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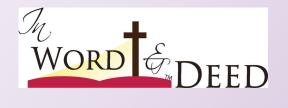


1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

God said: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Genesis 9:12-13





Fresh starts and new agreements generate excitement and hope. With renewed energy and an optimistic outlook, people begin new jobs, countries work toward peace, teams rebuild their season, and broken promises are restored. Setting aside past mistakes and starting again can be our best hope for restoration, reconciliation and progress.

God's covenants with His People are fresh starts and new beginnings. Noah, Abraham, and Moses entered into new covenants with God and the people were given a new sense of purpose, of life and of faith. They were renewed by the mercy and love of God and accomplished great things. The terms of the covenant spelled out God's Will and the people's faith was renewed and restored.

Lent is our time of renewal and restoration. We are given a fresh start through penance—both sacramental and personal. This is our opportunity to take a spiritual inventory, to set a new course, and to grow in faith, in grace and in holiness. In Baptism, we begin a journey of faith, to love with His heart, to think with His mind, to act with His Will. To be a follower of Christ is to live a life of conversion and penance, seeking union with God and the community of the Church. Our daily conversion of mind, body and soul takes us closer to Jesus and the sacrifice of the cross. This Lent, make each day count. Do just one thing, one simple act that will make you stop, think and choose the Lord. Renew your own agreement with the Lord.

~James Gaffney, 🕝 2009 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing



There shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:11.13



For a full list of all our parish Lenten activities, please pick up a flyer at the entrance to church, or visit our website at www.cantoncatholic.org and click on "News/Events".





Ash Wednesday Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence Every Friday

during Lent

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically** or **mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant** or **nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



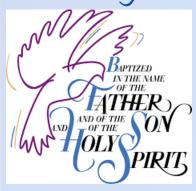


Father Bill's & MainSpring

Father Bill's in Brockton suspended volunteers serving hot meals at their homeless shelter because of COVID. They have put some of the people up in hotels and cut down on the volume of people allowed.

However, they are asking for donations of uncooked meatloaf, mashed potatoes, frozen vegetables, salad ingredients, and desserts. Any donations of food would be greatly appreciated and should be dropped off on Saturday, February 20th to St. Gerard's Church Hall kitchen from 10:00 AM- 2:15 PM. Food will be picked up from St. Gerard's and delivered to Father Bill's that afternoon, where the helpers will prepare the food and serve a hot meal to the homeless . Any questions, please call Mary Ellen at 617-921-5737. Thank you!

Congratulations



to the following who were recently baptized. May God bless them and their families always!

Thomas James Myers Amelia Rose Bydzak Timothy William Pfingston

With a spirit of love and joy, we welcome you to our **St. Oscar Romero parish family**!





- The next meeting is Thursday, February 25 at 7pm. This is an in-person meeting at St. Gerard Church (following COVID guidelines). Adults are welcome. The Kids Camp theme will be the topic of discussion. If you are interested in attending and have questions, please call 617-460-2800.
- Registration for Kids Camp will be Sunday, June 6th and Monday, June 7th. Details will be forthcoming.
- Kids Camp is set for the week of July 12th.



Are you a new Mom? If you would like to learn more about a special new Youth Ministry project, please email Barbara at bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org for details

and to provide your contact information.



If you are a Senior Citizen and would like to participate in our new Pen Pal exchange program with a member of our high school Youth Ministry, please contact Barbara at

bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org or call 781-828-0090. Whether you are experiencing a feeling of isolation or not, this is a great way to reconnect!



Our next Bereavement Prayer Service will be Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00pm

More details forthcoming.

St. Gerard Majella **†** St. John the Evangelist



As we begin the Lenten season, we are reminded of the importance of our parish communities that allow us to fully live out our faith.

The support of the ministries at the Archdiocese of Boston help our parish continue serving the faithful in this community.

Please consider making an early gift to this year's Catholic Appeal to help ensure these ministries can continue helping our parish, and all parishes, schools, and communities throughout our Archdiocese of Boston.

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or make a donation. To give now, scan the QR code above.



Offertory Update

Our finance staff is working diligently to prepare our new, unified online giving account for our new parish, which

should become available in March.

In the meantime, your current online giving accounts will still work.

- You can still send your donations utilizing your St. Gerard/St. John envelopes. (New St. Oscar Romero envelopes should be delivered for April.
 - You may now make your offertory and donation checks payable to St. Oscar Romero Parish

St. Mary's Cemetery: Cremation Burial



When considering cremation, it is important to know what your interment choices are. Hopefully, this information will help you make a meaningful decision that is right for you and your loved ones.

At Saint Mary Cemetery, we offer two choices for burial of cremations.

You may choose a traditional in-ground inter-

ment by purchasing the right to one or more lots. Each single lot at St. Mary Cemetery may house two cremation burials. Once the lot rights are purchased, subsequent burials will incur interment fees upon the grave opening.

We also offer interment niches in one of our three columbarium walls. Each niche will hold one or two cremation urns. The columbarium choice has an all-inclusive fee which is paid at the time that the purchase takes place.



Both are good options for the proper burial of a loved one's cremains. For help in reviewing these options and how they may impact your decision, please contact **Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090** or email bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org.

St. Mary Cemetery Staff is here to help facilitate your decision. If you are considering pre-need purchase it will provide peace of mind to you and your family.

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SACRAMENTS & OCCASIONS

Sacrament of Baptism

- St. Gerard: 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30am & noon.
- **St. John**: One Sunday a month at 12:00pm and 12:30pm. Please check our website or call for dates.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Gerard: Tuesdays 9:30am–10:30 am St. John: Saturdays 11:00am–12:00 pm

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made <u>six</u> months in advance. Please contact the Parish office directly.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Gerard: Tuesdays 9:30am-12:00pm

Daily Rosary

St. Gerard: Mondays & Tuesdays at 8:30am before Mass and Monday evenings at 7:30pm

St. John: Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30am before Mass

Prayer Meeting

St. Gerard: 1st & last Tuesday at 7:30pm

Men's Prayer Group

2nd Saturday 8:00-9:30am (Email jptjr2@gmail.com or tombrodnicki@comcast.net for Zoom link.)

~ Open for Prayer ~

St. Gerard: Monday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm St. John: Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm



Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

Edward Piana, Patricia Langille, Mary Rust, and Claire Botsch

May they know the peace and joy of our heavenly Kingdom, and may their souls rest in peace.



SAINT MARY CEMETERY

Randolph Street Canton, Massachusetts

For cemetery information, please contact **Barbara McKenney** at 781-828-0090 x311

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm SG	Saturday, February 20 Patrick & Ann Foley- Memorials Michael & Ann Sullivan- Memorials
4:00 pm SJ*	Margaret & John McDonald- Memorial
8:30am SJ	Sunday, February 21 Gino Federico– Memorial
10:00am SG	Christopher Wade– Memorial
10:30am SJ	Barbara Tetrault– 1st Anniversary
5:00pm SG	
9:00am SG	Monday, February 22 Frank Walsh- Memorials
9:00am SG	Tuesday, February 23 Mary McCabe– Memorial
9:00am SJ	Wednesday, February 24 Rose DiNicola– Memorial
9:00am SJ	Thursday, February 25 John Gill– Memorial
9:00am SJ	Friday, February 26 Olida Plourde– Memorial
4:00pm SG	Saturday, February 27
4:00 pm SJ*	
8:30am SJ	Sunday, February 28 Joseph Lazzaro– Memorial
10:00am SG	John & Marjorie Coynee- Memorials
10:30am SJ	Ramon Piazza- Memorial
5:00pm SG	

*View this Mass live on our Facebook page or watch the recording on our YouTube channel.

~ Intentions ~ We are now accepting Mass intentions through **May** 2021. Please call 781-828-3420 or 781-828-0090.



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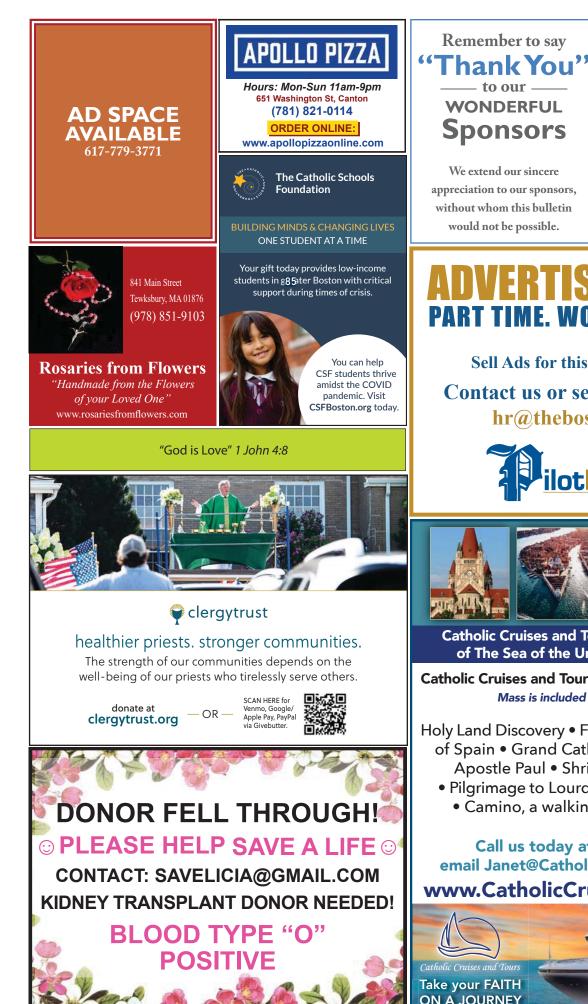


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