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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](mailto:dcn785@aol.com)

**Staff Directory** ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

**Parish Prayer Wall** ~ Submit requests on parish website.

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**St. Mary's Cemetery** ~ For inquiries, please contact  
Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 x 311.

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## 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,*

As we contemplate today's Gospel, on the Sunday following our Easter celebration, one could assume that these accounts of Jesus appearing before his disciples take place on the Sundays following Easter. Actually, the first of the two appearances, when Thomas was missing, happened on Easter Sunday. St. John tells us, "On the evening of that first day of the week." The second, with Thomas present, is a week later. Our eight-day celebration of the Easter Feast, called the Octave, concludes today. Our celebration of the Easter Season continues for fifty days, concluding this year with our **May 24 celebration of Pentecost**

Everything about our Holy Week and Easter celebrations was magnificent! The liturgies were beautiful, well-organized, and reverent. Attendance across the board was phenomenal. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who decorated, served as lectors or acolytes, and to our adult and children's choirs. At the risk of repeating myself, I can think of no other parish with a music program on a par with ours. Check out the pictures on our website and social media.

Yours in Christ,  
**Fr. Tom**

### *Daughters of St. Paul Bookfair – This Weekend*



A friendly reminder that the Daughters of St. Paul, our beloved "Media Nuns," will be with us this weekend, **April 11–12**, for a parish bookfair. They'll have a beautiful selection of Catholic books, prayer-books, Bibles, saint stories, and children's titles to help deepen faith and inspire every age.

Please stop by the bookfair at the front entrance of the church after Mass to browse and support the Sisters in their mission of spreading the Gospel through media.

### *Second Sunday of Easter*



**April 12** there will be **Divine Mercy prayer at 3:00pm in the church** Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Recitation of the Chaplet, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on God's mercy and was inspired by St. Faustina's visions of Jesus. Established by Pope John Paul II in 2000, it encourages trust in God and includes special graces for those who go to Confession and receive the Eucharist.

*"There is nothing man needs more than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God."*  
*St. John Paul II*

### *Additional Easter Flower Names*

*Charles Armando  
Ann & Gerald Burke  
Patricia & Donald King  
Michael McDonough  
Kathleen & Joseph McKenna*

### The Sacred Triduum



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# Join the Canton Catholic Women's Club!

Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Church Hall

Enjoy Coffee, Refreshments & Cheryl's Slideshow:

**"Everything You Wanted to Know  
About *Canton*, but Were *Afraid to Ask.*"**

All Are Welcome! Men, Women, Families & Friends!

## CCWC Hosts Part 2 of "Everything You Wanted to Know About Canton"

All are warmly invited to join the Canton Catholic Women's Club on **Wednesday, April 15, at 10:00 am** in the lower church hall for coffee, refreshments, and friendly conversation. It's a wonderful chance to meet our members and enjoy time together as a parish community.

Cheryl, one of our cherished CCWC members, will present Part 2 of her engaging slideshow, *"Everything You Wanted to Know About Canton, but Were Afraid to Ask."* After spending countless hours researching our town's history and character, Cheryl will share fascinating little-known facts, along with highlights of current events and attractions that make Canton such a special place to call home.

Her presentation is sure to spark memories, laughter, and pride in our community. Whether you've lived in Canton your whole life or are new to town, you'll discover something delightful and surprising about the place we all call home.

As always, everyone is welcome—men, women, families, and friends. We look forward to seeing you for this enriching and enjoyable morning together!



**We have raised \$52,216—64% of our goal.** Thank you to all who have already contributed. If you haven't had a chance to give yet, envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

Your generosity supports ministries that serve parishes, schools, and communities across the Archdiocese. On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who benefit from your kindness, thank you!

## *A Holy Year of St. Francis: Walking in the Footsteps of Simplicity, Peace, & Joy*

This year, the Church invites us into a special time of grace as we celebrate a Holy Year in honor of St. Francis of Assisi—a saint whose life continues to inspire hearts across the world.

Born into comfort yet drawn to a life of radical simplicity, St. Francis encountered Christ in a profound way that changed everything. He let go of wealth, embraced humility, and chose instead to live among the poor, care for creation, and proclaim God's love through both word and action. His life reminds us that true joy is not found in what we possess, but in who we follow.

A Holy Year is more than a commemoration—it is an invitation. It is a sacred opportunity to renew our relationship with God, to grow in holiness, and to reflect more deeply on the Gospel. During this year, we are especially encouraged to embrace the virtues that defined St. Francis: simplicity of heart, love for all people, reverence for creation, and a deep trust in God's providence. In a world that often feels busy and complicated, the witness of St. Francis gently calls us back to what matters most. He teaches us to slow down, to notice God's presence in the ordinary, and to be

instruments of peace in our families, our parish, and our community.

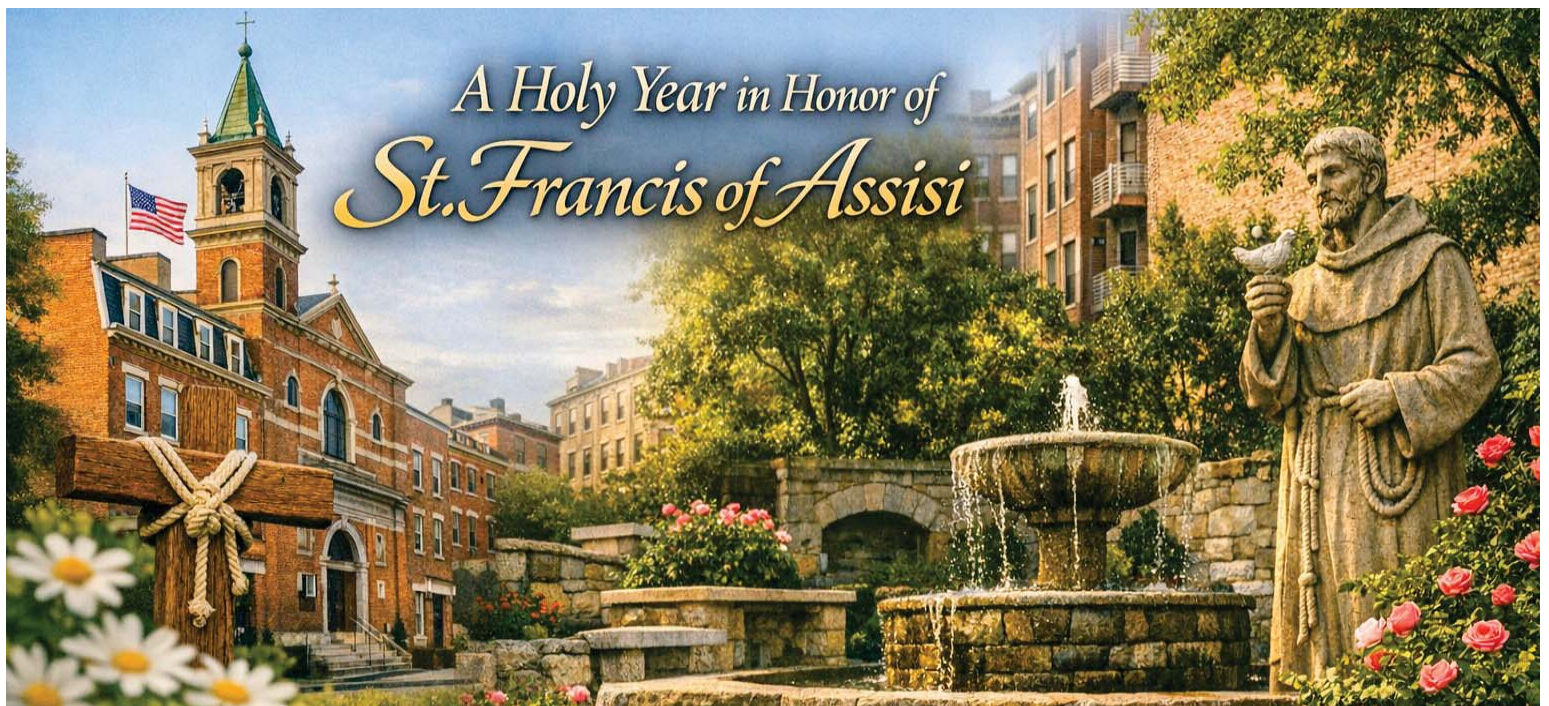
As part of our parish celebration of this Holy Year, we are excited to invite you to a special pilgrimage to **St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish in the North End of Boston**. This beautiful and historic parish is the first church in New England entrusted to the Franciscan friars, making it a deeply meaningful place to encounter the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis here in our own area.

We warmly invite you to save the date:

**Wednesday, June 3**, for what promises to be an interesting and inspirational day together. It will be an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and a deeper connection to the Franciscan tradition.

More information regarding the schedule for the day and how to sign up will be shared in a future bulletin.

May this Holy Year be a time of renewal and grace for each of us, as we learn to live more simply, love more deeply, and walk more closely with Christ.



## Parish Directory

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## Mass Intentions for the Week



<p><b>Saturday, April 11</b>                  9:00am~Maeve McMahon, Healing Intention                  4:00pm~Margaret Hogan, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 12</b>                  8:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial                  10:00am~William Kilroy, Memorial                  12:00pm~Edmond Bernard Gesiak, Memorial                  5:00pm~Joseph Sr. &amp; Kevin Creedon, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 13</b>                  9:00am~David McNeil, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, April 14</b>                  9:00am~Special Intention</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 15</b>                  9:00am~Rico DiNicola, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 16</b>                  9:00am~Emily Catherine Hayes, Memorial</p>

<p><b>Friday, April 17</b>                  9:00am~Michael William McDonough, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Saturday, April 18</b>                  9:00am~Mario Orbita, Margarita, Henry, Rogelio &amp; Jaun—Mass of Thanksgiving                  4:00pm~Helen McFadyen, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 19</b>                  8:00am~Barbara &amp; James Sherlock, Memorial                  10:00am~Sheila McCabe, Memorial                  12:00pm~Alice Devine, Memorial                  5:00pm~Leone Overton, Memorial</p>

### Prayers and Sympathy

Henri Baum, Philip Hackett  
 Yvonne Balsamo



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

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