



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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Pray in everything

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

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.



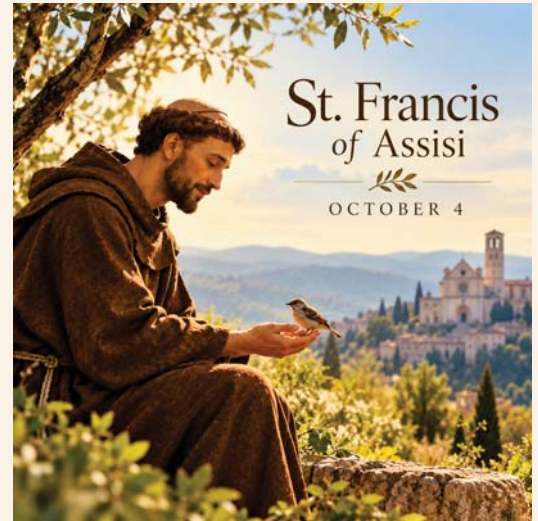
*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, **October 3**, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to 51 young men and women by our South Region Episcopal Vicar, Father Robert Connors. May the graces of the Holy Spirit encourage them to boldly affirm their discipleship with Christ in the years ahead.

On **October 4**, were it not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Although his feast gets “bumped” this year, let us still celebrate his extraordinary life of pure love and holiness.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



Welcome Back, Faith Formation Families!

As we begin a new year of Faith Formation, we are delighted to welcome our children and families back to St. Oscar Romero Parish!



Faith Formation is a journey that unfolds over time. **Each year builds upon the one before it**, helping our children grow in their understanding of our Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with Jesus, and become more fully part of the life of the Church. From the earliest grades through preparation for Confirmation, every year is an important step along the way.

Of course, faith grows not only in the classroom, but at home and around the altar. We look forward to praying together at Mass, celebrating the seasons of the Church, serving others, and creating opportunities for our families to grow in faith together throughout the year.

As we begin our year together, we ask God's blessing upon our students, families, and catechists for the year ahead. Whether your family is returning or joining Faith Formation for the first time, **we are so glad you are here.**

Welcome back—and may God bless the year ahead!

CANTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
presents

"Blessed Are You Among Women"

An inspiring reflection on holy women of the Bible and in the world.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS

LOWER CHURCH HALL

FR. JEREMIAH LI
GUEST SPEAKER

Coffee and dessert will be served!

The **Canton Catholic Women's Club** warmly invites you to join us for a special morning of faith, reflection, and conversation with our new Parochial Vicar, **Fr. Jeremiah Li**.

Fr. Jeremiah will present **"Blessed Are You Among Women,"** an inspiring reflection on the holy women of the Bible and the women of faith whose lives continue to inspire us today.

Join us on **Wednesday, October 21, following the 9:00 AM Mass in the Lower Church Hall.** Coffee and dessert will be served, and all are welcome!

Come enjoy a meaningful morning together—we would love to have you join us.

Bearing Fruit for God



In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that everything we have—our gifts, our time, our relationships, and our faith—is ultimately entrusted to us by God. Like the vineyard in the parable, our lives are meant to **bear good fruit**.

That fruit can be found in simple, everyday choices: offering kindness, forgiving someone, serving a neighbor, making time for prayer, or sharing our faith with our children. God does not ask us to do extraordinary things every day. He asks us to be faithful with what He has placed in our care.

This week, consider: What has God entrusted to me, and how can I use it to bear good fruit for others?

Matthew 21:33-43



Join us for an enchanting evening **Under the Mediterranean Sky!** Enjoy delicious food inspired by Greece and Italy, music, and a wonderful evening with friends from our parish community.

Tickets are on sale this weekend—gather some friends and join us!

Tickets will be available after most weekend Masses through **October 11**, and in the **Parish Office Tuesday through Thursday**, beginning September 29.

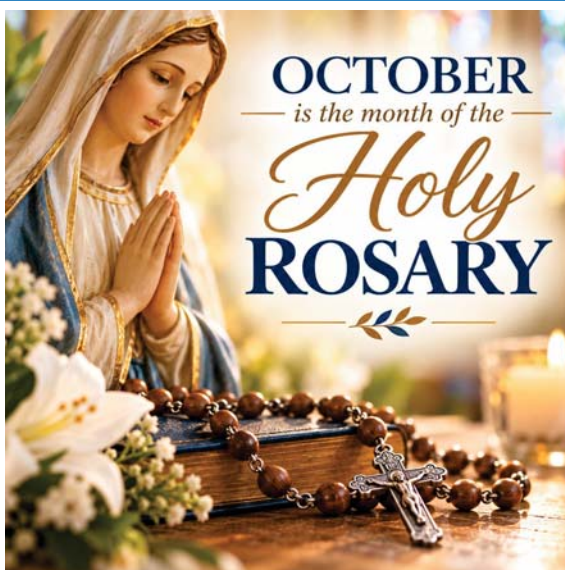
Questions? Call 781-828-0090, ext. 311.



The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses the weekend of **October 10–11**.

This longtime tradition raises funds to assist people in our community living with physical disabilities, including those affected by strokes, spinal cord injuries, and neurological conditions that limit mobility.

Please stop by after Mass, enjoy a Tootsie Roll, and consider supporting this meaningful effort. Your generosity helps our Knights make a difference right here in our community.



October — Month of the Holy Rosary

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of **October** to the **Holy Rosary**, inviting us to draw closer to Jesus through the prayers and example of his Blessed Mother.

Whether prayed quietly on our own or together as a family, the Rosary offers us a beautiful way to bring our joys, worries, and intentions to God in prayer.

This October, consider making the Rosary part of your day—even a decade at a time—and entrust your family and our parish community to Mary's loving intercession.

Special Message from Archbishop Henning

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Scan the QR code to read the full Message and learn how you can take action during Respect Life Month.

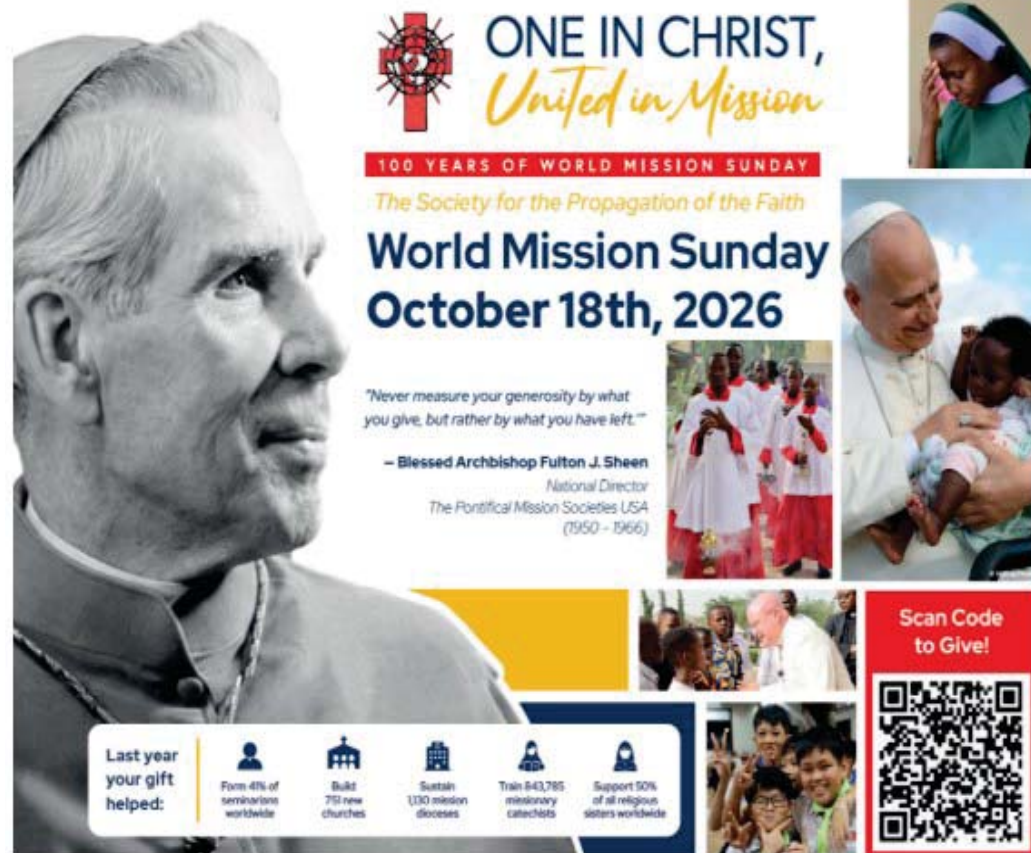


RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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.

World Mission Month Begins

October is **World Mission Month**, a time for Catholics throughout the world to renew our baptismal call to share the love of Christ with others.



ONE IN CHRIST, United in Mission

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

World Mission Sunday
October 18th, 2026

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This year’s theme, “**One in Christ, United in Mission**,” reminds us that we are united as one Church and share in Christ’s mission—both across the world and right here at home.

Here at St. Oscar Romero Parish, we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, October 18.**

As we prepare to celebrate **World Mission Sunday on October 18**, let us pray for missionaries who bring the Gospel to communities throughout the world, often amid great challenges. May the Holy Spirit renew in each of us a missionary heart and help us share Christ’s love wherever we are.

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"Freely you have received; freely give."

Matthew 10:8



ParishSOFT

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

8:00am~People of the Parish
10:00am~Don Novak, Memorial
12:00pm~Kathleen Theresa Flynn, Memorial
5:00pm~Ellen Reilly, Month's Mind

Monday, October 5

9:00am~Louis, Jr., David & Louis Marotta, Memorial

Tuesday, October 6

9:00am~Baby Stuart, Memorial

Wednesday, October 7

9:00am~Anne Raftery, Memorial

Thursday, October 8

9:00am~Jack Cash, Memorial

Friday, October 9

9:00am~Virginia Hagerty, Memorial

Saturday, October 10

9:00am~George Hannon, Memorial
4:00pm~Ida Hanlon, Memorial

Sunday, October 11

8:00am~People of the Parish
10:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial
12:00pm~Michael Gunning and John Gunning, Sr., Memorials
5:00pm~Baby Seamus, Paul, Philomena & Anthony Donohoe, Bridget Nally, Memorial

Remember in Your Prayers

Theresa Brown
Maria Benedetti

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