

St. Andrew the Apostle
Taunton Catholic Church

26TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" Luke 16:25



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

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September 28th, 2025

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 27th

4:00pm — Special Intention

Sunday, September 28th

8:00am — Special Intention

10:30am — Maria A. Sousa

Monday, September 29th

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

Tuesday, September 30th

8:00am — Intentions of Joyce Woodburn

Wednesday, October 1st

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

Thursday, October 2nd

8:00am — Philomena O'Grady

Friday, October 3rd

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

Saturday, October 4th

9:00am — Men of St. Joseph

4:00pm — Lawrence Jones

Sunday, October 5th

8:00am — Dolores Cravenho 1st Anniversary

10:30am — Alvarino Fortes 25th anniversary, Mary Fortes, Margaret & Joseph Sollecito

Sanctuary Lamp for week of September 27th



James McMahon

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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.

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 6:1a, 4-7**

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:
 Woe to the complacent in Zion!
 Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched
 comfortably on their couches, they
 eat lambs taken from the flock, and
 calves from the stall!
 Improvising to the music of the harp,
 like David, they devise their own
 accompaniment.
 They drink wine from bowls
 and anoint themselves with the best
 oils; yet they are not made ill by the
 collapse of Joseph!
 Therefore, now they shall be the first
 to go into exile, and their wanton
 revelry shall be done away with.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10****R. \ Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Blessed is he who keeps faith
 forever,
 secures justice for the oppressed,
 gives food to the hungry.
 The LORD sets captives free.

R. \ Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
 the LORD raises up those who were
 bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;
 the LORD protects strangers.

R. \ Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he
 sustains,
 but the way of the wicked he
 thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;
 your God, O Zion, through all
 generations. Alleluia.

R. \ Praise the Lord, my soul!**SECOND READING****A Reading from The First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy
1 Timothy 6:11-16**

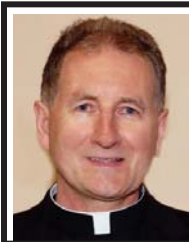
But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love,
 patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith.
 Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made
 the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses.
 I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before
 Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble
 confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until
 the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only
 ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and
 Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in
 unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can
 see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke****Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in
 purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day.
 And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with
 sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell
 from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.
 When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the
 bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and
 from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes
 and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.
 And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to
 dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am
 suffering torment in these flames.'
 Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was
 good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was
 bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.
 Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to
 prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to
 yours or from your side to ours.'
 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I
 have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to
 this place of torment.'
 But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets.
 Let them listen to them.'
 He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes
 to them, they will repent.'
 Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the
 prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from
 the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



By Father Edward A. Murphy

Gospel of Luke

Today's gospel is about how we live today. Jesus is telling us that how we live today has consequences for tomorrow, not just for ourselves but for others too. Jesus is asking us, regardless of our income, to face the poverty in ourselves and the world.

Lazarus doesn't just represent poverty in the world, he also represents the rich man's impoverishment. I suspect that's one reason why we set gates between the rich and poor. We don't want to look in the eyes of Lazarus and see ourselves. If we did, if we ever truly saw impoverishment in the world and in ourselves, it would ask something of us.

Look at all the ways we set gates between ourselves and others; between rich and poor, the powerful and the powerless. What if we open the gates of compassion and concern for others, generosity and sharing, healing and wholeness, forgiveness and reconciliation, justice and peace, vulnerability and love? What would that take? And what would it mean for your life?

Look at your life and world. What are the closed gates in your life today? What gates are separating you from yourself or another? What is impoverishing you today? It might be fear, anger, resentment, jealousy, indifference, guilt, grief, old wounds, loneliness, cynicism, prejudice, or a thousand other things.

Our gates are being rattled. Every day our gates are being rattled.

Lazarus is knocking, rattling your gate and my gate. Lazarus is knocking.

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Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

Encountering Christ:

Wealth/Duty: In this parable, Jesus does not condemn wealth, per se, but reminds all of us that the wealthy have a serious moral obligation to help the poor. For generations, Catholic social teaching as Pope Leo XIV reminds us, has emphasized this responsibility: ...Remember the aphorism of the Fathers, 'Feed the man dying of hunger, because if you have not fed him, you have killed him.' (Gaudium et Spes, no. 69). 'Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice' (*Centesimus Annus*).

Warn My Brothers: The rich man cared little for Lazarus, but he apparently loved his five brothers enough to ask that they be warned: lest they too come to this place of torment.' How many of us go about our day-to-day duties, forgetful of the poor, distracted, worried, or simply refusing to acknowledge the prophets of our time - saints, good priests, holy friends - who remind us daily that Jesus Christ came back from the dead to save us from our sins?

Christ Became Poor for Us: Christ became poor so that we might be wealthy - not one day in heaven, but right here, right now. He bestowed on us a royal identity through our Baptism. He feeds us with bread from heaven to sustain us on our journey. He forgives our sins so that we can begin over and over. He also showers us with spiritual wealth by the love he sends us through others. Our hearts are full of gratitude, but are we willing to become poor for others in imitation of Our Lord? To give without counting costs? To serve the outcast? To defend the weak?

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 20th & 21st

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,234.00
Religious Education	\$ 1,345.00
Candles	\$ 85.00
Faith Formation	\$ 1,225.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:
Liturgical Expenses

Next week's Second Collection will be for:
**Grounds & Beatification
Mission Collection**



St. Andrew the Apostle Faith Formation Schedule 2025 - 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES 1- 8</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION GRADES 9 -10</u>
9/28/2025	Grades 5 & 6	Grade 9
10/5/2025	Grades 7 & 8 Grade 2	Grade 10
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

*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

Women of Faith Meeting

The next Women of Faith meeting will be held this Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00pm. There will also be a Brown Bag Raffle.



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.

REMEMBER in PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers



Mary L. Walker



whose funeral Mass was celebrated recently.

Healing Mass Schedule



St. Anne's:

Thursday,
October 16th
Rosary: 6:00pm
Mass: 6:30pm

St. Andrew's:

Thursday,
October 23rd
Rosary: 6:00pm
Mass: 6:30pm



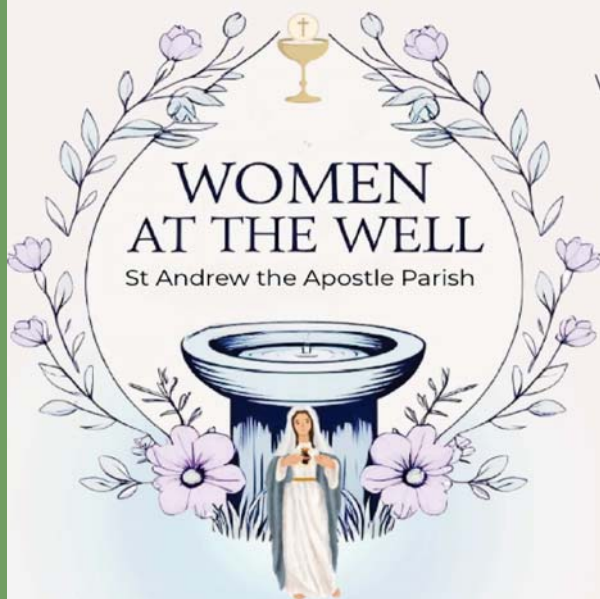
Young Adult Section

By Brooke Pina

How is it different being a young Catholic today compared to what you imagine it was like for your parents or grandparents?

I think the biggest thing is that it's much harder to connect with Catholics my age in person. It's one thing to connect with people online, but it's so much more difficult to find and connect with other Catholics who live close by; people that I can have a face to face conversation with. Decades ago, a lot more people attended Mass or participated in programs, which means it was a lot easier for our parents or grandparents to connect with other Catholics in person. Now, there aren't as many young adults going to church, so I never really get the opportunity to connect with Catholics my age in person. It's nice being able to connect with people online, but I imagine there is something different about having an in-person connection with Catholics my age that would be very rewarding.

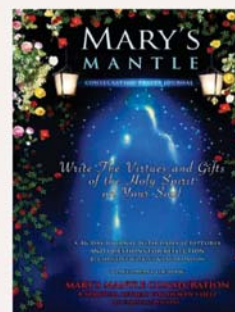
You are Invited!



The Women at the Well are inviting all women of the parish to join Mary's Mantle Consecration, by Christine Watkins. It is a 46-day spiritual journey that draws us closer to Jesus through His Mother. Through daily prayer, reflection on the virtues, and the Rosary, we place ourselves under Mary's loving protection and learn to live more fully in God's grace.

If you are interested in joining us on this journey send an email to pyetman1@gmail.com

Sign-up sheets will also be available at the entrances of the church.





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.

There will also be a 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.

THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH



The Men of St Joseph will be meeting on
Saturday, October 4th
 starting with Holy Mass at 9:00am,
 Rosary and fellowship,
 followed by a round table discussion.
 The Men of Saint Joseph will be
 discussing Catholic Men's issues.

Annual Deo Optimo Maximo Gala



Fr Murphy with Cardinal Sean O'Malley at the gala.

On Tuesday, September 9th, over 150
 benefactors, supporters, and friends of St. Anne
 Shrine filled the ballroom at White's of
 Westport for their annual
 "Deo Optimo Maximo" banquet.
 Special guest Cardinal Sean O'Malley
 was also in attendance.

CHICKEN PARMESAN DINNER!



Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

Date, Time & Location

Saturday, October 18, 2025 @ 5:00PM

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Hall



Tickets

Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under \$7.00.

Tickets will be available after all Masses on the weekends of
 September 28th, October 5th and 12th.

Dinner Details

The dinner will start off with Caesar salad, then continue with Chicken Parmesan and Ziti
 along with Green Beans and Rolls with Butter. And to top it all off Apple Crisp for Dessert.
 We will also have a Chinese auction, with none other than our own Mike Wojcik.

For tickets or information, call Bob Crossman @ (508) 823-7920 or Mike Wojcik @ (508) 822-4254

Save the Date



Tea for All Ages

On Sunday, October 26th,
 the Women of Faith will be
 hosting a Tea Party from
 2:00pm - 4:00pm.

Please contact a Woman of Faith
 member or call Kathy Duarte at
 508-822-5455 for details.

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 29

These archangels, messengers sent by God, are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called “the great prince”; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses’ body; and in the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel’s visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.



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Saint Francis of Assisi

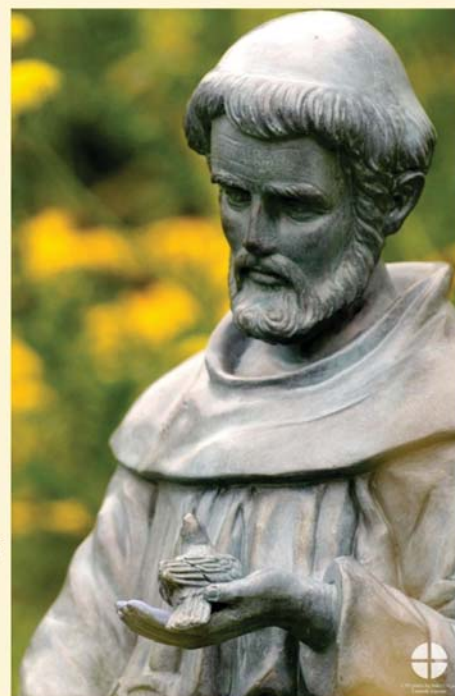
1182 — 1226

FEAST DAY — OCTOBER 4

The son of a wealthy Italian merchant, Francis was a playboy who experienced a profound conversion after going to war for Assisi, being imprisoned, and enduring a debilitating illness. He renounced his family and riches and lived a life of radical poverty and service because he believed Christ had asked him to. He founded the new mendicant Order of Friars Minor, or Franciscans, and helped found the Poor Clares and the Franciscan Third Order. In 2013, Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio took this medieval saint’s name when he was elected pope. Francis is the patron of animals, environmentalists, merchants, Catholic Action, and Italy.

During Mass on October 4, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of three ways in which he felt St. Francis could be an example Catholics today. He said:

- “ 1. The first thing he tells us is this: that being a Christian means having a living relationship with the person of Jesus; it means putting on Christ, being conformed to him. . .
2. The second witness that Francis gives us: that everyone who follows Christ receives true peace, the peace that Christ alone can give, a peace which the world cannot give. . .
3. Saint Francis of Assisi bears witness to the need to respect all that God has created and as he created it, without manipulating and destroying creation; rather to help it grow, to become more beautiful and more like what God created it to be. ”

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Saint Jerome (ca. 347 – 420) is best known as the translator of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin. Jerome's edition, the Vulgate, is still an important biblical text of the Roman Catholic Church. He, as a scripture scholar, is represented as a cardinal, dressed in red.

According to legend, a lion limped into St. Jerome's monastery in Bethlehem one day. The other monks ran away in fear, but Jerome calmly looked at the lion's paw and removed a large thorn. Thereafter the lion became his companion.



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