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JULY 19, 2026

The Kingdom of Heaven IS LIKE...

He put another parable before them,
saying, "The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a man
who sowed good seed in his field..."

MATTHEW 13:24

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.cantonicatholic.org and click on
Sacraments. Questions? Contact: Nancy Cunniff at
ncunniff@cantonicatholic.org

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,

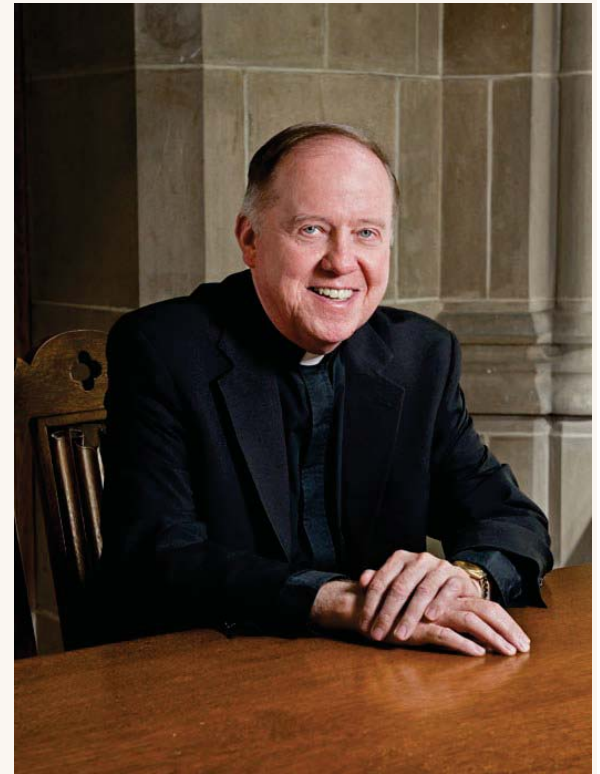
On July 31, Boston College will install its new president, Father Jack Butler, SJ. He will replace Father William Leahy, who is stepping down after 30 years of consequential and transformative leadership. We live in an area that is blessed with many wonderful institutions of higher learning. Boston College is, however, an especially significant presence in our Archdiocese and the Universal Church.

Yes, a disproportionately large number of Boston priests, including me, are alumni. In addition to the significant strides BC achieved under Father Leahy's leadership in terms of its programs, facilities, and fundraising, it has become a meaningful force in the intellectual and pastoral growth of the Church.

Father Leahy integrated the Jesuit-run Weston School of Theology into the BC community. Generations of priests, professed religious, and lay people have acquired the knowledge and skills to serve in ordained ministry, as pastoral associates, religious education directors and in a variety of other ways. Our own Deacon Dan Nelson and Father Jeremiah Li are graduates of the Clough School of Theology and Ministry (STM). Father Oliver Agbile, who lived with us for two years while earning an STL, is an example of the school's international standing.

Additionally, Father Leahy launched the Church in the 21st Century Institute. Within and without the Church, there is no shortage of critics. This initiative seeks to be constructive. I have participated in many of the programs they run for priests in our region. Check out the C21 link on BC's website to learn more.

Whether or not you root for BC football, we are all grateful to Father Leahy for thirty years of humble and steadfast leadership. It matters because his impact will be felt beyond the Heights of Chestnut Hill!

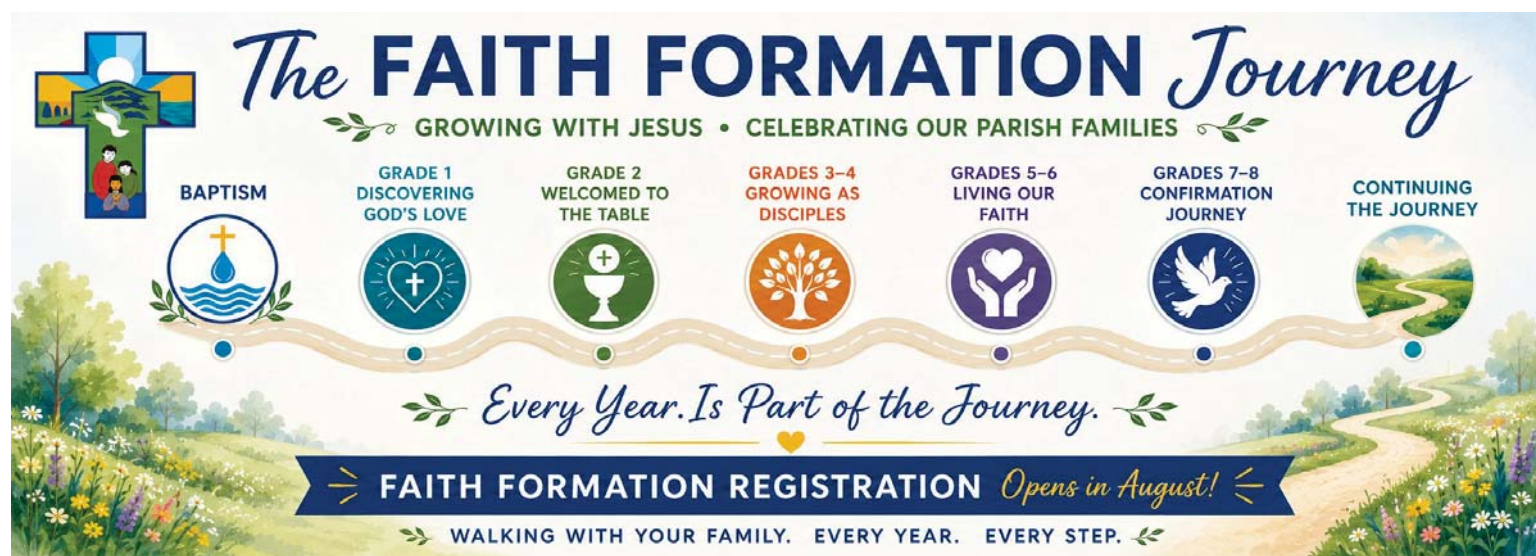


Fr. William P. Leahy, S.J.
President of Boston College

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



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Every Year Is Part of the Journey

Faith doesn't grow all at once—it grows one step at a time. From the day a child is baptized, each year brings new opportunities to discover God's love, ask questions, deepen prayer, build friendships, and grow as a disciple of Jesus. Along the way, children are blessed to celebrate the beautiful gifts of the sacraments—including First Holy Communion and Confirmation—which strengthen them with God's grace and help them continue growing in faith throughout their lives.

We are honored to walk alongside families as children continue growing in faith year after year. Every year offers new opportunities to encounter Christ, deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith, and become the person God created them to be.

Faith Formation Registration for the 2026–2027 year opens in August. We invite both new and returning families to continue the journey with us.

Every year is part of the journey. We can't wait to continue growing in faith with your family.

Welcome to God's Family

"This Christian community welcomes you with great joy.

In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his Cross." — Rite of Baptism



We joyfully welcomed these children into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith.

Newly Baptized on **Sunday, July 12, 2026**

Family of Carina Berardi, Leon Andrade, and Lucas Andrade



Growing Together

A farmer knows that growth takes time.

Seeds do not become wheat overnight, and gardens are never free of weeds. Yet with patience, care, and hope, new life continues to emerge.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God is just as patient with us. He sees not only who we are today, but who we are becoming. Each act of kindness, every prayer, every moment of forgiveness, and every time we choose what is good, God's grace is at work within us.

This week, ask yourself:

What is one small way God is helping me grow?

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap our harvest."

Galatians 6:9



Second Collection for the People of Venezuela This Weekend

As requested by Archbishop Henning, a second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend to support the people of Venezuela during this time of need.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and continued prayers for our brothers and sisters in Venezuela.

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"Freely you have received; freely give."
Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week

*Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Saturday, July 18

9:00am~Ancion, Gaston, Andre &
Decena Families, Memorial
4:00pm~Helen McFadyen, Memorial

Sunday, July 19

8:00am~Francis Bradley, Memorial
10:00am~Angelo Rocco, Memorial
12:00pm~Sante Poles, Memorial
5:00pm~

Monday, July 20

9:00am~Donna Lyons, Memorial

Tuesday, July 21

9:00am~Dawn Mungroo, Memorial
Ryan Augier, Special Intention

Wednesday, July 22

9:00am~

Thursday, July 23

9:00am~Brian Regan, Living Intention

Friday, July 24

9:00am~

Saturday, July 25

9:00am~Norma Lakin, Memorial
4:00pm~

Sunday, July 26

8:00am~
10:00am~Dominick Pugliese, Memorial
12:00pm~Warner A. Lund, Memorial
5:00pm~

Prayers and Sympathy



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

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please call 781-828-0090*

*Bulletin Submissions are due by noon on Monday
bulletin@cantoncatholic.org*

*First collect the weeds and
tie them in bundles for burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn.*



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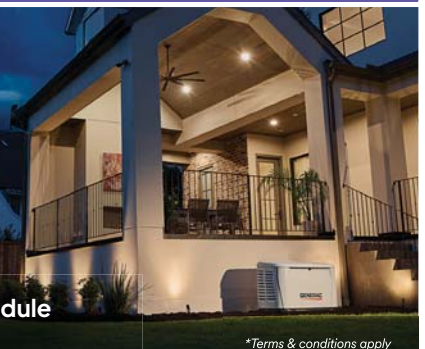
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