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## FEAST OF *Pentecost*

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the **Holy Spirit**.  
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the **same Spirit**;  
there are different forms of service but the **same Lord**;  
there are different workings but the **same God**  
who produces all of them in **everyone**.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts,  
but all its many parts form **one body**,  
so it is with Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13



### 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

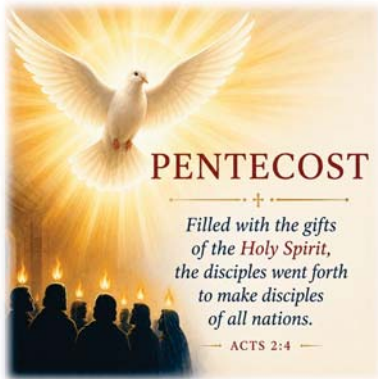
**Catholic Men of Canton** ~ 2nd Saturday of the month  
8:00-9:30am in the Lower Church Hall or via a zoom link  
option. Email [jptjr2@gmail.com](mailto:jptjr2@gmail.com) for more information.



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

Dear Friends,

There are two significant events being celebrated this weekend. It is coincidental that the Church's celebration of Pentecost and our national Memorial Day celebration occur together. Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season on the Church's calendar. However, it marks an important beginning. The Church, as we know, traces its origins to the Pentecost event. Filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the



disciples literally went about the task of making disciples of all the nations.

While it has taken on the character of summer's official opening, it is good to remember Memorial Day's original purpose. At the end of the Civil War, on May's last weekend, "*Decoration Day*" was declared. The graves of those who perished in the conflict were visited and decorated.

In subsequent generations, following World War I and World War II, it was adapted to honor all who died in combat. As we celebrate the long weekend, let's be sure to take a moment to honor and pray for those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Tom*

### *A Sacred Space for Mothers and Infants*

During his recent visit to our parish, Archbishop Richard Henning graciously consecrated our Mothers and Infants Room to St. Gerard Majella, the beloved patron saint of expectant mothers, mothers, and infants.

We are especially grateful to parishioner Paul Struzik, who previously crafted the beautiful Crucifix behind our altar, for lovingly restoring the statue of St. Gerard from the former St. Gerard Majella Church and for designing the beautiful new reliquary that now holds a relic of the saint. The room offers a quiet place of prayer, comfort, and intercession for families and all who entrust their intentions to his care. It also serves as a beautiful space where families with young children can comfortably participate in the Mass.

When you have a moment, we invite you to stop by, see this beautiful sacred space, and spend a few quiet moments in prayer with St. Gerard.



From Left to Right: Linda Struzik, Archbishop Henning, Paul Struzik, Fr. Tom, and Fr. Jeremy





# JUBILEE YEAR

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## Saint Francis

# PARISH TRIP

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

In celebration of the **Year of Saint Francis**, join us for a special parish trip to Boston's North End!

Our day begins with a guided tour of the beautiful Saint Leonard's Church led by Father Michael Della Penna, OFM, along with our Pastor, Father Tom.

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The tour will be followed by a short stroll through the North End where we will be treated to a four-course, family-style Italian feast at **Assaggio!**



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OR BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE  
**781-828-0090**

Parish staff would be happy to assist anyone who prefers to register by phone.

**QUESTION? CONTACT**  
Barbara McKenney  
781-828-0090  
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# CANTON CATHOLIC WOMENS' CLUB

IS HOSTING!

# Ladies Tea Party

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 | 1:00 PM

Come dressed in your Sunday's Best (optional)

*for a light lunch and tea*

**All ladies:** Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, etc. are invited!

*Join us in the Mary Garden*

The Canton Catholic Womens' Club is hosting the Tea as we celebrate **75 years** as a holy and charitable Catholic Women's Organization.



For planning purposes, there will be a sign up sheet at the entrance of the church.



## Come, Holy Spirit

Pentecost marks the great celebration of the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles — filling fearful hearts with courage, wisdom, and faith. What began in an upper room became the beginning of the Church's mission to bring the Gospel to the world.

The same Holy Spirit is still alive and active today. The Spirit strengthens us in moments of uncertainty, comforts us in times of sorrow, and calls us to live with hope, compassion, and love. Pentecost reminds us that God does not leave us alone. He breathes His life into His people and sends us forth to be witnesses of Christ in our homes, our parish, and our community.

As we celebrate this joyful feast, may we open our hearts more fully to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and pray often:

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

# Come, Holy Spirit

FEAST OF PENTECOST



## Youth Ministry

With joyful hearts and willing hands, members of the St. Oscar Romero Youth Ministry prepared a meal for guests at Fr. Bill's Place in Quincy, living out Christ's call to serve with love and compassion.

*Small acts of love can make a big difference.*



"John" Food Manager, Robbie Dickson. Kalynn Souza, Braydon Farrow. Chase Brodney

## Saint Mary Cemetery News

Several projects are currently underway at Saint Mary Cemetery this spring and early summer as we continue to care for and beautify our sacred grounds.

Our annual spring maintenance and clean-up is in progress, including the removal of winter and holiday decorations throughout the cemetery. In addition, several lawn areas are being leveled, loamed, and reseeded following the challenges of the winter season.

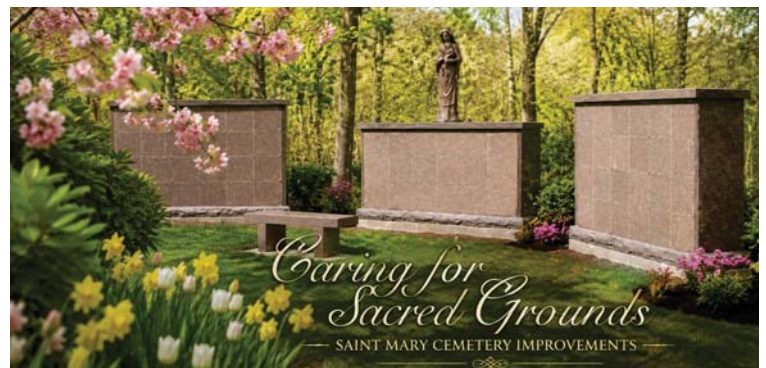
Current beautification and improvement projects include:

- **Columbarium Area:** New shrubs and plantings will be added around the three columbarium units to enhance the beauty and prayerful atmosphere of the site.
- **Expansion Near Saint Robert Section:** Grading and filling work continues behind the Saint Robert section to prepare additional gravesites extending toward the Randolph Street entrance.

Cemetery staff also continues planning for the future growth and expansion of the cemetery. Recent interest and lot sales have been very encouraging, especially as more families seek the availability of family plots once again.

If you would like information about ways to support the ongoing improvement and care of our cemetery, or to learn more about our new Donor Wall, please contact Cemetery Manager Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 ext. 311 or [bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org](mailto:bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org).

We are grateful for your continued support, stewardship, and prayers.



As we observe Memorial Day, we pause to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. We pray in gratitude for their courage and sacrifice, and we ask God to bless all veterans, military families, and those who continue to serve our nation with dedication and faithfulness.

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day in observance of the holiday.** We wish everyone a safe and peaceful Memorial Day weekend.

## Parish Directory

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 Matthew 10:8

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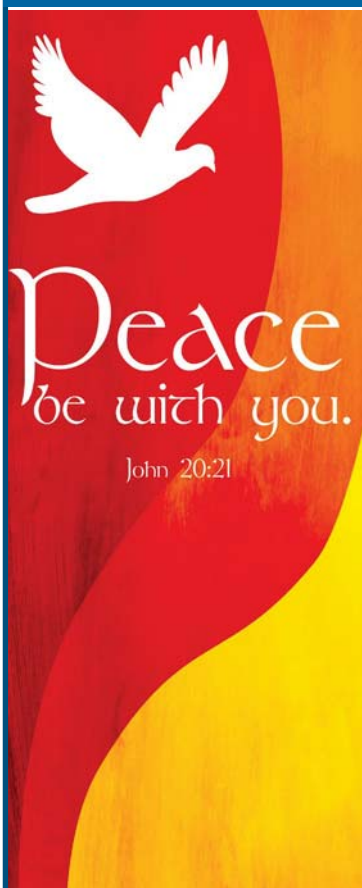
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## Mass Intentions for the Week



<p><b>Saturday, May 23</b>                  9:00am~Charles J. Lenhart, III, Memorial                  4:00pm~Henri Baum, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday</b>                  8:00am~                  10:00am~Amanda Corbie, Living Intention                  12:00pm~Seamus Quinn, Month's Mind                  5:00pm~</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 25</b>                  9:00am~Gerard Augier, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 26</b>                  9:00am~Phyllis M. Mitchell, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, May 27</b>                  9:00am~Robert Swinamer, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Thursday, May 28</b>                  9:00am~Maeve McMahon, Memorial</p>

<p><b>Friday, May 29</b>                  9:00am~Meyamma Joseph, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Saturday, May 30</b>                  9:00am~Olga Mary Gesiak, Memorial                  4:00pm~Norman Leblanc, Memorial</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 31</b>                  8:00am~Joseph Mckenna, Memorial                  10:00am~Timothy O'Shea, Memorial                  12:00pm~Steven Staffiere, Staffiere and Oxford Families, Memorial                  5:00pm~Janet Guerriero, Memorial</p>



### Prayers and Sympathy

Gary Howard  
 Peggy Meissner

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

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