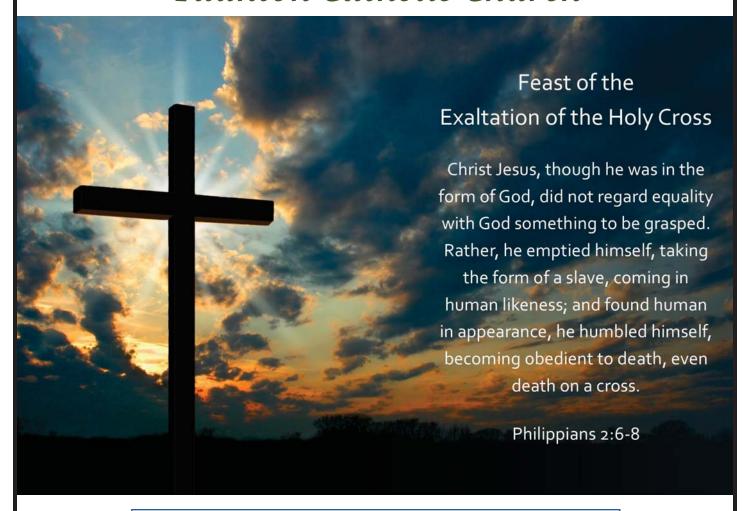
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# ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, September 13th

9:00am — Women at the Well

4:00pm — Albert, Yvonne, & Jerry Gordon,

Peter McDermott

#### Sunday, September 14th

8:00am — Jack & Laura Camara, Jose & Beatriz Pimentel

10:30am — Stephen Botelho

#### Monday, September 15th

8:00am — Jose F. & Jose M. Sousa, Fontes Family, Tobey Alford

#### Tuesday, September 16th

8:00am — Botelho & Faria Families, Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

#### Wednesday, September 17th

8:00am — Special Intention

#### Thursday, September 18th

8:00am — Jorge & Anne Botelho, Araujo Family

#### Friday, September 19th

8:00am — Jeffrey Briggs, Matthew Briggs, Brian Collins

#### Saturday, September 20th

4:00pm — Lawrence Jones

#### Sunday, September 21st

8:00am — Melinda, Frank, Debbie, & Lynne Rogers

10:30am — All Faith Formation Students & Teachers

#### Sanctuary Lamp for week of September 13th



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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 Numbers Numbers 21:4b-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents,

which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said,

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.

Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses,

"Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live."

Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole,

and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

#### R.\ Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of old.

#### R.\ Do not forget the works of the Lord!

While he slew them they sought him and inquired after God again, Remembering that God was their rock and the Most High God, their redeemer.

#### R.\ Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But they flattered him with their mouths and lied to him with their tongues, Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him,

nor were they faithful to his covenant.

R.\ Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin and destroyed them not;

Often he turned back his anger and let none of his wrath be roused.

R.\ Do not forget the works of the Lord!

#### **SECOND READING**

# A Reading from The Letter of Saint Paul to The Philippians

Philippians 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters:

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL**

# A Reading from The Gospel according to John John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"No one has gone up to heaven

except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

#### The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

# Gospel of John

Have you ever pondered why Christ, the pure embodiment of Love, had to endure the Cross? Could there have been another way? Perhaps the answer lies in the very nature of love. True love isn't simply about joys and comforts; it's also about sacrifices, about giving without counting the cost. The Cross, in its raw, unfiltered brutality, became the canvas upon which the greatest love story was painted.

'For God so loved the world...' These aren't mere words, but a profound declaration. It's as if Love itself, in its infinite wisdom, chose the Cross to prove its depth. In the eyes of the world, the Cross may appear as a symbol of humiliation, but in the eyes of faith, it's the ultimate symbol of love.

Jesus's conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel is a profound one. He speaks of belief, of eternal life, of salvation. It's a reminder that the Cross is not the end but a bridge – a bridge to resurrection, to eternal life.

But there's another layer here: a call to action for each of us. How often do we lift our personal crosses? Do we see them as burdens or as bridges to a deeper communion with Christ? Just as the bronze serpent brought healing, can our crosses, when united with Christ's, bring about transformation within us?

Today, let us gaze upon the Cross, not with sorrow but with gratitude. For in its shadow lies the promise of hope, the assurance of love, and the path to eternal life. In a world often marred by hatred and division, may the exalted Cross remind us of the lengths Love will go to embrace and heal us all.



## Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

'The cross is the school of love.' – St Maximilian Kolbe teaches that suffering, when united with Christ, transforms us, deepening our capacity for love and self-giving.

'Do not seek a cross—the right one will find you. But when it comes, take it up bravely, without counting the cost.' — St Padre Pio encourages trust in God's providence, accepting the trials He permits for our sanctification.

'The weight of the cross may press heavily on your shoulders, but it is the very thing that will keep you close to the heart of Christ.' – An anonymous reflection highlighting that struggles, rather than driving us away from God, draw us nearer to Him.

'God does not measure the cross by its size, but by our willingness to carry it.' – This insight reminds us that what matters is not the magnitude of our suffering, but the love and trust with which we accept it. Even small, daily sacrifices – borne with patience and faith – an become powerful offerings when united to Christ's own sacrifice.

'The cross is the ladder to heaven.' – St Rose of Viterbo's words reveal that trials, rather than obstacles, are stepping stones to holiness. When we embrace our crosses instead of resenting them, we participate in Christ's redemptive work and ascend toward eternal joy.

Each of these quotes emphasizes that carrying our cross is not meaningless suffering but a path to spiritual growth, love, and union with Christ. Whether through Scripture or the wisdom of saints, we learn that our trials, borne with faith, become means of grace and transformation.

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 <u>September 6th & 7th</u>

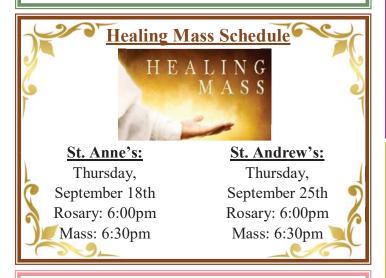
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### St. Andrew the Apostle Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026

<u>DATE</u>	GRADES 1–8	<u>CONFIRMATION</u>
		<b>GRADES 9 – 10</b>
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

\*Confirmation Date will be announced at a later time.

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

Contact: faithformationtaunton@gmail.com



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.



## **Young Adult Section**

By Brooke Pina

How do young adults view older Catholics? How are they perceived? I think a lot of young adults feel intimidated or judged by older Catholics. The lifestyles between generations are very different, and a lot of young people want to do things on their own or in their own way. Those who don't listen to the advice of other people do so because they feel like they're being talked down to or like they aren't being taken seriously, which causes further rebellion. I think older Catholics should remind themselves that the younger generation is, in fact, *young*. We are years behind and haven't had the experience or wisdom that others have. We still need time to continue to learn from mistakes or how to avoid them.



## **Marriage Illuminated Date Night Series**

Who: Married and engaged couples of all ages What: This year's series: "The Radiance of Marriage"

Presentations & facilitation offered by Craig & Amy Dyke: Couple's Guides provided: Childcare offered Supervised time for kids from 6pm - 8:15pm

includes pizza, board games, family-friendly movies **Format**:

6:00 pm - Food, drinks & fellowship

7:00 pm - Presentation & discussion for couples

8:15 pm - Family holy-half-hour

8:45 pm - Evening concludes

9:00 pm - Goodnight!

When: Friday, September 26

**Location**: The Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington Street, North Easton, MA





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Last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, September 14th.



The Women's Guild of the Annunciation of the Lord Parish is sponsoring a 3-day trip on October 21-23, 2025 to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA as it presents "Noah". The cost varies depending on room occupancy. The price includes round-trip transportation, 2 nights' accommodation at Heritage Hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tour of Amish countryside and tickets to the Sight & Sound Theater. A minimum of 25 people is required.

Please call Maureen Delaney at **508-822-8710** or visit the parish website for further information.

www.annunciationtaunton.com



#### **MONDAYS**



## **Miraculous Medal Novena**

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



#### WEDNESDAYS





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 dying, I will stand between MY FATHER and the Dying Person. Not as the Just Judge, but as the Merciful Savior."



#### **FRIDAYS**

#### **Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle**



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



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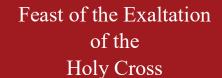
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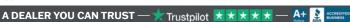














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