



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.



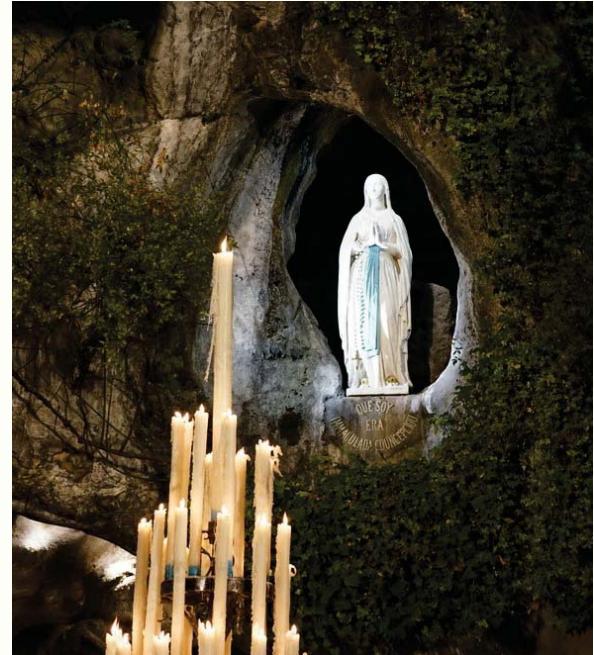
*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

Dear Friends,

This Wednesday, February 11, on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we also celebrate the 34th World Day of the Sick. This year, Pope Leo has called us to focus on the Gospel figure of the Good Samaritan, who demonstrates love by caring for the suffering man who fell in with robbers. It highlights a key dimension of love for one's neighbor: love must be expressed through concrete acts of closeness, by taking on the suffering of others — especially those who are ill, and often also vulnerable due to poverty, isolation, or loneliness.

As suggested by Pope John Paul II when he established this event, we are offering the Sacrament of the Sick at a Sunday Mass close to the feast day. In our case, it will take place this weekend at the **4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 7**. Worshippers may remain in their pews while the priests walk through the nave, anointing those who indicate they wish to receive the sacrament.

I will be away on retreat next week. I will be joining over fifty Boston priests at the annual retreat organized by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Hennessey. Be assured of my prayers for you and our parish.



Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Ash Wednesday & Collection of Palms



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for Easter. On this day, we receive ashes as a sign of our need for repentance and our trust in God's mercy.

As part of this sacred tradition, we invite parishioners to bring in blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday. These palms will be reverently burned and used to create the ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday.

Please place your palms in the designated collection baskets at the main entrance to the church. Thank you for helping us prepare for this meaningful season of renewal.

Love Is Sweet! Valentine's Day Raffle**Show Your Love — and Support the CCWC!**

This Valentine's Day, spread a little joy while supporting the Canton Catholic Women's Club (CCWC)! Take a chance on our Valentine's Day Raffle — a *lovely* way to give back and treat someone special.

Raffle Prizes**First Prize (Valued at \$150+):**

A heart-shaped box filled with an assortment of Hilliard's Chocolates, a \$100 gift certificate to Elsie's Restaurant, Valentine's cards, a bottle of champagne, and elegant champagne glasses — the perfect recipe for a romantic celebration!

Second Prize:

A beautifully curated basket featuring pasta, sauce, a bottle of wine, gourmet candies and cookies, and cozy candlelight — ideal for a relaxed Valentine's evening at home.

Tickets

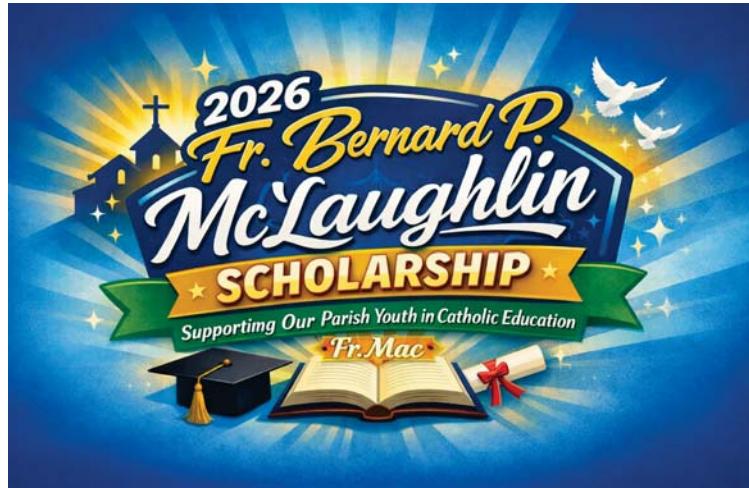
\$5 per ticket — 3 tickets for \$10

Tickets will be sold **after all Masses this weekend** at the church entrance.

Drawing:

Winners will be drawn on **Wednesday, February 11**, following the **9:00am Mass**.

Thank you for showing your love and supporting the CCWC!

**2026 Fr. Bernard P. McLaughlin ("Fr. Mac") Scholarship**

St. Oscar Romero Parish is pleased to offer **two \$2,500 scholarships** to support registered and active parishioners who will be attending a **Roman Catholic high school for the 2026–2027 school year**.

These scholarships honor the legacy of Fr. Bernard P. McLaughlin, affectionately known as *Fr. Mac*, whose lifelong commitment to Catholic education continues to inspire our parish community. Funding is made possible through the generosity of parishioners who support the Fr. Mac Scholarship Fund.

If you are interested in donating to the Scholarship Fund, you can do so via the parish website online giving platform or contact the parish office.

Eligible students are invited to apply.

Applications and full details are available online at www.cantoncatholic.org.

The application deadline is **Friday, March 27, 2026**.

Stay Connected This Lent

Our next parish newsletter will be sent out by the end of next week and will highlight the many ways to deepen your Lenten journey—through service opportunities, devotional offerings, and our parish Lenten retreat.

If you're not yet receiving the newsletter, we warmly invite you to sign up through the parish website (cantoncatholic.org) so you don't miss these meaningful opportunities.

LENT AT ST. OSCAR ROMERO PARISH

RETURNING TO GOD

A season of prayer, reflection, and service

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18

Begin the holy season of Lent as we turn our hearts back to God.

Mass: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Services: Noon & 4:00 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and Services.

ALONG THE WAY

Daily Reflections throughout Lent

Follow us on Facebook throughout Lent for reflections, quotes, music selections, and parish updates, beginning on Ash Wednesday.

WALKING WITH CHRIST

Fridays During Lent | 6:30 pm

Evenings of prayer and reflection through Prayer and the Stations of the Cross, inviting us to walk with Christ and return our hearts to God.

HOPE BEGINS HERE

Parish Baby Shower | March 7-15

Benefiting Abundant Hope Pregnancy Center

Sponsored by our Confirmation Candidates

LOSING AND REDISCOVERING GOD

Parish Lenten Retreat | March 9-12 | 7:00 pm

A four-night series for those seeking renewal, meaning, and hope.

Presented by Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap., an internationally respected Capuchin retreat director.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Lenten Food Drive | March 14-22

Benefiting the Canton Food Pantry

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and CCWC

Congratulations to the Free Throw Champions!

We're proud to share the exciting results from this year's **Knights of Columbus Council 2095 Free Throw Competition**. Our young athletes brought wonderful energy, focus, and sportsmanship to the court, and we're delighted to celebrate two outstanding winners from our parish community.

Emma Novogratz captured first place in the



Emma Novogratz & Nicholas Celia

10-year-old girls division, and **Nicholas Celia** took top honors in the **14-year-old boys division**. Both students are from **St. John's School**, and both will be advancing to the **district round** of the competition.

We're grateful to all who participated, cheered, and supported this fun community event. Please join us in congratulating Emma and Nicholas as they continue their journey — and keep them in your prayers as they move on to the next level.



Knights of Columbus Event Volunteers



This year's **Catholic Appeal** theme, **Together We Are One**, reminds us of our communion in the Lord Jesus Christ and our call to live as one Body in Him. In all its diversity and complexity, our Archdiocese is truly a family of faith—united in the mission to share the Gospel and to care for one another.

One of the most meaningful ways we strengthen the good work of our parishes, schools, and ministries is through our participation in the Catholic Appeal. Your generosity helps carry Christ's love into our communities and brings hope to countless people across the Archdiocese. Many of you have already received a letter from Archbishop Richard Henning inviting your support of the 2026 Appeal. We hope you will prayerfully consider responding with a gift, knowing that every contribution—large or small—makes a real difference. Your early support will also help our parish begin this year's campaign on a strong and hopeful note.

The Appeal is one of the primary ways we draw our brothers and sisters into Christ's circle of care. On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who are blessed by your kindness, thank you for your faithful generosity.

What does love look like?

It has the hands to help others.

It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like.

~ Saint Augustine

Parish Directory

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"Freely you have received; freely give."

Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Just so, your light must shine before others."

Matthew 5:14, 16a

Saturday, February 7

9:00am~Theresa Kadi,
Birthday Thanksgiving
4:00pm~Roslyn Lowney, Memorial

Sunday, February 8

8:00am~Carmela Ferrara, Memorial
10:00am~Tom Gunning, Memorial
12:00pm~Francisco Andrade, Memorial
5:00pm~

Monday, February 9

9:00am~Michael McDonough, Memorial

Tuesday, February 10

9:00am~Irene Kelley & Mary Lou Stein,
Memorial

Wednesday, February 11

9:00am~Pat Ward, Memorial

Thursday, February 12

9:00am~

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

Friday, February 13

9:00am~Jack Cash, Memorial

Saturday, February 14

9:00am~
4:00pm~Helen McFadyen, Memorial

Sunday, February 15

8:00am~
10:00am~Robby Corrigan, Month's Mind
12:00pm~Stephen Hughes &
Patrick Hughes, Memorial
5:00pm~Patricia DeLollo, Memorial

Prayers and Sympathy



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

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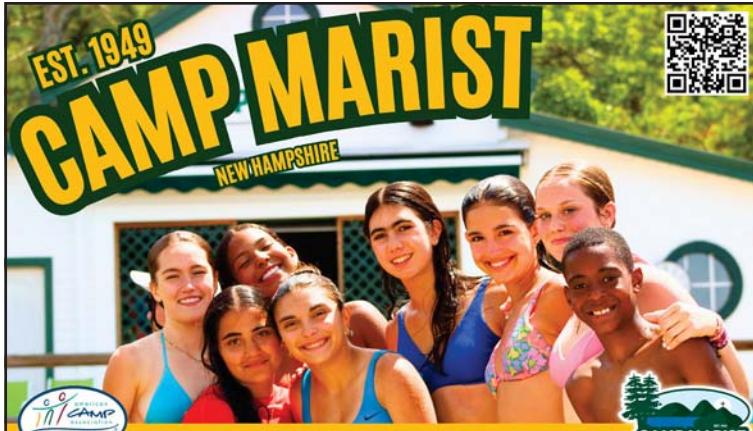
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