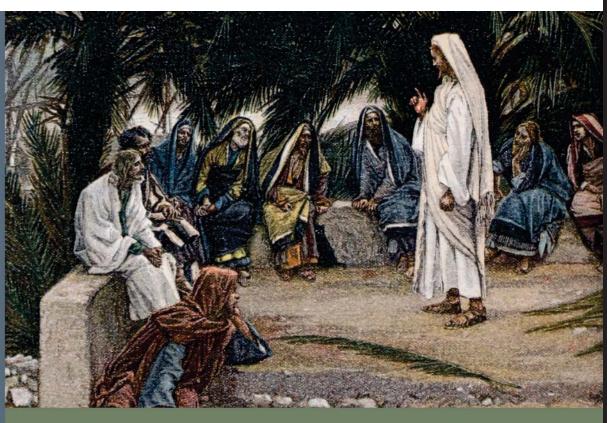
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21 st SUNDAY in Ordinary Time



"For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

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

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 23rd

4:00pm — Tara Martins & Family

Sunday, August 24th

8:00am — Joseph, Maria, & Pedro Leite 10:30am — Jacinto & Maria Rodrigues

Monday, August 25th

8:00am — Maria Garcia, Laura Pimental & Family, Living & Deceased

Tuesday, August 26th

8:00am — Special Intention, DaSilva, Martin, & Pereira Families, Living & Deceased

Wednesday, August 27th

8:00am — Leslie Staples 3rd Anniversary

Thursday, August 28th

8:00am — Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

Friday, August 29th

8:00am — Stephen Barnaby

Saturday, August 30th

4:00pm — Maria A. Sousa

Sunday, August 31st

8:00am — Frank Guay 4th Anniversary 10:30am — Special Intention, DaSilva & Martin Families, Living & Deceased

Sanctuary Lamp for week of August 23rd



Joseph & Silvia Pina, Louis St. Jean

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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 3:30pm. 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 Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD:

I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory.

I will set a sign among them;

from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands

that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations.

They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries,

to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:1, 2

R.\ Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise the LORD, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples!

R.\ Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

For steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

R.\ Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.



SECOND READING

A Reading from The Letter of Saint Paul to The Hebrews

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters,

You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges."

Endure your trials as "discipline";

God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline?

At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are

from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'
And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Thanks be to God.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Luke

In today's Gospel using the image of a door, Jesus wants his listeners to understand that it is not a question of numbers – how many will be saved – but rather, it is important for everyone to know the way that leads to salvation. This way means entering through a door. But where is the door? Who is the door? Jesus himself is that door. He says so in the Gospel of John: 'I am the door' (10:9). He leads us to communion with the Father, where we find love, understanding and protection.

Once more, Jesus extends a pressing invitation to us today to go to Him, to pass through the door of a full, reconciled and happy life. He awaits each one of us, no matter what sins we have committed, to embrace us, to offer us his forgiveness. He alone can transform our hearts, He alone can give full meaning to our existence, giving us true joy. By entering Jesus' door, the door of faith and of the Gospel, we can leave behind worldly attitudes, bad habits, selfishness and narrow-mindedness. When we encounter the love and mercy of God, there is authentic change. Our lives are enlightened by the light of the Holy Spirit: an inextinguishable light!

Let us think now for a moment, in silence, of the things that we have inside us which prevent us from entering through the door: my pride, my arrogance, my sins. Then, let us think of the other door, the one opened wide by the mercy of God who awaits us on the other side to grant us forgiveness.

The Lord offers us many opportunities to be saved and to enter through the door of salvation. This door is an occasion that can never be wasted: because at a certain moment, the master of the house will rise and shut the door (cf. Lk 13:25), as the Gospel reminded us. But if God is good and loves us, why would he close the door at a certain point? Because our life is not a video game nor a television soap opera. Our life is serious and our goal is important: eternal salvation.

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Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

What types of challenges do we face in our lives today and what do we choose to do? And when we face these challenges, do we persevere to do what is right or do we take the easy path out through the back door.

- When faced with situations that make us angry, how often do we stay calm?
 When faced with those who are better and more successful than us, how often do we give in to jealousy?
- When faced with situations to tell the truth, how often have we given way to lying?
- When faced with people in need of our love, our respect and our kindness our parents, spouses, children, neighbors, orphans, widows, the weak and underprivileged, the lonely, the elderly... how often have we given them our love?
- When faced with situations to speak out for justice and what is right, how often have we raised our voice?
- When faced with the need to be with our children either for their homework, their play or another need how often have we given in to our personal pleasures.
- When faced with the need to work hard, how often have we given way to laziness and pushed things away for later?

Those are all situations when we need to go through the narrow door. Do we push our way through the narrow door, or do we give up and take the easy way out?

Fr. Edward A. Turphy

WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of *August 16th & 17th*

Weekend Masses\$ 3,285.00Diocesan Assessment\$ 1,774.00Feast of the Assumption\$ 683.00Candles\$ 98.00Faith Formation\$ 425.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:

Maintenance Fund

Next week's Second Collection will be for:

Church Utilities

Eucharistic Adoration



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

hour with me?"



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.
- ·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.



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.

- This year's schedule has been finalized.

 Please see pages 8 & 9.
- 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.

Faith Formation Teachers Needed!!

Faith Formation classes for this upcoming school year are fast approaching, and we are in need of volunteers to be assistants and aids for grades 7 and 8.

If interested, please contact the Rectory.

Prayer to Begin A School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart, you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year we implore your mercy, bless our students, teachers, and staff, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways, and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

Amen

Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

What are some ways God inspires you in daily life?

Jesus can work in any way he wants to, but I have found that He often works through other people. He doesn't always have to go directly to you; sometimes He will bring a person and experience into your life in order to shape you in a profound way. I think it's very important to surround yourself with other Catholics who have a very deep faith. Those that are truly passionate about God will have a grace that no one else has, and surrounding yourself with those people will allow you to feed off of them. They will inspire you to dive even deeper into your own faith because you will be able to see and feel the Holy Spirit in them. If you are constantly surrounding yourself with ungodly things or individuals, it is so much harder to focus on God and the things He wants from you. It's very important to me as a young adult to stay close with those who follow the Lord. Even though they aren't perfect and make mistakes, I know they will be able to get back on track because of their faith, which in turn inspires me to do the same whenever I fall into sin. The Lord invites certain people into your life for a reason, so it's important to pay attention and cherish those relationships that God gives us.



Calendar 25/26 WOMEN AT THE WELL St Address the Apostol Busin November 13th November 15th December 13th January loth February 14th March 14th April 11th May 9th

- The day begins with Mass at 9 AM
- Rosary after mass
- Fellowship
- Insightful faith-based talk
- All Women are welcome to Attend

Testimony

"I look forward to Holy Mass, the Rosary, and the monthly meetings of The Women at the Well on the second Saturday of the month. Normally, I am one to shy away from group gatherings, however, I have always been willing to explore. To my absolute delight, being part of this meaningful and kind group of people."



THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH



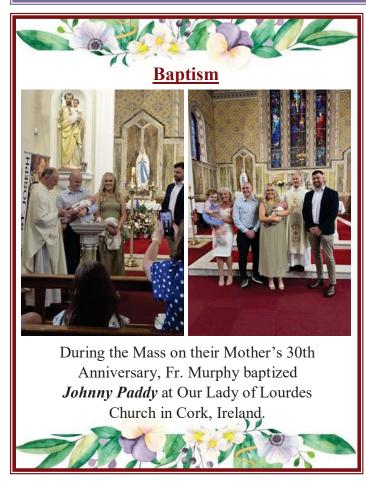
The Men of Saint Joseph here at St Andrew the Apostle Church was established to coincide with the first Saturday of the month and to meet the conditions of the First Saturday devotion. **Saturday, September 6th**, the Men of Saint Joseph will have an open house for all men of the parish.

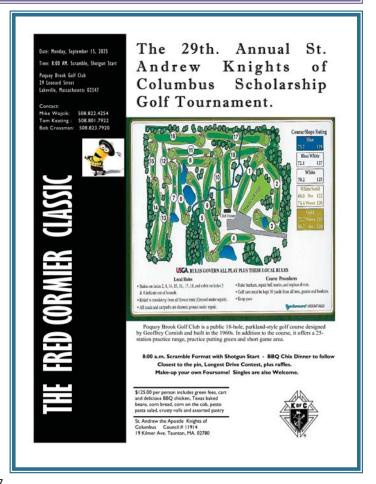
9:00am Mass, Rosary and Confessions are also available.

10:00am Fellowship, coffee and light refreshments, good music and a meet & greet. 10:15am Meeting to include:

- a prayer to St Joseph
- a welcome or welcome back a first-class relic of a Pope
- a short impactful video
- a dynamic Catholic topic and discussion

11:00am Discussion of the next meeting's agenda. Closing Prayer





St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mornings

<u>DATE</u>	GRADES 1–8	CONFIRMATION
		<u>GRADES 9 –10</u>
9/14/2025	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
9/21/2025	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
9/28/2025	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
10/5/2025	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
10/12/2025	NO FAITH FORMATION - COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND	
10/19/2025	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
10/26/2025	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
11/2/2025	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
11/9/2025	NO FAITH FORMATION - VETERNS DAY WEEKEND	
11/16/2025	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
11/23/2025	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
11/30/2025	NO FAITH FORMATION - THANKSGIVING	
12/7/2025	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
12/14/2025	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
12/21/2025	NO FAITH FORMATION - CHRISTMAS	
12/28/2025	NO FAITH FORMATION - NEW YEAR'S	
1/4/2026	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
	Grade 2	
1/11/2026	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
1/18/2026	NO FAITH FORMATION - MARTIN LUTHER KING	

DATE	GRADES 1–8	CONFIRMATION		
		GRADES 9 – 10		
1/25/2026	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10		
2/1/2026	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9		
2/8/2026	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10		
	Grade 2			
2/15/2026	NO FAITH FORMATION - PRESIDENT'S DAY			
2/22/2026	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9		
	First Penance for Grade 2			
	(Mandatory)			
3/1/2026	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10		
3/8/2026	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9		
3/15/2026	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10		
	Grade 2			
3/21/2026	·	Saturday - First Holy Communion Retreat for Grade 2		
	St. Andrew's Hall - 10:00am - 1:00pm (Mandatory)			
3/22/2026	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9		
3/29/2026	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10		
4/5/2026	NO FAITH FORMATION - EASTER SUNDAY			
4/12/2026	Grades 5 & 6	NO FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADE 9		
4/19/2026	NO FAITH FORMATION - PATRIOT'S DAY			
4/26/2026	Grades 7 & 8	NO FAITH FORMATION FOR		
	Grade 2	GRADE 10		
4/26/2026	First Holy Communion Rehearsal for Grade 2 - After 10:30am Mass (Mandatory)			
5/2/2026	Saturday - First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass for all Grade 2 Students			
	All students must arrive by 9:15ar	m		
*Confirmation Date will be announced at a later time				

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Contact: faithformationtaunton@gmail.com

^{*}First Penance will be during Faith Formation class on 2/22/26. All parents are welcome to attend.

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Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Feast Day — August 24



The apostle Bartholomew (also known as Nathaniel) was born at Cana and brought by the Apostle Philip to meet Jesus. Nothing further is known for certain. Eusebius speaks of him in India, but the Roman Martyrology has him martyred in Armenia, skinned alive according to the Persian custom. He is thus often shown holding a knife with which he was martyred.

This stained glass window of the apostle is by Sir Ninian Comper, and it is in Downside Abbey in Somerset, England.

Photo and commentary by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.



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