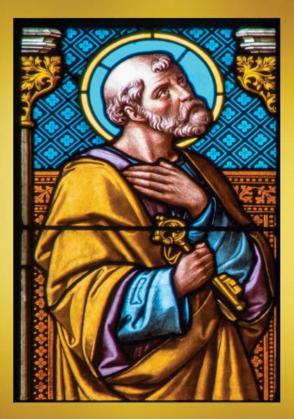
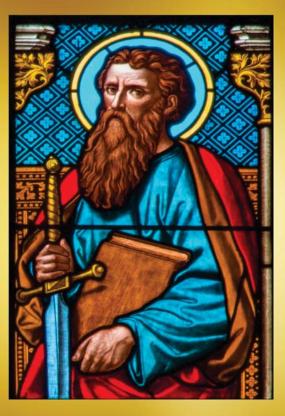
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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday, June 28th</u> 4:00pm — Georgette Abi Khalil, John Sikorski, Ann Ramsay, & Jerry Gordon

<u>Sunday, June 29th</u> 8:00am — Bettencourt Family 10:30am — Carmelia Medeiros

Monday, June 30th 8:00am — John Haggerty

<u>Tuesday, July 1st</u> 8:00pm — George E. Hickey

<u>Wednesday, July 2nd</u> 8:00am — Marc & Raimond DaSousa

<u>Thursday, July 3rd</u> 8:00am — Lucy Kurz 3rd Anniversary

<u>Friday, July 4th</u> 8:00am — Parishioners Living & Deceased

<u>Saturday, July 5th</u> 4:00pm — Jack & Laura Camara, Jose & Beatriz Pimentel

Sunday, July 6th 8:00am — Jose & Laura Moitoso, Ana & Antonio Freitas 10:30am — Jessica Faria

Sanctuary Lamp for week of June 28th



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BAPTISM

Parents who are registered and practicing members of the parish should call the rectory to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 pm. Before and after all weekend Masses. Or at any time at the Rectory.

WEDDINGS

Couples who are registered and practicing members of the parish may call the rectory eight months in advance to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish! Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible.

WOMEN OF FAITH

For more information, please contact Tara Sousa at 508-272-1173 or tarasousa@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #11914

For more information, please contact Grand Knight, Bob Crossman, at 508-823-7920.

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The group meets on the First Saturday of the month, September through June. Beginning with 9:00am Mass, followed by a meeting of fellowship and discussion. All men are welcome.

WOMEN AT THE WELL PRAYER GROUP

This group meets on the Second Saturday of the month. Beginning with the Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by a fellowship and meditation. All women are welcome.

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PRAYER and ADORATION:

MONDAY NOVENA

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena is held on Monday evenings at 7:00pm with Rosary and Benediction.

FRIDAY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the church, Friday 1:00pm to 2:00pm WEDNESDAY Divine Mercy HOLY HOUR Meets in the church, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION in CHAPEL

St Joseph's Adoration Chapel is open Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm



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FIRST READING

A Reading from The Acts of The Apostles <u>Acts 3:1-10</u>

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate"

every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple.

When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms.

But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us."

He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong.

He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God.

When all the people saw the man walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5

R.\ Their message goes out through all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day pours out the word to day; and night to night imparts knowledge.

R.\ Their message goes out through all the earth.

Not a word nor a discourse whose voice is not heard; through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. **R.\ Their message goes out through all the earth.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from The First Letter of Saint Paul to The Galatians

Galatians 1:11-20

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the Gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when God, who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the Apostles, only James the brother of the Lord. --As to what I am writing to you, behold, before God, I am not lying.

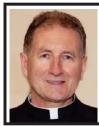
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GOSPEL

A Reading from The Gospel according to John John 21:15-19

Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and, when they had finished breakfast, said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Thanks be to God.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis Solemnity of Stains Peter and Paul Thursday, June 29, 2023

Peter and Paul: two apostles in love with the Lord, two pillars of the faith of the Church. As we reflect on their lives, today's Gospel sets before us the question that Jesus posed to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" (*Matthew 16:16*) This is the essential and most important question of all: Who is Jesus for me? Who is Jesus in my life? Let us see how the two apostles answered that question.

Peter's answer can be summed up in one word: follow. Peter knew what it was to follow the Lord. On that day in Caesarea Philippi, Peter responded to Jesus' question with a fine profession of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (*Matthew 16:16*) An impeccable, precise, exact and, we could even say, perfect "catechetical" answer. Yet that answer was itself the fruit of a journey. For only after the thrilling experience of following the Lord, walking with him and behind him for some time, did Peter arrive at the spiritual maturity that brought him, by grace, by pure grace, to so clear a profession of faith.

Peter tells us that it is not enough to respond to the question – "Who is Jesus for me" – with a faultless doctrinal formula or a set of preconceived notions. No. It is only by following the Lord that we come to know him each day, only by becoming his disciples and listening to his words that we become his friends and experience his transforming love. That word "immediately" is also meaningful for us. Many other things can be postponed in life, but not following Jesus; where he is concerned, we cannot hesitate or come up with excuses. We need to be careful, too, because some excuses are disguised as spiritual, as for example when we say, "I am not worthy," "I don't have it in me," "What can I do?" This is one of the devil's ploys: it robs us of trust in God's grace by making us think that everything depends on our own abilities.

To detach ourselves from all earthly forms of security, "immediately," and to follow Jesus anew each day: such is the charge that Peter sets before us today. He invites us to be a "Church that follows." A Church that strives to be a disciple of the Lord, a lowly servant of the Gospel. Only in this way will the Church be capable of dialoguing with everyone and becoming a place of accompaniment, closeness, and hope for the men and women of our time.

Paul tells us that our answer to the question – "Who is Jesus for me?" – is not a privatized piety that leaves us peaceful and unconcerned about bringing the Gospel to others. The Apostle teaches us that we grow in faith and in knowledge of the mystery of Christ when we preach and bear witness to him before others. This is always the case: whenever we evangelize, we are ourselves evangelized. It is an everyday experience: whenever we evangelize, we are ourselves evangelized. The word that we bring to others comes back to us, for however much we give to others, we ourselves receive much more. (Cf. Luke 6:38) This is something necessary also for the Church in our day: to put preaching at the center, to be a Church that never tires of repeating: "To me, life is Christ" and "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" A Church that needs to preach, even as we need oxygen to breathe. A Church that cannot live without sharing with others the embrace of God's love and the joy of the Gospel.

Brothers and sisters, we are celebrating Peter and Paul. They answered that essential question in life – "Who is Jesus for me?" – by following him as his disciples and by proclaiming the Gospel. It is good for us to grow as a Church in the same way, by following the Lord, constantly and humbly seeking him out. It is good for us to become a Church that is also outgoing, finding joy not in the things of the world, but in preaching the Gospel before the world and opening people's hearts to the presence of God.

Fr. Edward A. Mufly

WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of *June 21st & 22nd*

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,418.00
Church Roof Restoration	\$ 1,693.00
Candles	\$ 41.00

This week's Second Collection will be for: **Music Maintenance Fund** Next week's Second Collection will be for: **Religious Education**



PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision dear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to

understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



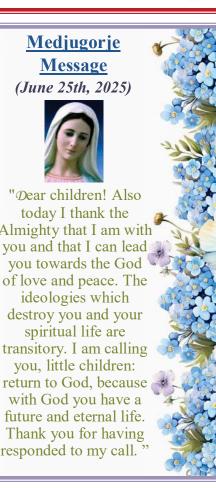
Catholic Charities Appeal

"Hope Lights the Way" The 84th Catholic Appeal is underway. Please join with your fellow parishioners in helping those in need in our communities and bring hope to those who need care and support through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates supported by the Appeal provide services such as individual and family counseling, pregnancy support, abuse prevention, refugee resettlement, and emergency, transitional, and long-term housing. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at www.GiveFRDiocese.org.



Collected as of June 22nd, 2025: \$26,198 from 109 families





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By Brooke Pina

What are some of the biggest challenges young adults are facing right now in their lives that might need to be brought to prayer?

I think the majority of young adults are worried that one wrong step will send their entire lives into chaos. Most of us haven't really found our footing as adults yet and it sort of feels like we're just floating around with no real purpose. And that can be really scary when a lot of people who are older than us expect us to have everything figured out by now. When you're a kid, it's socially acceptable to make mistakes and to not know what to do with your life, but once you get a bit older, we start to feel pressured to know exactly what we want in life and never make any mistakes. So when we *do* make mistakes, it makes it feel like our lives are ending.

If you have the time, please pray for the young adults in your life and let them know they are doing okay. Sometimes we just need to feel that security and reassurance.

Pictured: *Eloise* & parents Matthew Shea & Amy DaGraca





Baptisms

Last Sunday, June 22nd, *Eloise Kathleen Shea*, *Tobias Francis Silveira*, *Zander Michael Braga*, and *Ryder James Donoghue* were baptized after the 10:30am Mass. Congratulations to these families!

Pictured: *Ryder* & parents Robert & Samatha Donoghue



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Corpus Christi Procession

This past weekend, June 21st, St. Andrew's Parish held a procession to the Eagles Club and back, in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Thank you to everyone who participated in this procession.







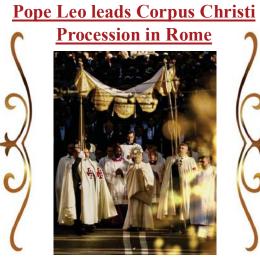


Permanent Diaconate of the Diocese of Fall River



Joseph Michael Sollecito who is currently studying for the Fall River Permanent Diaconate, was installed to the Order of Lector by Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. Bishop of Fall River, Tuesday evening, June 24, 2025. The Ministry of Reader is the first of two ministries which candidates must

receive and exercise as part of their preparation for ordination as permanent deacon. This is the eleventh class for the Permanent Diaconate of the Diocese of Fall River and they have been in the formation program for three years. They will continue two more years of academic and pastoral formation before ordination as deacons.



Pope Leo XIV celebrated Mass for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on June 22 at Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran. At the conclusion of the liturgy, he led a

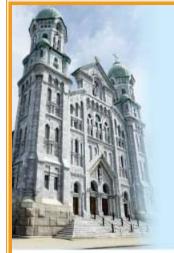
Eucharistic procession along the Via Merulana to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, drawing thousands of faithful who lined the streets in prayer and adoration. Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

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Join us from July 15-17, 2025, for our Oasis Retreat - a three-day getaway designed to help you silence life's noise and reclaim inner peace. In a serene environment, you will have the space to pray, reflect, and rest at your own pace. By the end of the retreat, you will return home feeling refreshed, spiritually enriched, and better equipped to handle life's challenges. This is the perfect opportunity to prioritize self-care and deepen your spiritual growth. Don't miss out on this chance to nurture your soul and find tranquility amidst the chaos.



153rd Annual Solemn Novena in honor of Good St. Anne July 18-25, 2025

Theme: St. Anne as the protector of family life.

PREACHERS: Fr. Edward A. Murphy (July 18 Healing Mass) Fransciscan Friars of the Immaculate (July 19-25)

Daily Confessions at 6:00 pm • Holy Mass at 6:30 pm Novena Devotions with talk following Mass

SOLEMN FEAST OF SAINT ANNE Saturday, July 26, 2025

Shrine Open for Private Devotions: 10:00AM Solemn Ninth Day of Novena Devotions 6:00PM Confession Available 6:00PM-6:30PM Solemn Mass of the Feast: 6:30PM Procession of St. Anne and Relics: Following Mass

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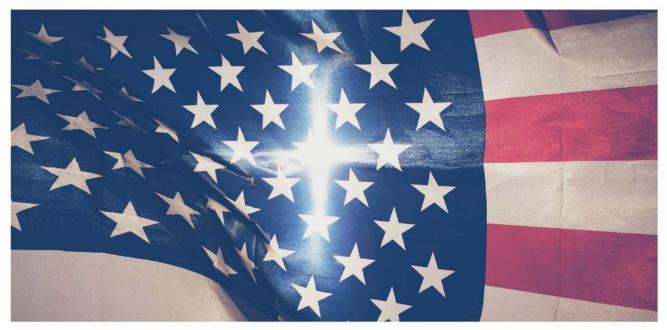
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Our Dual Role as Disciples and Americans: The Call to Participate



As disciples of Christ, and as Americans, the call to participate in public life is an important way of assisting God's work to transform the world around us.

Pope Francis reminds us:

An authentic faith...always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, it hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed "the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics," the Church, "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice" (*Joy of the Gospel*, no. 183).

In their statement on political responsibility, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops point to Pope Francis's words to remind us that working to transform the world around us is part of "our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do" (no. 13).

An important way to do this is through our participation in the public square. The bishops give a number of examples of how we can participate:

- "running for office,"
- "working within political parties,"
- "communicating [our] concerns and positions to elected officials,"
- "joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks [and] state Catholic conference initiatives,"
- "joining...community organizations," and
- "other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square" (no. 16).

This Fourth of July, let's celebrate our dual rolesas disciples of Christ, and as Americans. Then let's work to change the world.



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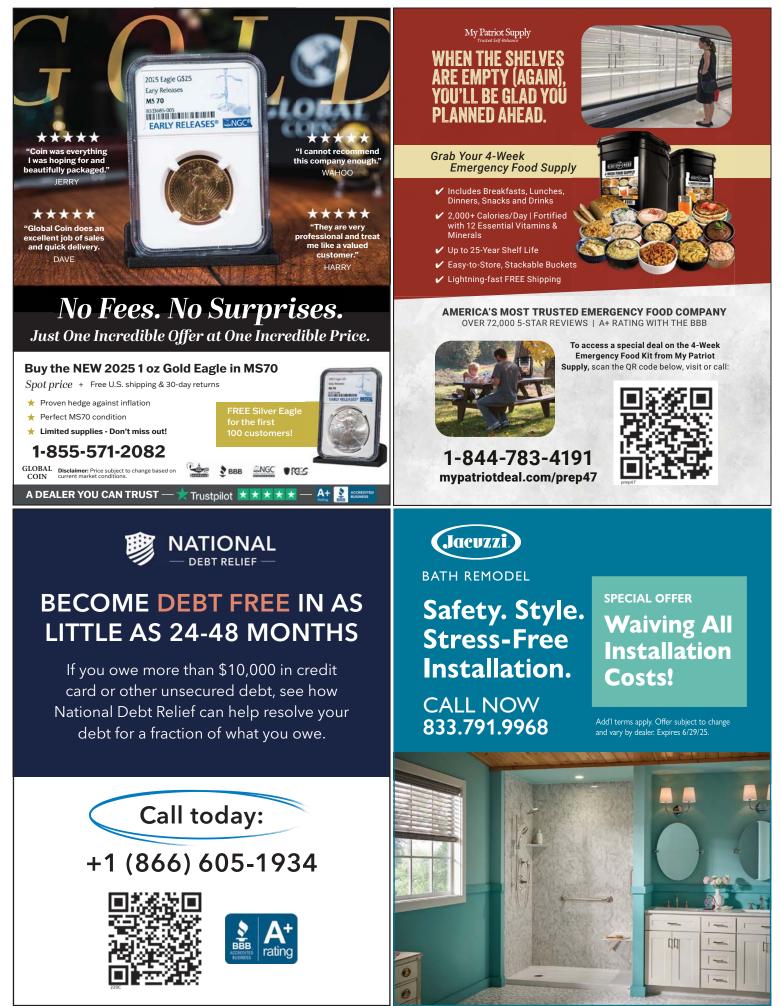
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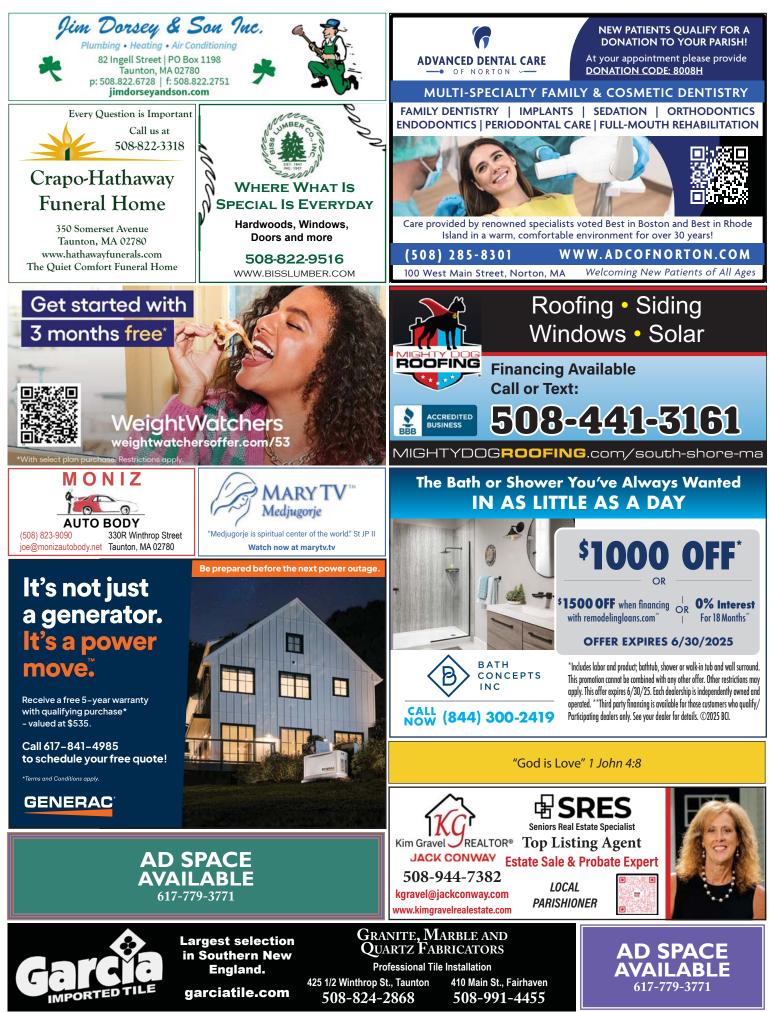
Feast Day: June 29th



The apostles share a feast as founders of the church in Rome. Peter, a Galilean fisherman chosen by Christ as one of the Twelve Apostles, became the undisputed leader of the fledgling church after Pentecost. Paul, a Pharisee and Roman citizen who had persecuted Christians, became the church's biggest missionary after his conversion. By tradition both were martyred in Rome. Their adventures are recounted in the Acts of the Apostles, and letters from them are included in the New Testament.



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