that is often how grace works in our own lives.



Epiphany reminds us that God's presence is not confined to the familiar. Christ is revealed in unexpected people, unexpected places, and unexpected moments. The Magi teach us that faith is not simply about believing; it is about moving—taking the next step, even when the road is long, uncertain, or unfamiliar.

Their gifts—**gold, frankincense, and myrrh**—were not just treasures. They were signs of recognition: We see who you are. Each of us carries our own unique gifts: compassion, patience, generosity, creativity, and courage. Epiphany asks us to consider how we might lay these gifts before Christ in the year ahead, not out of obligation, but out of love.

And perhaps the most beautiful detail: after encountering Jesus, the Magi *"returned home by another way."* An encounter with Christ always changes our direction. It doesn't necessarily change our circumstances, but it changes us—our priorities, our vision, our sense of purpose.

As we celebrate Epiphany, may we allow ourselves to be guided by God's quiet light. May we notice the small revelations of His presence in our daily lives. And may we, like the Magi, have the courage to take the next step on the journey, trusting that the One we seek is already seeking us.



## Gift Bag Project: Sharing Warmth and Care

This Advent, our parish once again witnessed the quiet power of generosity. Through the Gift Bag project, parishioners filled 100 beautifully prepared bags for the residents of the Hellenic Nursing Home and homebound parishioners, each one packed with blankets and warm socks, hand cream and lotions, and other small comforts that speak volumes. These simple items become something much more when offered with love: a reminder that every person is seen, valued, and held in prayer.

The delivery itself was a moment of grace. Members of our Youth Group personally brought the bags to the nursing home, representing our whole parish community with joy and reverence. Their presence—smiling, respectful, and eager to serve—was as much a gift as the bags themselves. It was a living example of faith passed on through action.

Thank you to everyone who donated, assembled, organized, and prayed over this project. Together, we extended Christ's light to our neighbors in a tangible way. May the warmth shared through these gifts continue to ripple outward, reminding us that small acts of kindness can brighten even the coldest days.



## Where is God inviting you to “go by another way” this year?



The Gospel tells us that the Magi didn't return the same way they came. After encountering Christ, they chose a new path. What habits, relationships, or routines might God be gently asking you to reconsider? What new direction, however small, might lead you closer to peace, purpose, or deeper faith?

Take a moment this week to reflect:

- What star am I following?
- What might I need to leave behind?
- What new path is opening before me?



## December Luncheon

The Canton Catholic Women's Club gathered recently for a wonderful luncheon filled with fellowship and inspiration. Guest speaker **George Manoogian** shared powerful stories from his years teaching public speaking in **five Massachusetts prisons**, offering a moving glimpse into the lives of those seeking hope and new beginnings.

Members enjoyed a delicious lunch together, followed by a fun selection of **raffle prizes** that added to the joy of the afternoon. It was a meaningful and uplifting time for all who attended.



## Blessings for Your Generosity

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society extends heartfelt thanks for your generosity during our December collection. Because of your kindness, neighbors in need within our own Canton community receive direct and meaningful assistance.

Our volunteers continue to be very active, responding daily to individuals and families seeking help. If you were unable to give in December but feel called to support this ministry, donations may be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul collection boxes in the narthex or in the weekly offertory basket (checks made payable to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**).

Thank you for sharing Christ's love with those who need it most.



## 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](https://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive) and enter Sponsor Code **"CantonKofC."**



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



## Canton Community Blood Drive Knights of Columbus

Canton Library Community Room  
786 Washington Street  
Canton, MA 02021

**January 8, 2026**  
**11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



## Parish Directory

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

### CLERGY

**Rev. Thomas S. Rafferty, x209**  
*Pastor*  
[tsrafferty@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:tsrafferty@cantoncatholic.org)

**Rev. Jeremy Wagner, x322**  
*Parochial Vicar*  
[jwagner@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:jwagner@cantoncatholic.org)

**Deacon Daniel C. Nelson,**  
**THM, D. Min. x325**  
*Spiritual Director*  
[dcn785@aol.com](mailto:dcn785@aol.com)

Your generosity  
 strengthens our  
 parish family and we  
 are grateful for your  
 support. Scan the QR  
 code to give today.  
*"Freely you have  
 received; freely give."*  
 Matthew 10:8

NEW QR CODE



ParishSOFT

### PARISH STAFF

**Nancy T. Cunniff x203 781-828-5130**  
*Confirmation, Religious Education  
 7-10 & Parish Communications*  
[ncunniff@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:ncunniff@cantoncatholic.org)

**Lorraine Olsen-Viola x316**  
*Offertory, Donations & Online Giving*  
[lolsen-viola@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:lolsen-viola@cantoncatholic.org)

**Mike Mahan x304 or 617-460-2800**  
*Youth Ministry & Outreach Programs*  
[mike@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:mike@cantoncatholic.org)

**Barbara McKenney x311**  
*Ministry Coordinator, St. Mary  
 Cemetery & Sacramental Inquiries*  
[bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org)

**Erin Sullivan x305 781-828-5130**  
*First Communion, First Reconciliation  
 & Religious Education 1-6*  
[erin@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:erin@cantoncatholic.org)

**Maggie Rubenacker x312**  
*Finance, Operations & HR*  
[mrubenacker@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:mrubenacker@cantoncatholic.org)

**Maria White x216**  
*Music Ministry: Youth, Junior &  
 Adult Choirs*  
[mwhite@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:mwhite@cantoncatholic.org)

### PARISH SCHOOL

**Chris Flieger, Ed.D.**  
*Principal*  
[chris.flieger@sjscanton.org](mailto:chris.flieger@sjscanton.org)

**Anne Guerini x315**  
*School Finance Office*

**Dora Foster**  
*Administrative Assistant*  
[dora.foster@sjscanton.org](mailto:dora.foster@sjscanton.org)

**St. John School**  
 781-828-2130 [www.sjscanton.org](http://www.sjscanton.org)

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### 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~

### Monday, January 5

9:00am~Michael Cunningham,  
 Birthday Remembrance

### Tuesday, January 6

9:00am~Bernardo Sanchez, Memorial

### Wednesday, January 7

9:00am~

### Thursday, January 8

9:00am~

### Friday, January 9

9:00am~

### Saturday, January 10

9:00am~  
 4:00pm~Janice Hughes, Memorial

### Sunday, January 4

8:00am~Sabato Americo Ferrara, Memorial  
 10:00am~David A. Cameron, Memorial  
 12:00pm~  
 5:00pm~

## Prayers and Sympathy



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

**Follow us on Facebook and Instagram**

[Facebook.com/cantoncatholic](https://www.facebook.com/cantoncatholic)  
[Instagram.com/cantoncatholic](https://www.instagram.com/cantoncatholic)



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

Bulletin Submissions are due by noon on Monday  
[bulletin@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@cantoncatholic.org)





**JUNK REMOVAL & DEMOLITION 617-893-9824**

Steven Conroy - Owner

[www.lugaway.com](http://www.lugaway.com) | [info@lugaway.com](mailto:info@lugaway.com)

Home Cleanouts  
Garage Cleanouts  
Office Cleanouts  
Storage Unit Cleanouts  
Estate Cleanouts  
Furniture  
Appliances  
Televisions  
Yard Waste  
Construction Debris  
Demolition



**Everything Dog  
offers a Full Array  
of Grooming  
Services!**



**\$10  
OFF!**

**YOUR  
FIRST  
GROOM  
W/ THIS  
COUPON.**

**EVERYTHING  
DOG  
CANTON**

781-716-5400  
973 Turnpike Street,  
Canton, MA 02021  
Valid until 4/31/24



"I can't recommend this place enough!! Took my dog here, she was relaxed like I've never seen. They cleaned up her nails and pads which look incredible! My pup is normally afraid of going to the groomer, but not with these guys. I'll only take my dog here from today on. They do walk in nail trims too and great prices 🍕" -Kym M.

## NK NAIL BAR

Open Hours

Mon - Sat: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

109 Sharon Street,  
Stoughton, MA 02072  
[www.nknailbarstoughton.com](http://www.nknailbarstoughton.com)  
781-633-8363

## W. C. Canniff & Sons, Inc.



Monuments & Lettering  
531 Cummins Hwy • Roslindale  
**617-323-3690**  
Since 1896  
[www.CanniffMonuments.com](http://www.CanniffMonuments.com)

## Celtic Monument Company



To Honor, To Remember  
Monuments · Markers · Lettering  
Dan Tarpey  
617-827-9433  
[dantarpey@celticmonument.com](mailto:dantarpey@celticmonument.com)  
[www.celticmonument.com](http://www.celticmonument.com)

## BOSTON HAMMER BUILDERS



Canton based  
Serving Metro West  
Remodeling/Additions  
and more.

**781-400-4181**

[www.bostonhammerbuilders.com](http://www.bostonhammerbuilders.com)



**SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS  
THIS CHRISTMAS**

Your gift helps care for the health and well-being of priests in good standing.

Give today at  
[clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org)

SCAN HERE for  
Venmo, Google/  
Apple Pay, PayPal  
via Givebutter.



**BrightPath Canton  
Child Care Center  
959-529-4864**

Now enrolling infant - pre-K

**955 Turnpike St.  
Canton, MA**

[ygeorges@brightpathkids.com](mailto:ygeorges@brightpathkids.com)  
[www.brightpathkids.com/us/locations/canton](http://www.brightpathkids.com/us/locations/canton)



**BARKING BEAUTIES  
PET SALON**

Come in and spoil your pet with a day at the spa!  
120 Jackson St., Canton 781.828.9080

**AD SPACE  
AVAILABLE**  
617-779-3771

"Jesus Wept." John 11:35

INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS FOR  
**DEPRESSION,  
ANXIETY, & OCD**



- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)
- Intranasal Esketamine (Spravato®)
- Intensive Out-Patient Program (IOP)
- Psychiatry Services



Now welcoming new clients—virtually and in-person! Oasis Behavioral Health Center has been delivering trusted, compassionate care since 2012.

**617-401-7700 | [www.obhi.org](http://www.obhi.org)**

1506 Providence Highway, Suite 25, Norwood, MA



**Paint Your Own Pottery  
Now Offered in Canton!  
Call for an Appointment**

**781-821-2948**

Open 7 days a week. Items range \$25-\$75



**ADVANCED DENTAL CARE  
OF NORTON**

**Welcoming New Dental Patients of All Ages**

Family Dentistry

Implants

Periodontal Care

Orthodontics

Sedation

Endodontics

Full-Mouth Rehabilitation (all-on-X)

**(508) 285-8301**

100 West Main Street, Norton, MA

[adcofnorton.com](http://adcofnorton.com)

# DOCKRAY & THOMAS FUNERAL HOME

Brian T. Fitzgerald - Director (3rd Generation of the Thomas Family)

455 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021

[dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com](http://dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com)

781-828-0811



**Stephanie LoPilato** COMPASS  
Realtor® | Mayer Realty Group

[stephanie.lopilato@compass.com](mailto:stephanie.lopilato@compass.com) | 781-579-4316



RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL



**TURF ENVY**  
Superior Turf & Landscape

**LOCAL SNOW REMOVAL**

Call Now For Your Free Estimate!

**617-615-5822**

[www.turfenvylandscape.com](http://www.turfenvylandscape.com)

**Sherrie Sharp, MD**

BOARD CERTIFIED IN  
PSYCHIATRY AND CHILD  
PSYCHIATRY

**(508) 844-4908**

25 Birch Street, Bldg B, Milford

**New Openings!**



LifeStance  
HEALTH

**CANTON**  
*Nails Salon*

**PROFESSIONAL NAIL CARE**

Nail Tips • Fill • Ins • Manicure • Pedicure  
Dipping • Gel Manicure

*Walk-ins Welcome*

Mon-Sat 10-7pm, Sunday closed

581 Washington Street, Canton  
781-821-0339

**GRATEFUL DAY**  
CLEANING DIVISION

RESIDENTIAL • OFFICE • RETAIL  
SAME DAY • WEEKLY • BIWEEKLY • MONTHLY

**CALL: 857-246-2738**

**John Dolan**  
*Kitchen & Bath*

Showroom  
605 Wash. St. Canton

**(781) 828-4029**

[DolanKitchens.com](http://DolanKitchens.com)

**CAMBER REAL ESTATE, INC.**

-Established 1986-

**Tony Camarra, President**

*For All Your Real Estate Needs*

1039 Washington St – Canton  
638 Washington St – Norwood  
W: 781-828-2398 / C: 781-820-6944  
[www.CamberRealEstate.com](http://www.CamberRealEstate.com)



**AD SPACE  
AVAILABLE**  
617-779-3771

566 WASHINGTON ST. TEL: (781) 828-6490  
CANTON, MA 02021 FAX: (781) 828-7354



WE DESIGN, PRINT & PROMOTE...YOU!

WWW.CANTONMA.MINUTEMANPRESS.COM  
MMPDESIGN@MINUTEMANPRESS.COM

PRINTING • COPYING • DIGITAL SERVICES

BUSINESS CARD • LETTERHEAD • ENVELOPES  
INVOICES • LABELS • FLYERS • BROCHURES  
NEWSLETTERS • PROMOTIONALS

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

**TBROS**  
Since 1902  
Tretthewey Brothers, Inc.

PLUMBING & HEATING CONTRACTORS  
KITCHEN & BATHROOM REMODELING

**617-325-3283**

**WWW.TBROS.COM**

4280 WASHINGTON ST., ROSLINDALE, MA

Mass Home Improvement Contractor Lic. #102399  
Massachusetts Master Plumber Lic. #11207

**EST. 1949**  
**CAMP MARIST**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

www.campmarist.org / (603) 539 4552

**International, co-ed Catholic overnight camp for campers ages 6-16 years old.**

ACCREDITED

**ROACHE - PUSHARD**

**Lawrence M. Pushard**

210 Sherman Street, Canton



*Family Funeral Home*

**781-828-2929**

[www.roachepushard.com](http://www.roachepushard.com)



**Reliable &  
Efficient  
Electrical  
Services**

**857-228-8255**

[www.mindfulelec.com](http://www.mindfulelec.com)

"Be a Servant" Matthew 20:26

★★★  
**SAM'S**  
★★★  
**GETTY, INC.**

★★★★★★★★★★★★

SPECIALIZING IN PROFESSIONAL REPAIR OF  
DOMESTIC & FOREIGN AUTOMOBILES  
-STATE INSPECTION STATION-

★ **TOWING** ★

Triple AAA approved-ASE Certified

**781-344-8483**



**BANK of  
CANTON**

Member FDIC. Member DIF.

*Affordable Cleaning Solutions, Inc.*

Commercial &  
Residential Cleaning  
**781-562-1661**

[www.affordablecleaningsolutionsinc.com](http://www.affordablecleaningsolutionsinc.com)



**ABRAMS**  
INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

**Insurance & Financial Services**

Auto • Home • Life & Retirement Solutions

72 Island St. Stoughton, MA 02072

**781-436-5685**

[www.abramsinsuranceagency.com](http://www.abramsinsuranceagency.com)

**BARRILE ELECTRIC CO.**

**JOE BARRILE, MASTER ELECTRICIAN**

MA LIC #A11450 • EST. 1985

1032 Pleasant St.,  
Canton, MA 02021

Cell: (617) 797-1393  
Quality Work

Member MECA, IAEI



**No Job Too Small**

**FIRST CHOICE**

PAINTING, CARPENTRY, & FLOORING

**508-840-0832**

Interior, Exterior and Power Washing  
[www.firstchoicepaintingwc.com](http://www.firstchoicepaintingwc.com)

