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4TH SUNDAY OF

Easter



I am the gate.
Whoever enters through me
will be saved and will come in
and go out and find pasture.

*I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.*

— JOHN 10:1-10 —

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."*

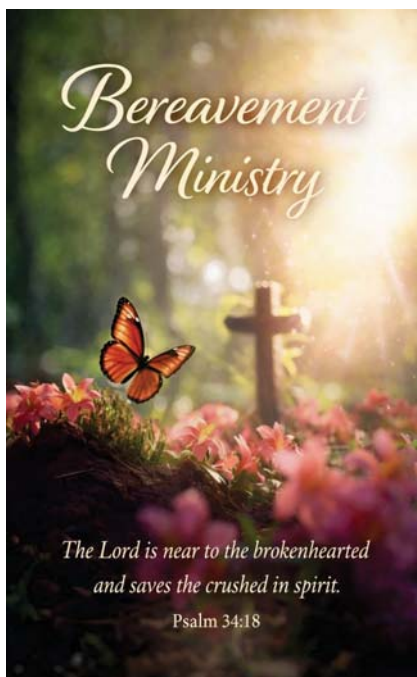
Dear Friends,

Not surprisingly, lots of parishioners approached me last weekend to ask about the recent and inappropriate remarks by the U.S. President about our Holy Father. For centuries, world leaders of all faith traditions have recognized the Office of Supreme Pontiff as one that strives, often successfully, to avoid or mediate armed conflicts worldwide. In a recent interview, Cardinal Robert McElroy of Washington D.C. said, "I find the president's attack very distressing, particularly because we're in an age of polarization, of general degradation in our public dialogue and discourse, and on an issue this important, that of the war, it's important that the substance of the issues involved be discussed with respect and politeness and care."

Regardless of party affiliation or political or economic philosophy, we can agree that our society benefits when we treat one another with grace and civility. That applies to us as citizens and neighbors. It is, or should be, expected of those in positions of leadership. St. James offers a guide in Chapter 1, Verse 19 of his Letter, "Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger."



In Christ,
Fr. Tom



Bereavement Ministry – Spring Session

Our parish **Bereavement Ministry** offers a compassionate place of support for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Led by **Deacon Dan Nelson**, a trained grief counselor, this ministry provides a gentle, caring space to share, to heal, and to find hope alongside others who understand the journey of grief.

The spring session begins: Wednesday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Church.

Pre-registration is required.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to register, please call 781-828-0090 x311 or email bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org.

Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone who may find comfort in this ministry.

Canton Catholic Women's Club Luncheon

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Archbishop Henning to Visit Our Parish School



We are delighted to share that the Mass with Archbishop Henning, originally planned for Catholic Schools Week, has been rescheduled for **Thursday, April 30 at 9:00 am in the church.**

Our St. John the Evangelist School community is joyfully preparing to welcome our new Archbishop for this special celebration of Catholic education. The School Choir will lead us in song, and our students will take an active role by proclaiming the readings and serving at the altar.

Our vibrant Catholic school is a true blessing to our parish family, forming young disciples in faith, knowledge, and service.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for this beautiful liturgy as we pray with and for our school community, and as we welcome Archbishop Henning to our parish community.



Supporting Our Winter Snow Removal Costs

Now that the weather is finally improving, it's easy to forget how deeply our new parking lot—and all our parish properties—were buried under snow this winter. We are fortunate that the Town of Canton's Public Works Department does such a good job with snow removal. Our own maintenance team worked tirelessly throughout January, February, and March to keep the church, school, and cemetery safe and accessible.

These efforts came at a significant cost. This winter we expensed **\$19,905** across our parish properties:

- **Over \$15,500** for the Parish and School
- **\$4,500** at St. Mary's Cemetery to ensure clear paths and driveways for multiple funerals

If you are able, please consider making a donation to help offset these unexpected expenses.

Snow Fund envelopes are available at the back of the church and in the pews. You may also give online at www.cantoncatholic.org or scan the QR Code.

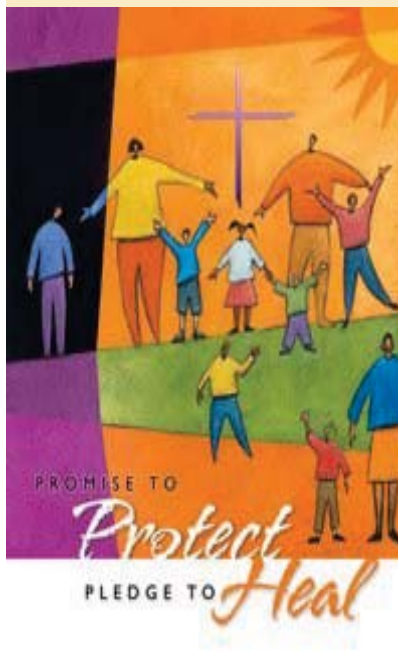


Your generosity helps ease the burden this winter placed on all three budgets. Thank you for your continued support.

Protecting God's Children

April is **Child Safety Month** in the Archdiocese of Boston.

As part of our commitment to creating safe, nurturing environments for all children and teens,



the Archdiocese requires that every adult who serves with minors in our parishes and schools completes child abuse prevention training through the **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** program. This training helps all of us recognize warning signs, respond appropriately, and foster a culture of safety and care.

We will be offering our next VIRTUS training session later

this spring, and dates will be announced soon. If you have not yet completed the training, we warmly encourage you to join us in this important ministry of protection and vigilance for the young people entrusted to our parish community.

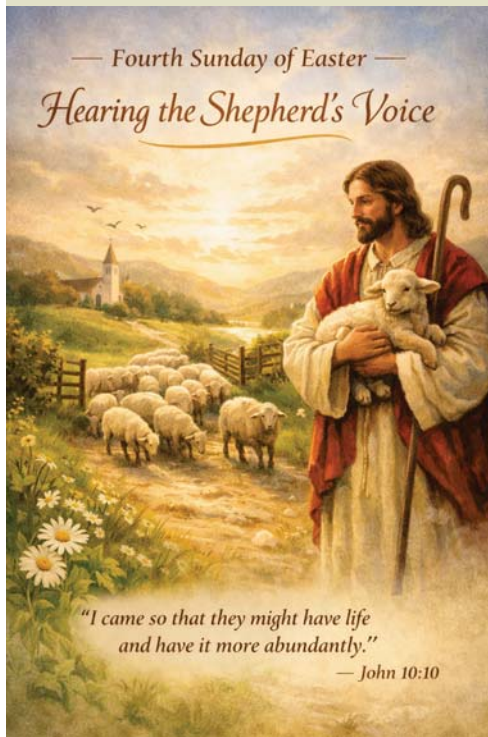
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive This Weekend



The Knights of Columbus, Father John J. Flatley Council No. 2095, will be welcoming parish men after all Masses this weekend. If you've ever felt called to deepen

your faith, support families, or serve our community, stop by their table to learn more about this brotherhood of faith and service. To join anytime, visit KofC.org/joinus and enter Council No. 2095.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Hearing the Shepherd's Voice



In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks with tenderness and clarity: He is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep by name and leads them to life. His voice is not harsh or demanding, but one that calls us to peace, trust, and belonging.

The sheep follow not out of fear, but because they recognize His love—the sound of care, safety, and home. Yet our lives are often filled with competing voices—noise, pressure, and fear—making it hard to know which to follow.

Jesus reminds us that His voice always leads us to true abundance: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This abundance is not about possessions, but about purpose, hope, and a deep connection to God.

As we continue through the Easter season, may we take time to listen for His voice—in prayer, in Scripture, in the kindness of others, and in the quiet of our hearts—and have the courage to follow where He leads.

Good Shepherd, guide us, protect us, and help us to recognize Your voice in all things.

Did You Know? – The Gloria Returns in the Easter Season

During Lent, the Church sets aside certain joyful elements of the Mass to help us enter a season of simplicity and reflection. One of the most noticeable absences is the Gloria, the great hymn that begins, "*Glory to God in the highest...*"

Did you know that the Gloria returns at the Easter Vigil and remains throughout the entire Easter Season?

Its return is deeply meaningful:

- It is the Church's hymn of overflowing joy. The Gloria echoes the song of the angels at Christ's birth and becomes our proclamation that Christ is risen and God's love has triumphed.
- It marks a shift from penitence to praise. After the quiet of Lent, the Gloria bursts forth again, lifting our hearts into the mystery of the Resurrection.
- It reminds us that Easter is a season, not a single day. For 50 days, the Church rejoices in the new life Christ offers — and the Gloria is one of the ways we express that joy.
- It unites us in worship. Whether sung or recited, the Gloria invites the whole community to join in praise, gratitude, and wonder.

As we continue through this beautiful season, the Gloria becomes a weekly reminder that we are a people of Resurrection — a people of joy, hope, and renewed life in Christ.



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 Matthew 10:8

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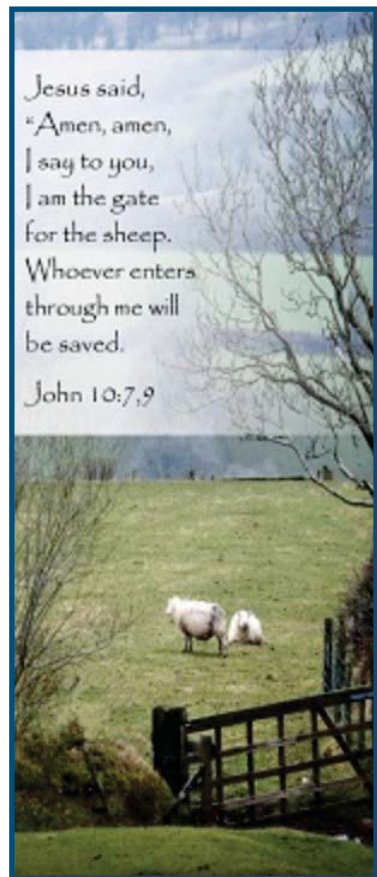
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Mass Intentions for the Week



Jesus said,
 "Amen, amen,
 I say to you,
 I am the gate
 for the sheep.
 Whoever enters
 through me will
 be saved."
 John 10:7,9

<p>Saturday, April 25 9:00am~Jack & Peter Murphy, Living Intention 4:00pm~Lucy Ronayne, Month's Mind</p>
<p>Sunday, April 26 8:00am~Noa Garson, Living Intention 10:00am~Fr. Mike McLellan, Memorial 12:00pm~Floyd Teague, Sr., Allan Doody, Sr. & Allan Doody, Jr. Memorial 5:00pm~Mr. & Mrs. Albert W. Sexton, Memorial</p>
<p>Monday, April 27 9:00am~</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 28 9:00am~</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 29 9:00am~David Bloom, Memorial</p>
<p>Thursday, April 30 9:00am~David McNeil, Memorial</p>

<p>Friday, May 1 9:00am~Henri Baum, Memorial</p>
<p>Saturday, May 2 9:00am~Mr. & Mrs. Albert J. Sexton, Memorial 4:00pm~First Holy Communion</p>
<p>Sunday, May 3 8:00am~Dr. & Mrs. John M. Murphy, Memorial 10:00am~First Holy Communion 12:00pm~First Holy Communion 5:00pm~Sante Poles, Memorial</p>

Prayers and Sympathy

Jeanne McClellan



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

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