



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

O WOMAN,
great is
YOUR FAITH!

Let it be done for you
as you wish.

MATTHEW 15:28



WORSHIP
with joy



GROW
in faith



SERVE
with love

Together, we walk as
a parish family.
TOGETHER IN CHRIST.

AUGUST 16, 2026
MATTHEW 15:21-28

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. Questions? Contact: Nancy Cunniff at
ncunniff@cantoncatholic.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,

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and run last Sunday's Annual Parish Cookout. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Parish Council members who conceived the idea and format several years ago, and Canton Council 2095 of the Knights of Columbus, who did all the grilling. The 11:00 am Mass was a beautiful celebration of the universality of our Church. The number of folks who attended the 4:00 pm or 8:00 am Mass and then returned for the cookout demonstrates that it has become a great occasion of friendship and community.

This weekend, Father Cornelius will preach at all our Masses. He will give us some history of his order, the African Mission Fathers (SMA), and tell us something about his current assignment. Next weekend, **August 22 and 23**, we will take up a collection for his mission. Envelopes can be found in the church. If you plan to be away, you can bring your gift at your convenience, and it will be directed to his collection.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



Registration for our 2026–2027 Faith Formation year opens this week!

We look forward to welcoming our parish families back for another year of learning, growing, and discovering how faith is part of everyday life.

From the early years of Faith Formation through First Communion, Confirmation, and beyond, every year matters. Together with parents, we are grateful to help children grow in their relationship with Jesus and find their place in our parish community.

Watch your email this week for registration information and the link to register.

Every year is part of the journey. Every year has a purpose.

Our Parish Family Reaching Across the World

Over the past several weeks, we have been blessed to have **Fr. Cornelius, SMA**, with us here at St. Oscar Romero Parish. Many parishioners have already had the opportunity to meet him at Mass and around the parish. This weekend, Fr. Cornelius will speak at all of our Masses and share more about his missionary ministry in Africa.

Fr. Cornelius has shared these photographs with us as a beautiful reminder of what can happen when one parish community reaches out in faith to another. The photos from **Zambia** show both the former mission church and the new church that was built in 2017 through the generosity of parishioners here at St. Oscar Romero Parish. What began as generosity here at home became a lasting place of worship, prayer, and community for families many miles away.

Today, Fr. Cornelius serves in **Kenya**, where that same work of building up the Church continues. The additional photos show his current mission, where a new outstation church is being built, along with a Marian grotto at the main parish.

As Fr. Cornelius shares his story with us this weekend, we have a wonderful opportunity to see how our Catholic faith connects us as one family—across parishes, countries, and continents—and how the generosity of one community can help faith take root and flourish in another.



Those who would like to support the missionary work Fr. Cornelius has shared with us are invited to pick up a special collection envelope in the church this weekend. The collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

A Wonderful Day for Our Parish Family

What a wonderful day we shared at last Sunday's Annual Parish Cookout! Following our 11:00 AM Mass, parishioners of all ages gathered for good food, conversation, laughter, and time together as a parish family.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day such a joyful celebration of faith, friendship, and community. **We're grateful for all who make St. Oscar Romero Parish such a wonderful community to call home.**



See more photos from our Parish Cookout on Facebook! www.facebook.com/cantonicatholic/



Finding God and Hope in North Carolina

This summer, young people from our parish traveled on Outreach trips to serve communities in need. Over the next several weeks, we'll share excerpts from their reflections—in their own words—about the people they met, the work they accomplished, and the ways they encountered God along the way.

Tabitha McCready | New Bern, North Carolina

"Before leaving I said a prayer to God asking for the courage to not think about my constant worries and get out of my comfort zone. Truth be told, I was nervous about coming to a new place with unfamiliar people and leaving my family and friends behind.

Throughout each day those uncertain feelings and fears went away, and that's when I started to see

God and hope on this trip. I truly believe that being around people who also share the same beliefs as you is extremely special and reminds me that we are all children of God and all answered His call to serve.

Now after coming home, I have learned this new perspective that even in times of hardship God is always with you and brings hope along the way. Most of all, God was present, giving us the strength we needed to keep moving forward, taking each step necessary to help Helen return home.

I am beyond grateful for this experience that I never thought would impact me the way it did."



Thank you to **Angela Guarino and Robert Brown**, who were married at our parish last Saturday and generously donated their beautiful wedding flowers for our weekend Masses. We wish them every blessing as they begin their married life together!



Newly Baptized on Sunday, August 9, 2026

**Thomas Lailer, Emerson Powers,
Fiona Durso, Sophie Smith**

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Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, August 15

9:00am~Assumption of the Blessed Mother
4:00pm~

Sunday, August 16

8:00am~Donna Ducat, Robert Ducat &
Roger Gillman, Memorial
10:00am~Dr. Adaobi Nnani & Fatima,
Memorial
12:00pm~Special Intention
5:00pm~Charles Armando, Memorial

Monday, August 17

9:00am~Margie Faria, Living Intention

Tuesday, August 18

9:00am~Thomas & Delia Hughes,
Memorial

Wednesday, August 19

9:00am~Trudy Creedon, Memorial

Thursday, August 20

9:00am~Patricia "Pat" Ward, Memorial

Friday, August 21

9:00am~Anne Raftery, Birthday Memorial

Saturday, August 22

9:00am~Edward L. Sullivan, Sr & Bette
Sullivan Barr, Memorial
4:00pm~Helen McFadyen, Memorial

Sunday, August 23

8:00am~Tim Ronayne, Memorial
10:00am~
12:00pm~John McCarthy, Sr, John McCarthy,
Jr. & Billy Cravens, Memorial
5:00pm~Ivy Plummer, Memorial

A MOMENT OF PRAYER

Jesus, when answers seem slow in coming,
help me to trust, to persevere,
and to remain close to You. Amen.

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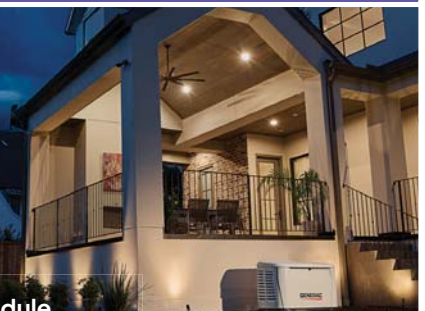
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