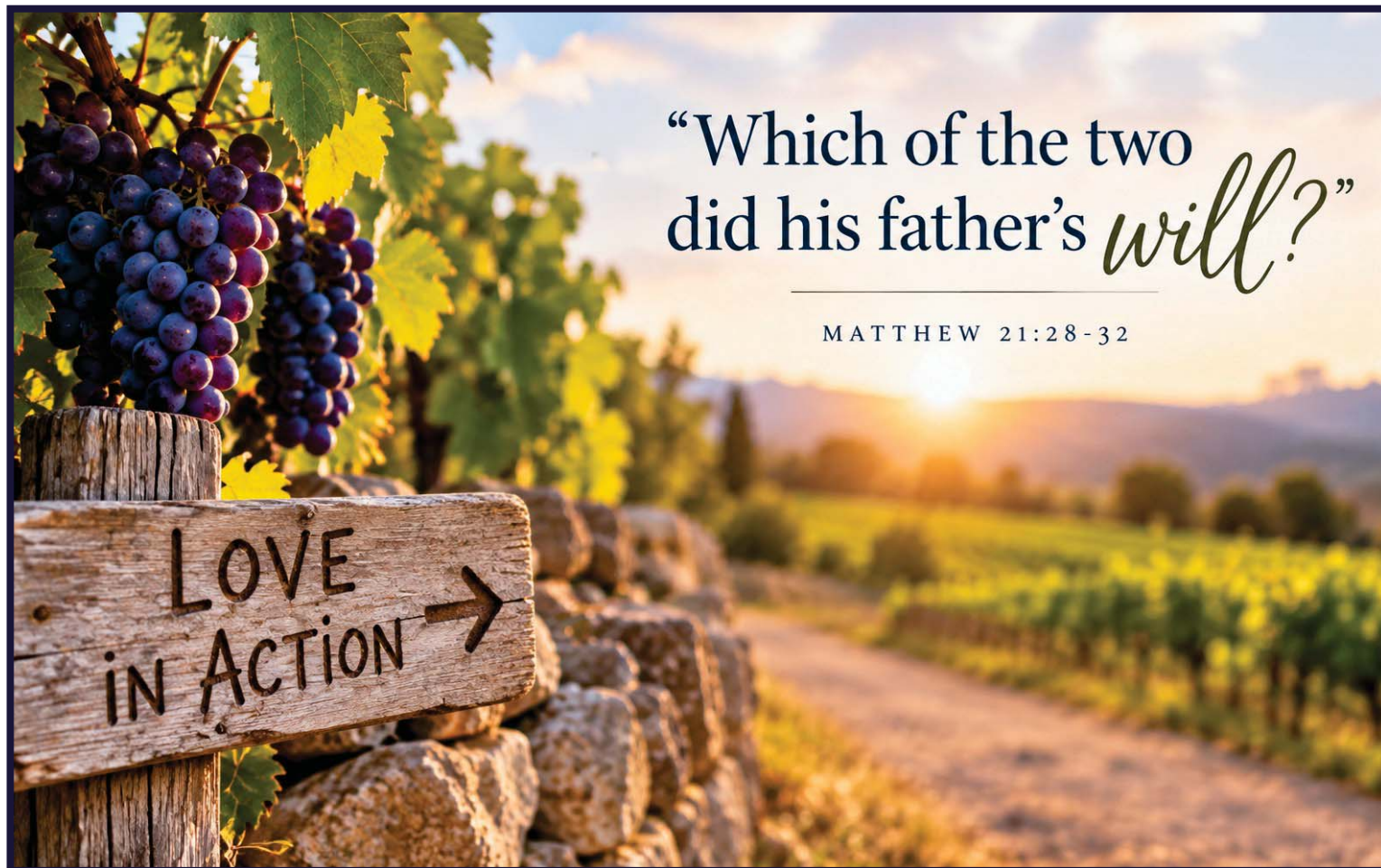




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“Which of the two
did his father’s *will?*”

MATTHEW 21:28-32

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,
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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.

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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
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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;
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Dear Friends,



Once again, I would like to use this space to commend your generosity. This summer, we hosted Father Cornelius Mukubi, SMA. At the end of his time with us, we took up a collection to help his mission in Kenya. I'm happy to report we forwarded almost \$18,000 to the African Mission Fathers. Father told me that he also received personal gifts of cash and other items from several parishioners. I wish to thank you and acknowledge your goodness of heart. In addition, Father Cornelius lauded the warm welcome and many kindnesses this community extended to him. He told Father Jeremiah and me that the St. Oscar Romero assignment is the envy of all the African Mission Fathers.

I might point out that your generosity was on display early this summer as our parish collected \$4,502 for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) efforts after the Venezuela earthquake.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered next Saturday, October 3, by our South Region Episcopal Vicar, Father Robert Connors. The candidates participated in a day of recollection on Saturday, September 26, as part of their preparation. Let us pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit help these young men as they grow into young adulthood.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Special Message from Archbishop Henning

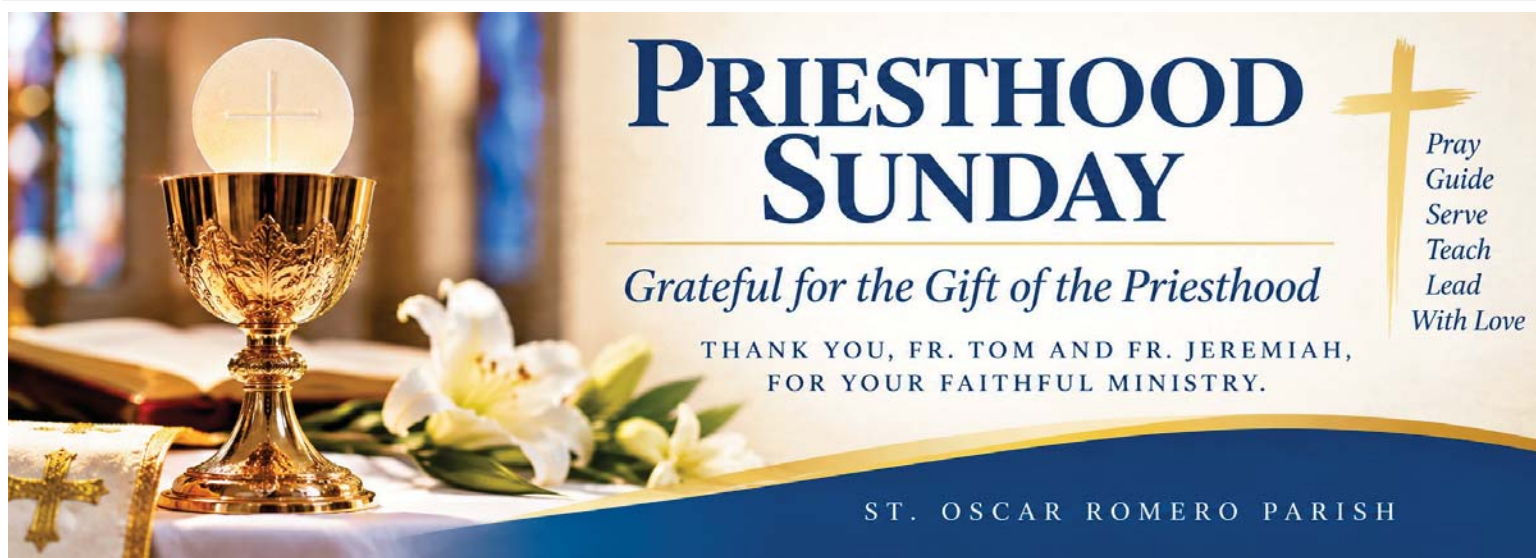
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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Archbishop Henning, Bishop McManus, Bishop da Cunha, and Bishop Byrne have sent a Message this weekend to the Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of Massachusetts regarding the **"Prioritizing Patient Access to Care Act,"** a new Massachusetts law which permits abortion throughout pregnancy for any reason. Please use the QR code to read this Message, which invites each of us to take concrete actions during Respect Life Month to renew our reverence for life and to witness to the beauty and sanctity of this foundational gift of the Lord.



Celebrating Priesthood Sunday

This weekend, as we celebrate **Priesthood Sunday**, we give thanks to God for the gift of the priesthood and especially for the priests who serve our St. Oscar Romero Parish family.

We are grateful for **Fr. Tom Rafferty, our Pastor, and Fr. Jeremiah Li, our Parochial Vicar**, for answering God's call to the priesthood and for the many ways they serve our parish each day.

Through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments, their preaching and prayer, and their presence during both the joyful and difficult moments of life, they help lead us closer to Christ and strengthen us as a parish community.

Fr. Tom and Fr. Jeremiah, thank you for your faithful ministry, your generous service, and for walking with us on our journey of faith.

May God continue to bless you, strengthen you in your vocation, and fill your ministry with joy.

Please join us in praying for Fr. Tom and Fr. Jeremiah—and for all priests—on Priesthood Sunday.

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Canton Catholic Women's Club Begins a New Year!

The Canton Catholic Women's Club opened its 2026–2027 club year on Sunday, September 20, with its annual Communion Breakfast at the Canton Senior Center.

Following a blessing by Fr. Tom Rafferty, members enjoyed breakfast together and welcomed Selectman John McCourt as the morning's guest speaker. John shared stories from his many years of involvement in the Town of Canton, offering interesting reflections, local insights, and plenty of humor along the way. It was a wonderful way to begin another year for the club!

Join Us in October!

The club's next gathering will be held on **Wednesday, October 21**, following the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church, with Fr. Jeremiah Li as our guest speaker.

All are welcome! Come enjoy the morning, hear from Fr. Jeremiah, meet other women from our parish and community, and learn more about the Canton Catholic Women's Club. We hope you'll join us!



JOHN MCCOURT
& JOSEPH STAITI



Please Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates



This weekend, our Confirmation candidates participated in a special retreat day, taking time away from their usual routines to pray, reflect, and prepare their hearts to receive the Holy Spirit. The day concluded with the candidates and their families joining our parish community for the 4:00 PM Mass.

On **Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 AM**, they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We invite our entire parish community to keep these young people in prayer as they take this important step in their journey of faith. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide them and fill their hearts with the courage and joy to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, and bless our Confirmation candidates!

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Thank you to everyone who has considered our invitation to serve as a catechist this year. As we prepare for the start of Faith Formation, we still have a few opportunities for caring adults to share their faith with the children and young people of our parish.

No teaching experience is necessary. Lessons and materials are provided, along with the support of our Faith Formation team. Most important is a willingness to share your faith and accompany our young people as they grow closer to Christ.

Please prayerfully consider whether this might be your “yes” this year.

Interested or have questions? Contact Nancy or Erin at ncunniff@cantoncatholic.org or Erin@cantoncatholic.org.

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who watch over us, guide us toward what is good, and help lead us closer to Christ. May this day remind us that we never walk alone and encourage us to entrust ourselves and those we love to God's constant care.

**Holy Guardian Angels, watch over us
and pray for us.**

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Matthew 10:8



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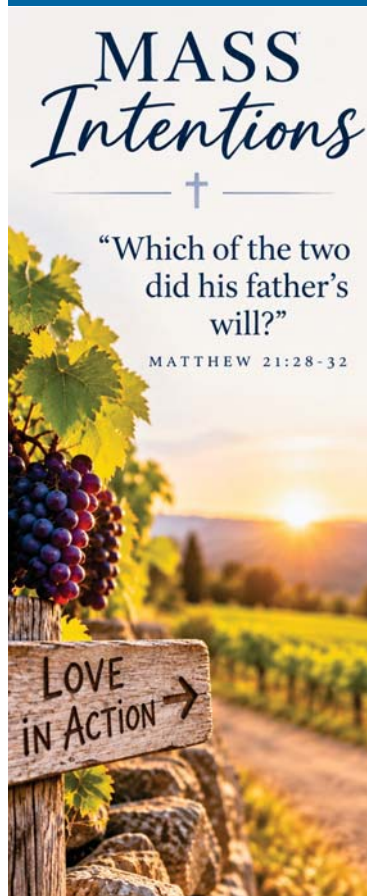
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Mass Intentions for the Week



MASS Intentions



"Which of the two did his father's will?"

MATTHEW 21:28-32

Saturday, September 26

9:00am~Marion & Mary Killen, Memorial
4:00pm~Deceased Members of the Duganiero Family

Sunday, September 27

8:00am~Dr. Bill & Susan Sullivan, Memorial
10:00am~Mary Clifford, Memorial
12:00pm~Eric William Cherry, Memorial
5:00pm~

Monday, September 28

9:00am~Elaine Gilmore & Family, Special Intention

Tuesday, September 29

9:00am~Antionette Ferragamo, Memorial

Wednesday, September 30

9:00am~Lewis & Maria Boteltio, Healing Intention

Thursday, October 1

9:00am~

Friday, October 2

9:00am~St. John School Families

Saturday, October 3

9:00am~Maureen Weinberg, Memorial
4:00pm~

Sunday, October 4

8:00am~
10:00am~Don Novak, Memorial
12:00pm~Kathleen Theresa Flynn, Memorial
5:00pm~Louis, Jr., David & Louis Marotta, Memorial

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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