

St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church

TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones."

Luke 16:10



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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE **WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 20th

4:00pm — Lawrence Jones

Sunday, September 21st

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

10:30am — All Faith Formation Students & Teachers

Monday, September 22nd

8:00am — Joseph & Sylvia Pina, Louis St. Jean

Tuesday, September 23rd

8:00am — Special Intentions RM & LM

Wednesday, September 24th

8:00am — Timothy Russell

Thursday, September 25th

8:00am — Special Intention

6:30pm — Healing Mass

Friday, September 26th

8:00am — Lisa Marie Andrade 20th Anniversary

Saturday, September 27th

4:00pm — Special Intention

Sunday, September 28th

8:00am — Special Intention

10:30am — Maria A. Sousa

Sanctuary Lamp for week of September 20th



Parishioners Living & Deceased

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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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL

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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.

WEDNESDAY Divine Mercy HOLY HOUR

Meets in the church, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in CHAPEL

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

FRIDAY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the church, Friday 1:00pm to 2:00pm

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FIRST READING**A Reading from the book of Amos**
Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!

"When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

R. \ Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forever.

R. \ Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the LORD; above the heavens is his glory. Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

R. \ Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people.

R. \ Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING**A Reading from The First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**
1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke** **Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Luke

Today's gospel calls us to account for our management of all that we are and all that we have. The demand for an accounting often sounds like someone is in trouble. That's how today's parable begins. The manager has been charged with squandering his master's property. He is going to be fired. He will lose his job, income, reputation, and status. At some level he will lose his life as he now knows it.

Whether we've lived it, heard it from a friend or colleague, or read it in the news, it's a familiar story. Somebody has been bad. They've been caught. Now they're going to get what they deserve. That's how the world works. That's what we expect. But that's not how the kingdom of God works and parables rarely give us what we expect. So we ought not be too quick to come to a final or definitive interpretation of this parable. We cannot with ease or confidence declare who, if any one in particular, each character represents: God, Jesus, or us. The parable offers ambiguity and tension not a neat resolution and that feels a lot like real life.

What if the accounting is not about finding wrongdoing but new life? What if it's about grace rather than punishment? If a parable makes sense we've probably missed the point.

The accounting of our management isn't about numbers, wrongdoing, or punishment but about helping us see and orient our lives in a new direction. It opens us to new possibilities. It points us to our eternal home.

'Give me an accounting of your management. What are you doing with your life? Who are you serving?

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

Encountering Christ:

1) **God Calls Me to Be a Steward:** The Gospel uses the image of a steward to describe our place in this world. A steward is entrusted to care for the master's property until his return. Time on earth is limited, and we will eventually need to give an account of our stewardship. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!' (Pope Francis, March 19, 2013). What precious goods has the Creator placed in our care?

2) **Be a Smart Investor:** We need to be wise and prudent with worldly investments to provide for ourselves and those under our care. This Gospel challenges us to apply similar strategies to our spiritual lives. We have been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit for our growth and the good of the Kingdom of Christ. No one has the same gifts because all of us have been given unique and irreplaceable missions by God. May we properly evaluate our investment priorities so that we won't gain the whole world but end up losing our soul. (Matthew 16:26)

3) **A Training Ground:** Today's parable invites us to train ourselves in the art of spiritual investment once we have set our priorities. The Church has left us with troves of spiritual treasures; we can learn from the lives of the saints, their spiritual writings, and commentaries on the Scriptures. We have recourse to the sacraments, different forms of prayer, retreats, and spiritual guidance. The resources are there. How is the Lord inviting us to deepen our relationship with him?

Fr. Edward A. Murphy

WEEKLY PARISH ST. ANDREW'S SUPPORT

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of September 13th & 14th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,147.00
Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs	\$ 1,858.00
Candles	\$ 95.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:

Religious Education

Next week's Second Collection will be for:

Liturgical Expenses

Healing Mass Schedule



St. Andrew's:

Thursday,
September 25th
Rosary: 6:00pm
Mass: 6:30pm

Volunteers Needed

Birthing of Greater Taunton is in need of a few volunteers for Tuesday's from 10AM - 1PM for the summer, then 10AM - 2PM for the fall and winter months. You will be working with kind and caring volunteers and we help Mom's and their Babies with diapers, clothes, food etc. If this interests you, we would love to talk to you. Contact us on Tuesdays or Thursdays or leave a message at 508-822-2921. Address: 468 Bay Street, Taunton, MA 02780



St. Andrew the Apostle Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1- 8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION GRADES 9 -10</u>
9/21/2025	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10
9/28/2025	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
10/5/2025	Grades 7 & 8	Grade 10
10/12/2025	Grade 2	
	NO FAITH FORMATION - COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND	
10/19/2025	Grades 1 & 2	Grade 9
10/26/2025	Grades 3 & 4	Grade 10

*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

Do you connect with traditional prayers (like the Our Father) differently than personal prayers from your heart?

I would say so. To me, traditional prayers feel more like an overarching form of worship; like a declaration of the things you believe in. They're said repetitively and more like facts or absolute truths. On the other hand, personal prayers feel as if they're more about communication rather than worship. Personal prayers come directly from your own heart and your own mind, so they often feel like they have a lot more weight to them. They're tailored to how you're feeling and what you're thinking about at any given time. I think traditional prayers are easier to say and do consistently, but it's much easier to connect with personal prayers since they're coming from the heart.



The Women at the Well

SEPT 13TH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Pat began the meeting by leading us into the heart of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

She emphasized that confession is not just recommended, but essential, rooting her message in scripture: Revelation 22:14, "Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates," and recalling the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:22, where restoration is symbolized by being given the "best robe."

By weaving together scripture, story, and laughter, Pat made the necessity of confession clear and tangible. This presentation unveils the richness of this merciful gift grounded in the sacrifice of the cross. Through monthly confession, our stained robes are restored to radiant white, and we step into the fullness of grace, joy, and peace.

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 11TH!

On October 11th, we begin a special journey of love with Mary, our Blessed Mother. Together, we'll reflect on the meaning of consecration to the Mother of God and how it opens our hearts to deeper faith and joy.



World Mission Weekend

A Visit From Rev. Leonard Kayondo

October 4th & 5th, 2025



During this year's World Mission Sunday, to be celebrated on October 19 as the climax of World Mission Month, we are inviting Catholics across the United States to reflect on the work of the Church in Vietnam, where the faith, tested by persecution and poverty, shines with extraordinary vitality and joy. There, priests, religious sisters, and lay volunteers serve those suffering in body and spirit, not only with medicine and care, but with the Gospel of hope. These are the kinds of communities supported by the World Mission Sunday collection in places where the Church is young, where vocations are growing, and where, like our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV did in his years as bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, missionaries are bringing Christ and his saving Gospel to the peripheries.

The theme of World Mission Sunday this year — *Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples* — was chosen by Pope Francis before his death and is obviously tied to the Jubilee of Hope. That hope is the lived reality of priests, sisters, and lay faithful who are bringing the light of Christ into places darkened by suffering, war, poverty, and other existential difficulties.

Rev. Leonard Kayondo will be visiting St. Andrew's Parish on the weekend of October 4th & 5th, 2025.

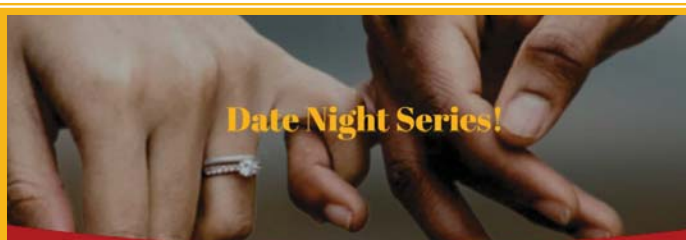
Mission Collection after Communion

Nearly killed in Rwandan genocide, Fall River priest honored for his efforts to promote peace
Greg Sullivan gsullivan@heraldnews.com

The Rev. Leonard Kayondo came face to face with his would-be murderers at his front door. A Roman Catholic priest ministering in Rwanda in 1994, Kayondo had just finished conducting morning Mass at church and was enjoying a cup of tea in the rectory when the knock came. When Kayondo opened the door, he saw three men. One, carrying a gun, was military dressed; the other two Kayondo recognized as local officials. He knew the situation. He had made the hit list. The infamous Rwandan genocide of spring-summer 1994 had already begun. Clergy were not exempt from the ethnic extremists' Hutus' killing of ethnic Tutsis.

Unaware of what Leonard looked like, the men asked for the priest's whereabouts. "I said, 'Let me find out,'" said Kayondo, the chaplain at Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River. "That was not me who said that. I was dreaming. I managed to say the right words." Leonard left the men at the front door, went out the back door. The three men went away, but Kayondo, went into hiding/exile for six months, until the genocide which took an estimated 800,000 lives ended. Churches, including Kayondo's, were looted, burned to the ground. While Leonard left his country - he exiled in nearby Burundi, Kenya and Uganda - he never abandoned it. When he did return, Kayondo's ministry involved tending to families who had lost loved ones, helping young children who had no families. Even burying the victims who often lay where they had dropped, or on the side of the road.

The genocide ended almost 30 years ago; since then, Leonard has made it part of his mission in life to help his beloved Rwanda spiritually, emotionally, physically. The self-described missionary priest from Rwanda has a gift of sharing his story and knowledge in a way that has prompted many in the United States to help the people of Rwanda. Father Kayondo, a resident of the Good Shepherd Parish in Fall River, received an Africa Peace Award from the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution. The peace center's biography of Kayondo says he has been devoted to bringing the divided ethnic groups of Rwanda together.



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,
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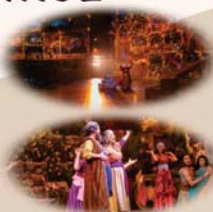
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**Sight & Sound Theater Presents
"NOAH LIVE ON STAGE"**

Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA

OCTOBER 21, 22 & 23
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

More information will be in the bulletin and on the website soon!!
<https://www.sight-sound.com/shows/noah>



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

Saint Matthew, Apostle

FIRST CENTURY
FEAST DAY — SEPTEMBER 21

One of the Twelve Apostles, this tax collector is called Matthew in one Gospel (Mt 9:9) and Levi in two others (Mk 2:14 and Lk 5:27). Scripture scholars believe they are the same man because the call and shared meal with Jesus are similar in all three accounts. He sometimes is credited with writing the Gospel of Matthew, but most scholars think this unlikely. And there is no evidence for early church traditions that Matthew evangelized in Judea, Parthia or Ethiopia, or that he was martyred in Persia.

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

- Matthew 9:9-13



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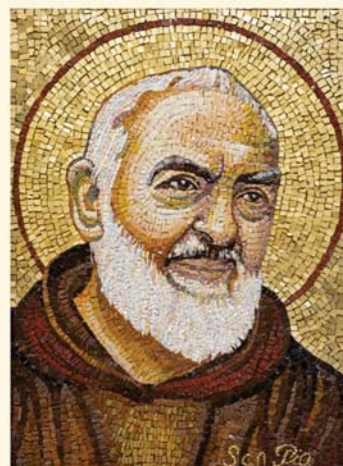
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina "Padre Pio"

1887-1968
FEAST DAY — SEPTEMBER 23

Francesco Forgione was born in the Italian farming village of Pietrelcina on May 25, 1887. He was one of seven children. By age five, Francesco had already dedicated his life to God. He helped take care of his family's flock of sheep until age ten. Then, as a requirement for joining the Capuchin order, he received private tutoring, to make up for the time he had spent shepherding, rather than in school. At age fifteen, he joined the Order of Friars Minor, taking the name "Pio."

As a Capuchin Franciscan friar, he experienced both physical illness and spiritual battles, but persevering, he was ordained a priest in 1910. Due to poor health, he stayed mostly with his family until 1916, when he was required to return to the friary.

During World War I, he was drafted to serve in the Italian army in the medical corps in 1914/5, and again in 1917. Both times, illness prevented him from continuing in the service; the second time, he was given a permanent discharge. When he left the service, he returned to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he remained for the duration of his life.



Friar Pio became known to many as Padre Pio. He bore the stigmata, or wounds of Christ, invisibly from the time of his ordination in 1910 and visibly from 1918. The Vatican investigated the authenticity of his stigmata, and his ministry of prayer and healing, beginning in 1921. As his renown grew, so did persecution. In 1922, various restrictions were placed on his ministry, including being forbidden from giving blessings to the faithful. In 1931, he was forbidden from publicly celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and receiving visitors. This ban was lifted by the Pope Pius XI in 1933, and Padre Pio was allowed to gradually resume public ministry.

Padre Pio is known for being a gifted confessor, his efficacious intercessory prayer, and other mystical gifts associated with his religious life. Under the direction of Padre Pio, in 1947, construction began to build a hospital to treat patients at San Giovanni Rotondo, using science along with faith and prayer. Shortly before his death in 1968, the stigmata disappeared. He was canonized in 2002 by St. John Paul II. Pope Francis has called Padre Pio an "apostle of the confessional."

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- Saint Vincent de Paul



Saint Vincent devoted his whole life to the service of the poor, like a Mother Teresa of the 17th century. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity. He inspired the later foundation of the lay-run St Vincent de Paul Society. A man of deep faith, keen intellect, and enormous creativity, he has become known as the "The Apostle of Charity". Feast day: September 27th.



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