St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." Luke 11:2-4

> Mass is Live-streaming on the website Monday - Friday at 8:00am Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE

T C A M TV — Taunton Community Access and Media Inc HOLY MASS : <u>Sunday 3:30pm Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm</u> COMCAST CHANNEL : 15 VERIZON CHANNEL : 22

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July 27th, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday, July 26th</u> 4:00pm — Dorothea Salazar, Jose Soares

<u>Sunday, July 27th</u> 8:00am — John, Constance, & Jeffery Annuziato 10:30am — Edward Cayton

Monday, July 28th 8:00am — Botelho & Faria Families, Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

<u>Tuesday, July 29th</u> 8:00pm — Firmo Faria & Ana Faria, Ariana Silva

<u>Wednesday, July 30th</u> 8:00am — Jorge & Anne Botelho, Araujo Family

Thursday, July 31st 8:00am — Fred Cormier

Friday, August 1st 8:00am — Lawrence Jones

Saturday, August 2nd 9:00am — Men of Saint Joseph 4:00pm — Riley, Roy, & Gray Families

Sunday, August 3rd 8:00am — Jose F. & Jose M. Sousa, Fontes Family, Tobey Alford 10:30am — Glenn Scott 2nd Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp for week of July 26th



Frank Sikorski

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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 Genesis Genesis 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

Thanks be to God.

<u>Responsorial Psalm</u> <u>Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8</u>

R.\ Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING

A Reading from The Letter of Saint Paul to The Colossians

Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

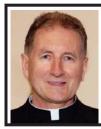
A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke <u>Luke 11:1-13</u>

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Thanks be to God.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Luke

Prayer does not guarantee an outcome, undo the past, or offer an escape from life or the circumstances of our lives. It keeps us open to the future. And the future is always better, not because it necessarily will be, but because it might be (Caputo). That possibility, the 'might be' of the future, is our daily bread, why we forgive, and why we refuse to turn away. Some mornings that 'might be' is the only reason we have the will to get out of bed; because it might be different, it might be better, it might offer something new. The 'might be' of the future is at the heart of every prayer we offer. Where there is a future, whether it is an hour, a day, a month, or twenty years, there is the possibility of life and more life. That's what Jesus is promising in today's gospel. And it's what I want, don't you? I want the possibility of life and more life for you, and myself. Jesus is not teaching a technique of prayer or a magic formula of words. He's teaching prayer as a posture, a way of standing before God, exposed and responsive to a holy and life-giving Spirit (Caputo, What Would Jesus Deconstruct? p.55). It is a risky and vulnerable place to stand. It asks a lot of us. It means you and I have a role in bringing about the future. It means we have work to do. The prayer Jesus taught asks us to offer ourselves as the place and means for the in -breaking of the future, for change, for life and more life.

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Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

1) How do you pray or what is your recipe for prayer? Do you follow a certain procedure or you spontaneously pray to God what is in your heart?

2) In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus is asked by a disciple: Lord teach us to pray and Jesus obliged him and taught the disciple the perfect prayer which is the Our Father. If we try to deeply reflect on this prayer we would notice that the Our Father contains our Adoration for God, our Contrition/ Repentance for the sins that we have committed and our Supplication: we request God to give us the food that we need.

3) If we say this prayer with our hearts and minds deeply focused towards God we would feel something that we don't usually feel. This feeling is very hard to explain but we would certainly notice this healing experience the moment we learn how to pray the Our Father with all our being.

4) We must always be prayerful and we must not give up on our being prayerful. Because when we pray we connect ourselves with God, we open ourselves to the enormous blessings that are always at God's disposal when we pray.

5) Prayer is not asking God to give us this and that. Prayer is essentially satisfying our longing for God. And the God that we always long for will grant us the desires of our hearts because we always thirst and hunger to be with Him in prayer.

6) Do you have a prayer before God? Don't give up, continue to believe, have faith and you will soon have it.

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 *July 19th & 20th*

Weekend Masses	\$ 2,983.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,836.00
Candles	\$ 70.00

This week's Second Collection will be for: Grounds & Beautification Next week's Second Collection will be for:

Music Maintenance

Summer Travel

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.



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The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process for those who would like to

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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.

•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.



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 20th, 2025: \$49,588 from 177 families



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.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Mission

In order to promote a culture of vocations through Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and The Islands, we engage with and offer resources and programs to anyone discerning a call to priesthood and religious life. Our particular focus is on developing



relationships with men who are considering becoming priests in the Diocese of Fall River. We help them through the application process to seminary and support them during their formation.

About Us

In a world so full of noise and distractions, it seems to be increasingly difficult to hear Christ's call to priesthood and religious life. Our work focuses on providing parishes, schools, and other Catholic entities with resources to remind men, particularly young men, to listen intently and see if God is calling them for a vocation to the priesthood or other religious life. We organize an annual retreat for boys to discover what God is calling them to do in their lives. Gatherings through the year are hosted for men considering the call to priesthood. Discerning a vocation to religious life is not something that seems natural in today's world, and finding resources or like-minded people to talk to about it can be difficult. We are here as a resource for parishes, schools, families, and individuals as they seek to create and embrace a culture of vocations. There are many obstacles to discernment, and sometimes all someone needs is a supportive presence or a loving nudge in the right direction. Once someone is on the path to religious life, that support and guidance is ever more important. Our office provides support not just to those who may be discerning a vocation, but those who are in priestly formation in a seminary.

25 Seminarians by 2030

After studying the demographics of the priests and parishes in our diocese, Bishop da Cunha has established a realistic and achievable goal of 25 seminarians. If the diocese can maintain a cohort of around two dozen men in formation, we can ordain enough priests to staff our parishes and bring the sacraments to the people of God. Thankfully, we've got an excellent plan to achieve this goal. It starts with our new Vocation Team, which was convened last year by Bishop da Cunha. In order to help Fr. Jack Schrader and Fr. John Garabedian, six additional priests were tasked with accompanying young men across our diocese, which has greatly expanded the capacities of the Vocation Office. Already, our events have been better attended, and we're in a much better position to personally follow up with young men. Thanks be to God, because of these efforts, we hope to have five new men beginning seminary formation in Fall 2025!

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM. Scramble, Shotgun Start

Poquoy Brook Golf Club 29 Leonard Street Lakeville, M<u>assachusetts 02347</u>

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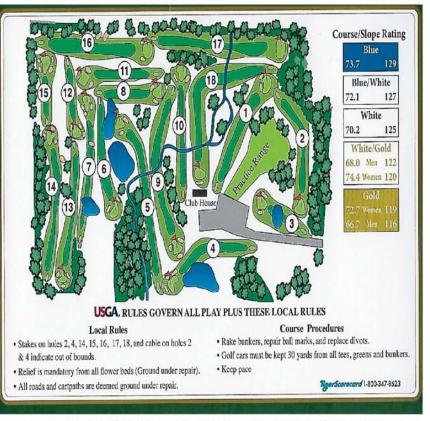
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THE FRED CORMIER CLASSIC

The 29th. Annual St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Scholarship Golf Tournament.



Poquoy Brook Golf Club is a public 18-hole, parkland-style golf course designed by Geoffrey Cornish and built in the 1960s. In addition to the course, it offers a 25station practice range, practice putting green and short game area.

8:00 a.m. Scramble Format with Shotgun Start - BBQ Chix Dinner to follow Closest to the pin, Longest Drive Contest, plus raffles. Make-up your own Foursome! Singles are also Welcome.

\$125.00 per person includes green fees, cart and delicious BBQ chicken, Texas baked beans, corn bread, corn on the cob, pesto pasta salad, crusty rolls and assorted pastry

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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



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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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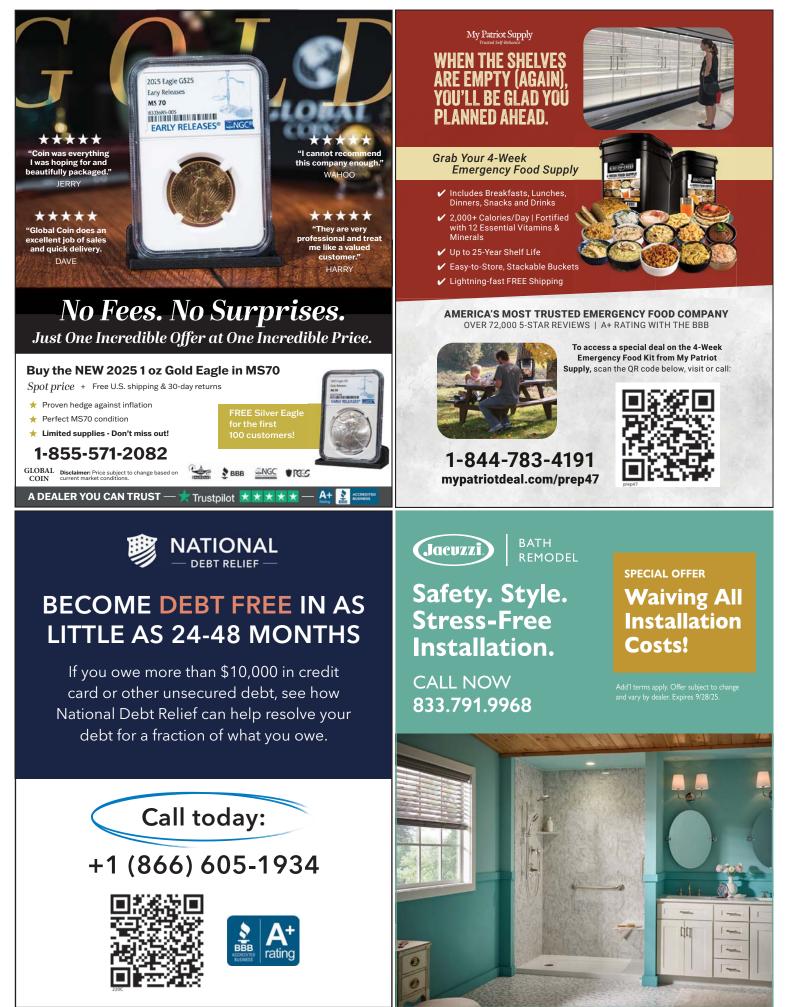
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<u>Saint Martha</u> <u>Feast Dat: July 29</u>



Martha and her siblings, Mary and Lazarus, are Jesus' friends in Bethany. In Luke 10:38-42, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, Martha is busy serving. When she complains to Jesus, he says: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. ... Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Just before Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44), Martha confesses: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." She is the patron of cooks and servers.



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