



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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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

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

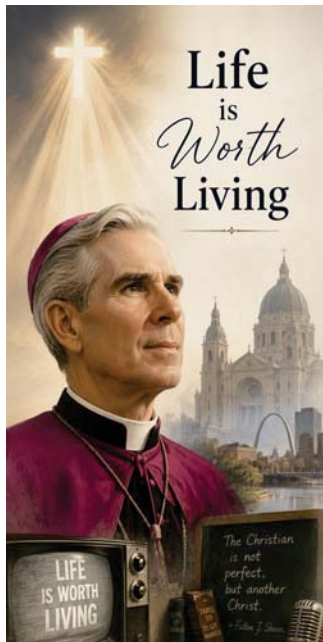
Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

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,



Beatification is the Catholic Church's formal declaration that a deceased person is in heaven and may be publicly venerated as "Blessed," usually after evidence of heroic virtue and often one authenticated miracle. It is the final major step before canonization (sainthood).

On **Thursday, September 24**, at a Mass to be celebrated in St. Louis, Missouri, Bishop Fulton Sheen will be declared, "Blessed." Most Americans, whether

Catholic or not, came to know Bishop Sheen through his popular television show, *Life Is Worth Living*, in the 1950's and 60's. He was not simply another televangelist. Sheen spoke directly to the

camera, often using a blackboard, on faith, morality, psychology, culture, and current affairs. He drew from his extensive knowledge of Scripture, history, philosophy and theology. While the style and format may seem a bit dated by today's standards, the timeless content of his talks remain relevant today.

Importantly, Bishop Sheen was much more than a television personality. In addition to taping his weekly program, he was an accomplished professor of philosophy at the Catholic University of America, and a prolific author. Next week I will say something about his impact on American culture.

Whether or not you are acquainted with Archbishop Sheen, I encourage you to follow the coverage of his beatification in secular and Catholic media. One cannot help but be impressed by his life of personal piety and public accomplishment.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Under the Mediterranean Sky

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 • 5:00 PM
— LOWER CHURCH HALL —
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- Catered dinner featuring Mediterranean entrees from Greece and Italy
- Music and Cash Bar
- \$45 per person
- Advance tickets only
- Tickets will be available beginning September 26.

The Music Continues

— Come Sing With Us!

As our **Summer Flash Choir** comes to a close, we are grateful for everyone who stepped forward to sing with us and brought a little extra harmony, joy, and spirit to our summer Masses!

Some wonderful moments unfolded along the way. College students home for the summer reconnected with old choir friends—and some sang alongside younger siblings. An uncle sang with his niece. Youth Choir members were reunited with friends. We even welcomed a visitor from Virginia who sings in her parish choir back home and joined us while visiting friends in Canton.

These simple moments remind us that music brings people together, enriches our worship, and helps make our parish feel like home.



And the music doesn't end with summer! As we begin a new season, there is a place for **children, teens, and adults** in the St. Oscar Romero Music Ministry. Rehearsals begin the **third week of September**.



YOUTH CHOIR

Grades 2–6

Sings twice a month at the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass and at special liturgies, including Christmas Eve, First Communion, and Easter.

Rehearsals are Thursdays, 3:30–5:00 PM.



JUNIOR CHOIR

Grades 7–12

Sings weekly at the Sunday 12:00 PM Mass and at special liturgies, including Christmas Eve, Confirmation, and Easter.

Rehearsal time is determined by the group.



ADULT CHOIR

Sings weekly, alternating between the Sunday 10:00 AM and Saturday 4:00 PM Masses, as well as at our parish's special celebrations throughout the year.

Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:15–8:45 PM.



CANTORS INSTRUMENTALISTS

Share your gifts as a cantor or instrumentalist and help lead our community in beautiful prayer through music.



We also welcome those interested in serving as **cantors or instrumentalists** at Mass.

There is always room for another voice.

Whether you have sung for years or are simply wondering if choir might be for you, **there is always room for another voice.** Come share your gifts, meet new people, and be part of our St. Oscar Romero Music Ministry!



For more information, contact our Music Director, **Maria White**, at mwhite@cantoncatholic.org.

CORI Forms for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Annual CORI Forms for Parish Volunteers



Our parish will begin the **annual CORI process** during the month of **September**. All parish volunteers are required to complete a CORI form each fiscal year.

"CORI forms will be available in the sacristy for liturgical ministers, including
Adult Altar Servers • Sacristans • Readers • Eucharistic Ministers

Volunteers in other parish ministries will receive information about completing their annual CORI as appropriate.

Please complete your CORI form during the month of **September** and return it to the **secure envelope** provided in the sacristy for collection.

Thank you for your cooperation and, most especially, for your generous service and dedication to our parish.



Protecting God's Children

Wednesday, September 16 • 6:30 PM
 Saint John School

St. Oscar Romero Parish will offer an in-person **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children** certification training session on September 16.

This important program helps us recognize and take active steps to provide a safe environment for the children and young people in our parish and school community.

All parish volunteers are required to complete this training once as part of their service. If you have already completed the training, you do not need to take it again.

How to Register

1. Visit the **VIRTUS Online Registration** website.
2. Click "**First-Time Registrant**" on the left side of the page.
3. Select "**Begin the Registration Process.**"
4. From the drop-down menu, choose "**Boston, MA (Archdiocese).**"
5. When asked if you have previously registered with **VIRTUS**, select "**NO,**" then create your username and password.
6. Enter your contact information, select **St. Oscar Romero Parish** as your organization, and complete the required questions.
7. From the list of upcoming "**Protecting God's Children for Adults**" sessions, select the **September 16** session at **St. John the Evangelist School** in Canton and complete your registration.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for the children and families of St. Oscar Romero Parish and Saint John School.





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Together in Christ.

The Canton Catholic Women's Club invites members and guests to its Opening Breakfast on **Sunday, September 20 at 11:00 AM** at the Canton Senior Center, 500 Pleasant Street.

We are pleased to welcome Canton Selectman John McCourt as our guest speaker.

The cost is \$20 per person. Checks may be made payable to CCWC and mailed to:

Cheryl Pacella
15 Revolution Way
Canton, MA

Come reconnect with friends, enjoy breakfast together, and help us celebrate the beginning of the Canton Catholic Women's Club's 76th year!

We look forward to seeing you!

Celebrating Faith, Service and Leadership

We are proud to recognize parishioner **Michael Wilson**, who has earned the **Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem**, a special achievement for Catholic Scouts who seek to deepen their faith and discover more fully how they are called to live it in their everyday lives.

Ad Altare Dei—Latin for **"To the Altar of God"**—is a journey of faith that takes place over several months. Through prayer, reflection, discussion, and service, Scouts explore the Sacraments and consider how their relationship with Christ shapes the choices they make at home, at school, in their community, and in Scouting. The emblem recognizes not simply something learned, but a commitment to putting faith into action.

Michael has demonstrated that same spirit of service and leadership through his work toward the rank of **Eagle Scout**. For his Eagle Scout service project, Michael built the new outdoor stage and shade structure pictured here at St. John School—a project that will be enjoyed by students and the school community for years to come.

Michael's accomplishments are a wonderful reminder of what can happen when faith, character, leadership, and service come together. We congratulate Michael on earning the Ad Altare Dei emblem, thank him for his generous service to our parish school community, and pray that he will continue to use his gifts in service to God and others.

*A journey of faith. A commitment to character.
A Scout's call to serve.*



Parish Directory

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Matthew 10:8

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL For assistance, call 781-828-0090 and leave your contact information.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 12

9:00am~Charles & Frances Lenhart, Memorial

4:00pm~Mike Mezzano, Memorial

Sunday, September 13

8:00am~Special Intention

10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial

12:00pm~Deceased Members of the Sexton Family

5:00pm~John Daniels, Memorial

Monday, September 14

9:00am~Arnott West, Birthday Intention

Tuesday, September 15

9:00am~Thomas & Ann Peebles, Memorial

Wednesday, September 16

9:00am~Rev. Francis J. Hughes, SVD, Memorial

Thursday, September 17

9:00am~Ann Casey, Memorial

Friday, September 18

9:00am~Frank & Josephine Morris, Memorial

Saturday, September 19

9:00am~Ruth & Leo McNeil, Memorial

4:00pm~Helen McFadyen, Memorial

Sunday, September 20

8:00am~Mary Keohane, Memorial

10:00am~

12:00pm~Special Intention

5:00pm~

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



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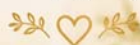


To request a Mass Intention please call 781-828-0090

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

MASS Intentions

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?



MATTHEW 18:21-35



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