



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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MATTHEW 16:13 - 20

YOU ARE
Peter,
AND UPON THIS
— ROCK —

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,
AND THE GATES OF THE
NETHERWORLD SHALL NOT
PREVAIL AGAINST IT.



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,

At this time of year, there is one expression that



makes me shudder: *"Summer is almost over."* Please, no! Let's enjoy the relaxed pace, the nice weather, and our best-in-the-world local tomatoes for as long as we can.

This **Friday, August**

28, we celebrate the feast of St. Augustine.

Augustine, who served as bishop of Hippo (354–430), is one of the most influential figures in the history of Christianity. Augustine taught that we

cannot save ourselves. Human beings possess free will, but sin has wounded our ability to choose the good. We need God's grace not merely at the end of the process but from the very beginning. You may be familiar with his verse, *"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."*

Our Holy Father, Leo XIV, is a member of the Augustinian Order and has made it clear how much Augustine's theology influences his ministry and thinking. There is much to discover in exploring Augustine's life, conversion (his mother, St. Monica, prayed he would embrace the Gospel), and writings.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

Our Faith Reaching Across the World

Last weekend, Fr. Cornelius shared with us the story of his missionary ministry in Africa and the communities he has been blessed to serve.

The photographs displayed at the entrances of the church offer a beautiful reminder of what our generosity can make possible. In 2017, the generosity of St. Oscar Romero parishioners helped build a new church for a faith community in Zambia. Today, Fr. Cornelius continues his missionary work in Kenya, where a new outstation church and Marian grotto are being built.

A special collection to support Fr. Cornelius and his missionary work will be taken at all Masses this weekend. Collection envelopes are available in the church.

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

May our gifts, offered together, continue to help build places where communities can gather, worship, and grow in faith.



St. Monica Outstation Church

BEREAVEMENT *Ministry*

*You don't have to walk
the journey of grief alone.*



FALL SESSION BEGINS
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16



10:00–11:00 A.M.
EIGHT WEDNESDAYS



A CARING PLACE FOR
**COMFORT, SUPPORT
& HOPE**



TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE:

Barbara • 781-828-0090 ext. 311 • bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org

The Saint Oscar Romero Parish Bereavement Ministry offers **comfort, compassion, and support** to those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group welcomes anyone seeking support along the grief journey, whether the loss is recent or occurred some time ago.

Our fall session begins **Wednesday, September 16**, and meets for **eight consecutive Wednesdays** from **10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Upper Church**. The ministry is led by Deacon Dan Nelson, a certified grief counselor, with assistance from Joe Roman and members of our Bereavement Ministry.

To register for the September session or for more information, please contact Barbara at 781-828-0090 ext. 311 or bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org.

Please consider sharing this invitation with someone who may be grieving and could benefit from the support of our parish community.

A MOMENT OF PRAYER

*Lord, be near to those who are hurting,
comfort those who are grieving,
strengthen those who feel weary,
and help each of us to be:
a sign of Your love to someone today.*

Amen.



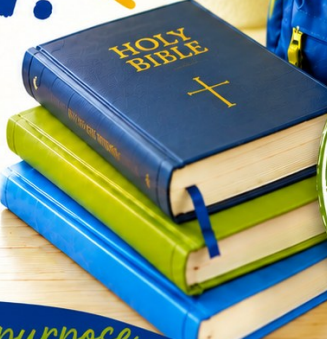
**FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!**

 **KNOW**
Jesus

 **CELEBRATE**
the Sacraments

 **GROW**
in Faith

 **BELONG**
in Community







2026-2027
FAITH
FORMATION
YEAR

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

Faith Formation Registration Is Now Open!

Registration for the **2026–2027 Faith Formation year** is now open for children in **Grades 1–8!**

Faith Formation is a journey of growing in friendship with Jesus—from the early years through sacramental preparation and beyond. **Every year matters. Every year has a purpose.**

We are grateful to walk alongside parents and families as together we help our children grow in faith.

Important Confirmation Update: Beginning this year, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Grade 8. Preparation is a two-year process beginning in Grade 7, so students should be enrolled in both Grade 7 and Grade 8 Faith Formation.

Register today: [Faith Formation 2026-2027](#)

**Scan to
Register?**



Who Do You Say That I Am?

Jesus' question to Peter is also a question for each of us. It invites us to look beyond what we know about Jesus and consider the place He truly holds in our lives.

Do I turn to Him in prayer? Trust Him when life is uncertain? Allow His words to shape the way I treat others, make decisions, forgive, and love?

Who is Jesus in my life—not simply in what I believe, but in the way I live?

Perhaps this week, take a quiet moment to hear Jesus ask you personally: "Who do you say that I am?"



This summer, young people from our parish traveled on Outreach trips to serve communities in need. Over these weeks, we are sharing 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.

“I saw God in many ways during my week in Kentucky. Before

this trip my relationship with God was falling off track, but now I feel like our relationship is stronger than ever.

I first saw God through the love of the Clark family, which is the family we spent the most time helping. Their grandparents made sacrifices so that each of the kids could have their own room. They shared a small couch to sleep on themselves. This shows a true sacrifice—a sacrifice that isn’t for personal benefit, but solely for love.

I also saw God through hope and trust. The people we helped in Olive Hill and Grayson hope that people will save their homes, and they trust a bunch of high school and college kids to help repair their homes and improve their lives.

I also saw hope and trust within our group—hoping that we could help these people and trusting each other to do so. Overall, I saw God in many ways through love, hope, and trust within the people of Olive Hill and Grayson, within us, and within our Outreach program.”

— Sean Sullivan

“A Question for Us”

OUTREACH DOESN’T END WITH A TRIP

These young people discovered God in service, in the people they met, and
in one another.

Where might God be inviting you to serve, listen, or reach out
to someone this week?

Faith grows when it is lived.



Parish Directory

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"Freely you have received; freely give."

Matthew 10:8

NEW QR CODE

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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~John Connolly – Memorial
12:00pm~John McCarthy, Sr., John McCarthy, Jr. & Billy Cravens, Memorial
5:00pm~Ivy Plummer, Memorial

Monday, August 24

9:00am~Rene Kadi, Birthday Thanksgiving

Tuesday, August 25

9:00am~Bruckner & Jeannine Vourjolly, Memorial

Wednesday, August 26

9:00am~Pat DeLello, Birthday Memorial

Thursday, August 27

9:00am~Agnes & Teddy Mikulewicz, Memorial

Friday, August 28

9:00am~Stephen & Rose Clark, Memorial

Saturday, August 29

9:00am~ Ancion, Gaston, Andre and Decema Families Memorial
4:00pm~Perry, Denis & David Fagerberg, Memorial

Sunday, August 30

8:00am~
10:00am~Jack Murphy, Living Intention
12:00pm~James R. McKenna, Memorial
5:00pm~

Remember in Your Prayers



Jackie Hansen

Please pray for all who have entered eternal life.

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