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July 13th, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday, July 12th</u> 4:00pm — Mario Moitoso, Teresa Enos

Sunday, July 13th

8:00am — Angelo, Angelina, and Jose Chaves 10:30am — David Pelletier, Roland & Marjorie Pelletier

Monday, July 14th 8:00am — Fr. Robert Powell

<u>Tuesday, July 15th</u> 8:00pm — O'Dea & Dinneen Families

<u>Wednesday, July 16th</u> 8:00am — Jaime F. Almeida & Maria E.

Almeida

<u>Thursday, July 17th</u> 8:00am — Gordon Blevins

<u>Friday, July 18th</u> 8:00am — Constance Annunziato

<u>Saturday, July 19th</u> 4:00pm — Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Menard 57th Anniversary

Sunday, July 20th 8:00am — Oscar R. Juarez 1st Anniversary 10:30am — David Narciso

Sanctuary Lamp for week of July 12th



Alice Bosquin

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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 book of the Deuteronomy <u>Deuteronomy 30:10-14</u>

Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

Thanks be to God.

<u>Responsorial Psalm</u> <u>Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37</u>

R.\ Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness:

in your great mercy turn toward me. **R.\ Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.\ Turn to the Lord in your need, and you** will live.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor,

and his own who are in bonds he spurns not." **R**.\ **Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

For God will save Zion

and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The descendants of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall inhabit it. **R.**\ **Turn to the Lord in your need, and you**

will live.

SECOND READING

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

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Thanks be to God. GOSPEL

A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke Luke 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Thanks be to God.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Luke

Jerusalem got cold in winter. Its well-off citizens had winter homes in Jericho, a city close to the Dead Sea which is the lowest point on the surface of the earth and where the temperature is always balmy or even hot. Any well-heeled commuter, travelling alone between the two cities, would provide rich pickings for ambushers. The Temple priests and Levites were better off than many. Some would traverse this route from their winter homes to render service in the Temple. They too could be in peril if a fake casualty lured them to halt.

More than the fear of ambush would be their dread of defilement. To touch a dead body would make ritually unclean and barred from Temple service. Their privileged role would be set at naught. It would be best to give a casualty – whether dead or alive – a wide berth.

Into this scene, on a donkey-back, rides a Samaritan. A member of a race despised by the Jews, he can still service the needs of the moneyed classes in Jericho. Now he over-rides their ritual rules, and breaks through his own people's hostility towards Jews. He gives the battered man first aid, places him astride his donkey, escorts him to shelter at an inn and foots the bill for his recuperation. In this one act, this man of heart and courage contours two codes of culture that choke charity.

Is this story just a beautiful flight of imaginative fancy on the part of Jesus? Or is he sharing a personal account told to him by a man whom a Samaritan transformed from victim to survivor? We cannot be sure. But an accomplished teacher such as Jesus knows the value of storing away an incident heard at first hand and its power when it's relayed at the right moment. Shortly before this, the apostles were rejected in Samaria because they were 'heading for Jerusalem.' Now Jesus confronts his audience with a Samaritan whose goodness grows to greatness. And to us: 'Do the same.'

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

1) Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and love of neighbor. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced love given and received as a source of life and vitality?

2) With media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. The parable challenges us about how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. We may sometimes try to avoid getting involved. Recall when you overcame this reaction and reached out to help. What did that do for you, and for the other person?

3) In The Joy of the Gospel Pope Francis comments that it is a temptation for some religious people to claim they are too busy to get involved with the poor and says 'none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice.' Who are the people whose commitment to these causes inspire you? *(Intercom July)*



Fr. Edward A. Mufly

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WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of *July 5th & 6th*

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,632.00
Religious Education	\$ 1,431.00
Candles	\$ 91.00

This week's Second Collection will be for: **Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs** Next week's Second Collection will be for: **Diocesan Assessment**

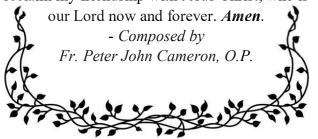
Summer Travel

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During the summer, many families will be traveling and going on vacation, so please remember to submit your budget envelopes if you are unable to attend Mass here. Please also remember to visit **Masstimes.org** while traveling to find local Masses near you.

Vacation Prayer

Loving Father, during this time of rest and relaxation, please repair in me whatever is weary or broken, and revive my drooping spirit. Let this vacation be a graced time of recollection and rejuvenation, of deeper self-awareness and eager self-giving. May it be an occasion of refreshment and reinvigoration — a time to reclaim my friendship with Jesus Christ, who is





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. Thank you for your participation.



Collected as of July 6th, 2025: \$36,863 from 133 families





The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare to enter the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Who can be a part of the O.C.I.A.? Someone who is unbaptized.

•A baptized Christian who is interested in the Catholic Church.

•A baptized Catholic who has not received 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

 $\cdot A$ Catholic who would like to know more about their faith.

There are forms available at all entrances or contact the parish office at 508-824-5577 or Standrewtaunton@comcast.net.

Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

How do you, as a young adult, know when you are following God's plan, and when you are straying from it? It's very easy to claim that you're following God's plan. You can say it as many times as you want, but that doesn't mean you actually are. Saying it is a lot different than actually living it. You can't say you're going to trust God's Will and then go off and do your own thing without paying Him any mind. You have to be an active and willing participant in God's plan, even when things are scary or uncertain. When I know I'm fully trusting in God, I can feel it. I'm talking to Him constantly and asking for direction. Take things as they come to you and trust that God put you in that situation for a reason, even if you don't understand that reason in the given moment. Once you have your first real experience fully trusting in God, you can truly see the difference between just saying you trust Him and actually trusting Him. There is a very stark difference between the two. If I'm not talking to God and asking for direction, that's when I know I'm straying from God's plan. But truly, trust is the key factor. A relationship doesn't work without real trust.



Faith Formation Registration

• Registration forms for the 2025-26 school year are now available at all entrances of the church as well as on our website www.standrewtaunton.org.

- We are finalizing this year's schedule and it will be posted on the website and in the bulletin.
 - Classes will be held in the church from 9:10am to 10:20am.
- Beginning with grades 1 & 2, grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8.
- Confirmation classes will be in the Parish Hall on a rotating schedule.



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)

Franciscan 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

Principal Celebrant: Fr. Kenneth Sicard, OP President, Providence College

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St. Andrew the Apostle



Saint of the Week

Kateri Tekakwitha

1656–1680 Feast Day—July 14

Kateri Tekakwitha is revered today as the first Native American saint. Only 24 when she died, Kateri is an example of purity, prayer, and most especially endurance in faith. Born in 1656, in a Mohawk village in what is now upstate New York, she was an outsider. Her mother was an Algonquin who was catechized and baptized Roman Catholic by French missionaries in TroisRivières, east of Montreal. Her mother was captured by the Mohawks in a raid and was taken to be the wife of the Mohawk chief Kenneronkwa near present-day Auriesville, New York.

At an early age, Kateri's village suffered a severe smallpox epidemic, which killed her parents and left her scarred and her vision impaired. Her name, "Tekakwitha", means "she who bumps into things." She was adopted by her Mohawk relatives who survived the epidemic, and the survivors of the plague moved to the new village of Caughnawaga.

Like her mother, Tekakwitha sought out instruction from Catholic missionaries that led to her eventual baptism at the age of 19 and her taking the name "Kateri" after St. Catherine of Siena on Easter Sunday 1676.

Kateri faced severe obstacles from the Mohawk tribal leaders, as well as from her adopted family. On Holy Days, Kateri received no food, since she prayed rather than work in the fields. When she walked to chapel, she was cursed and pelted with stones. Nevertheless, she persevered. She refused to marry despite pressure from her tribe. According to Fr. Pierre Cholenec, a Jesuit priest who was a mentor, Kateri said, "I have deliberated enough. For a long time, my decision on what I will do has been made. I have consecrated myself entirely to Jesus, son of Mary, I have chosen Him for husband and He alone will take me for wife."

The French missionaries encouraged her to leave her hostile environment and travel to Canada to the St. Francois Xavier mission. Her uncle opposed this move, because he was suspicious of the French and feared it was a ruse to depopulate the village. Even so, Kateri prevailed and traveled the 200 miles by foot and canoe to Canada, where she lived a devout and exemplary life. Called the "Lily of the Mohawks," she is a symbol of chastity and purity as she sought to do penance to commit her life to God. When she died due to failing health, witnesses noted that her face was miraculously transformed so that all her smallpox scars disappeared. Over the years, people have asked Kateri for divine intercession when suffering from serious illnesses, and their prayers have been answered. Her legacy of healing continues. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized on October 21, 2012.



A mosaic of St. Kateri Tekakwitha is seen in the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.



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MONDAYS



Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal Novena has been held every Monday for 80 years!



WEDNESDAYS

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR PRAYER GROUP



Divine Mercy Holy Hour for the Sick and Dying

Wednesday at 6:00pm

Jesus said to Saint Faustina:

"Write that when they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dving, I will stand between MY **FATHER** and the Dving Person. Not as the Just Judge, but as the Merciful Savior."



FRIDAYS



Laity Prayer Group praying for Priests meets Fridays 1:00pm - 2:00pm St Joseph's Adoration Chapel All are welcome!

1ST SATURDAY



The Men of St Joseph meet every First Saturday of the Month. Beginning with 9:00am Mass followed by a meeting in the parish hall for fellowship, discussion and light refreshments. All men are invited to attend

2ND SATURDAY

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.

DAILY



St Joseph's Chapel Daily 7:00am to 7:00pm Come visit and sit with the Lord! "Could vou not watch one hour with me?"

Eucharistic Adoration



St. Andrew the Apostle

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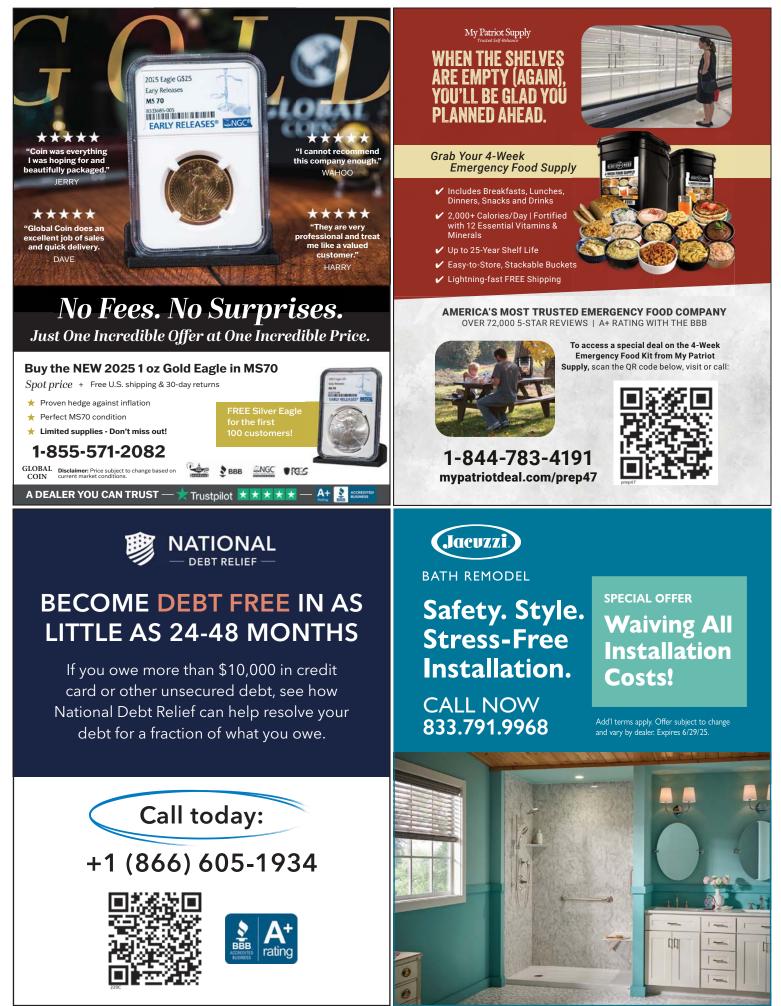
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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL JULY 16TH

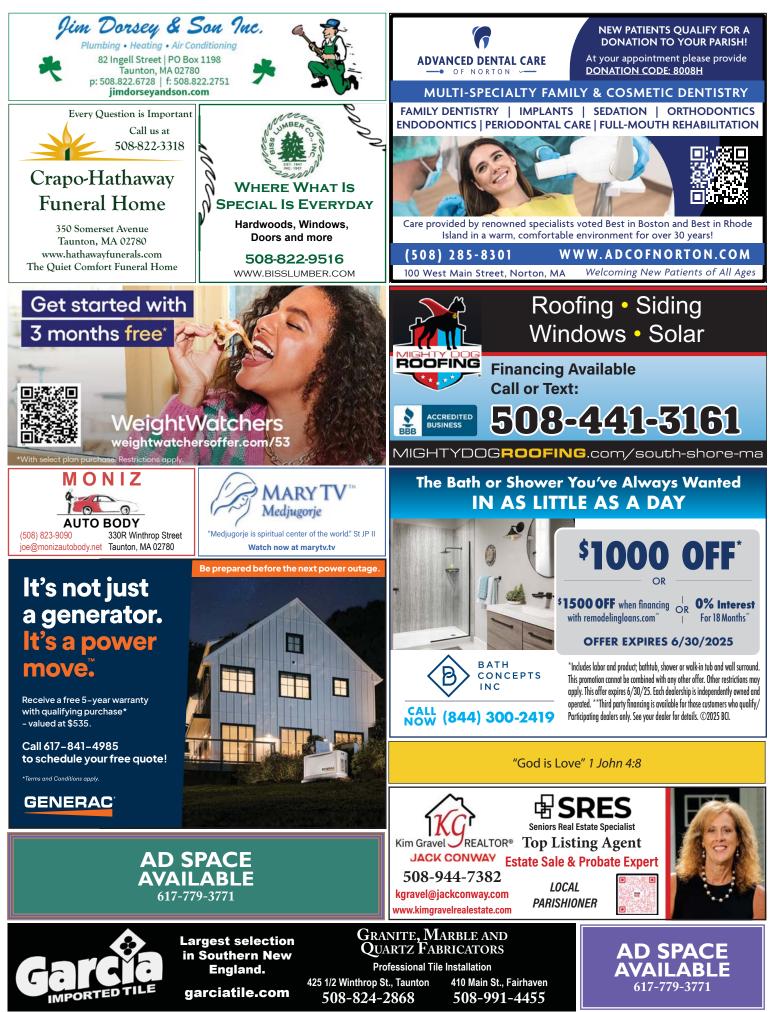


Mount Carmel, which juts out into the Mediterranean near Haifa, Israel, has been considered a sacred place since the prophet Elijah built an altar there in his contest with the prophets of baal. The Carmel

headland is traditionally associated with the beginnings of the Carmelite order around 1195, when a group of lay hermits formed a community there. Mary had been honored there as early as the fifth century, and by the 12th century Mount Carmel had become a site of Marian devotion. The Carmelites chose Mary as their protectress and dedicated their oratory on Mount Carmel to her. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron of Bolivia and Chile. This Marian feast became an optional memorial in the Revised Roman Calendar of 1969.



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