



St. Oscar Romero Parish

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WHOEVER WISHES TO
save his life
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WILL
LOSE IT,
BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE
FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND IT.

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MATTHEW 16:21-27

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
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IN ORDINARY TIME
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AUGUST 30, 2026



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 den785@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,

Last Wednesday night we hosted a lively and enjoyable Mass and reception for the Boston area friends and supporters of the African Mission Fathers. It included the SMA priests who spent the summer in our archdiocese (including Father Cornelius) and some colleagues, the pastors of the host parishes, and parishioners who befriended the SMA Fathers. Auxiliary Bishop Cristiano Barbosa was the main celebrant and the rest of us concelebrated. Our Music Director, Maria Rivera White, and choir deserve special thanks since they organized a program on short notice after the scheduled musicians canceled. The Church in Boston is blessed to include such a rich diversity of languages and cultures.

Thank you to all who extended warmth and generosity to Father Cornelius during his summer visit. I remain impressed by his devotion to his missionary vocation. When people ask him if he would like to stay a bit longer, he replies, "I must get back to my mission. I have work to do." May Jesus, in whose priesthood we are honored to share, continue to bless him with energy and good health.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



Hello, parishioners!

I am very grateful to the priests, deacon, staff, and all the parishioners of St. Oscar Romero Parish for the generosity and hospitality you have extended to me during the summer.

I will leave on August 31, 2026, to return to Kenya. As an "adopted" son of the pastor—and, by extension, of the parish—I look forward to visiting you again.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome. May God bless you all!

Fr. Cornelius Mukubi, SMA



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**

If you are grieving the loss of someone you love—whether
recently or some time ago—our parish Bereavement Ministry
offers a caring place for support, prayer, and hope.

**FALL SESSION BEGINS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

Wednesdays • 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Eight consecutive weeks

Upper Church

Led by Deacon Dan Nelson,
a certified grief counselor,
with members of our Bereavement Ministry.

*There is comfort in
knowing you do not walk alone.*



TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA
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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.

“In the simplest way, Philly was a life-changing trip. At the beginning of the week I was skeptical—skeptical about the area we were living in and the people we would be serving.

I saw God consistently in the staff of the St. Francis Inn. They showed up each day with a smile on their face and a love for what they do. Through their example, I learned to slow down during meal times and ask more questions of the guests. During those simple conversations—about which sports team they prefer or what book they are reading—I saw God show up every day.

The guests are just like me. They have good days, bad days, and all of the other moments in be-

tween. One of our advisors told us, “You never know someone else’s story.” I kept that in the back of my mind throughout the rest of the week.

Some people show up at 4:30 in the afternoon and that is the first time they’ve spoken all day. You never know what someone is going through unless you start the conversation. Every person has a story that deserves to be heard.

If you take anything from this, it’s that one smile or one conversation can impact others in a way that you’ve never considered possible.”

— Cameron Mullin



Cameron Mullin (center) serving at St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia during this summer’s Outreach trip.



OUTREACH BEGINS WITH AN ENCOUNTER

“You never know someone else’s story.”

Cameron’s experience reminds us that service often begins with something very simple: noticing another person. A smile, a conversation, taking the time to listen—small gestures can remind someone that they are seen, valued and loved.



This week: Who might God be inviting you to slow down and truly notice?



CANTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Opening BREAKFAST

Faith • Friendship • Service

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

11:00 AM

CANTON SENIOR CENTER
500 PLEASANT STREET

GUEST SPEAKER
Selectman
JOHN McCOURT

CELEBRATING OUR
76th
YEAR!

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!

Welcome to God's Family



Clara Marcella Langille and her family!



FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

KNOW Jesus **CELEBRATE the Sacraments** **GROW in Faith** **BELONG in Community**

GRADES 1-8 | 2026-2027

Every year is part of the *journey*.

Every year has a *purpose*.

REGISTER TODAY!

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Parish Directory

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strengthens our
parish family and we
are grateful for your
support. Scan the QR
code to give today.

"Freely you have
received; freely give."

Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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~

Monday, August 31

9:00am~ Kenneth Augier, Memorial

Tuesday, September 1

9:00am~ Susan Clark, Memorial

Wednesday, September 2

9:00am~ Catherine West,
Birthday Intention

Thursday, September 3

9:00am~ Amerigo DiNicola, Memorial

Friday, September 4

9:00am~ Kenneth & Mildred Gilchrist,
Memorial

Saturday, September 5

9:00am~ Peter J. Brennan, Jr. Memorial

4:00pm~ Kearns & Cullinane Families,
Memorial

Sunday, September 6

8:00am~ Tom & Gladys Callaghan,
Memorial

10:00am~ Murphy Family, Memorial

12:00pm~ Tim Ronayne, Memorial

5:00pm~

Remember in Your Prayers

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



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