

# *St. Andrew the Apostle Taunton Catholic Church*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*



*Now this is eternal life, that they should know you,  
the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.  
John 17:3*

**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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**HOLY MASS : Sunday 3:30pm Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm**

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**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE  
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 16th**

4:00pm — Antonio Graca Jr. 8th Anniversary,  
Joyce Fernandez 5th Anniversary

**Sunday, May 17th**

8:00am — Durvalino Pinarreta & Family  
10:30am — Emily Mae Santarpia, Joao & Maria  
Duarte

**Monday, May 18th**

8:00am — Jack Boyd

**Tuesday, May 19th**

8:00am — Hilde Belzner

**Wednesday, May 20th**

8:00am — Louis St. Jean 6th Anniversary, Joseph  
& Sylvia Pina

**Thursday, May 21st**

8:00am — Frank A. Casella

**Friday, May 22nd**

8:00am — Sharon Kostigen

**Saturday, May 23rd**

4:00pm — John Pereira 3rd Anniversary

**Sunday, May 24th**

8:00am — Bertha & Val Winter  
10:30am — Jerry Gordon 1st Anniversary

**Sanctuary Lamp for week of May 16th**



*Jorge & Anne Botelho,  
Araujo Family*

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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 the Acts of the Apostles****Acts 1:12-14**

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8****R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

One thing I ask of the LORD;  
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD  
and contemplate his temple.

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

**R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.****FIRST READING****A Reading from The First Letter of St. Peter**  
**1 Peter 4:13-16**

Beloved:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

**Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL****A Reading from The Gospel according to John**  
**John 17:1-11a**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.

I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.

Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world.

They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.

And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



By Father Edward A. Murphy

*Fr. Edward A. Murphy*

## *Gospel of John*

It is truly wonderful to consider that we are the result of Jesus's command to the disciples in today's Gospel. They went out into the world to spread the Good News to all. We are the result of the disciples' authority. The many churches around the world, the church leaders and canon law, the people who make up this extraordinary and vibrant community called the Christian faith: these are the effects of a discipleship that has continued down the generations in earnest. When Jesus rose into the heavens - a truly mystical happening that even today we cannot fully explain - the disciples would have been perplexed. The rounded neatness that the resurrection appears to be in the Gospel would have been absent entirely. This was no end, no rounding up. And on everybody's lips would have been the words: what next?

Jesus told his followers to make disciples of all the nations. The command still stands for us. Conversion is first and foremost a deeply internal stirring between God and man, occurring in the depths of the human mind and body. From there we have the gift of translating that experience into all of our life, and this is infectious. Others grasp hold of this experience and this is the beauty of discipleship. Whilst we do need to make an effort, the cogs that turn are those of God and they revolve under the auspices of his grace.

In order to make disciples of the nations, we need not become UN ambassadors. Luckily for us, God does much of the work. He is asking us to respond in grace, to allow ourselves to listen and act. We do so in love and joy. It is a difficult road but one identified by happiness.

This is our resurrection. Let us live into it and thank the Lord for his grace.

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## *Points To Ponder*

A disciple is a learner - a student - a person committed to learning what the master has to teach. A modern parallel would be an apprentice - or a student musician asking a master musician to be his/her teacher. The disciple is expected not only to learn what the master teaches, but also to put it into practice. Making disciples is about bringing others to embrace a new way of living, to become devoted followers of Jesus, and to imitate his way of life. This is a slow process that cannot be rushed, a process that requires patience and personal involvement [accompaniment] on the part of the teacher.

The commission of the Risen Lord to his still fearful and confused disciples must have seemed overwhelming, impossible even. But Jesus assured them that they will not be alone. To enable his disciples to carry out his commission, he assures them of his continuing presence with them. Jesus remains Emmanuel - God with us - as much after his ascension as before. Yes, his physical presence among them ceases. This was limited to the period of his earthly life. Now, as Risen Lord, he is present to them through his Spirit, a presence without limitation.

Significantly, Jesus did not say, 'I will be with you' but rather 'I am with you,' promising an always-current presence. And so, the disciples of Jesus will not be overwhelmed, but rather emboldened and empowered to carry out the commission they have received. And we, too, his disciples today, struggling to continue his mission in these uncertain and difficult will not be overwhelmed, for he who has sent us remains with us 'until the end of time.'

**ST. ANDREW'S  
WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of

May 9th & 10th

Weekend Masses	\$ 3,685.00
Fuel, Maintenance, & Repairs	\$ 1,942.00
Candles	\$ 347.00
Penny Sale Donation	\$ 1,000.00

This week's Second Collection will be for:  
**Diocesan Assessment**

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

**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](mailto:standrewtaunton@comcast.net).**



**"Let it Begin with Me"** - The 85th Annual Catholic Appeal begins May 1. Since 1942, the Appeal has helped support and bring peace to people at all stages of life – from children to youth to parents to the elderly. Gifts to the Catholic Appeal sustain the work of our Diocese, including numerous agencies, programs, and ministries that provide food and shelter, educate children and adults, and meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. We encourage you to support the Appeal as generously as you can. You can make a one-time gift or a pledge with convenient payments throughout the year. You can give by mail, use a contribution card located in church, or make your gift or pledge online at: [www.GiveFRDiocese.org](http://www.GiveFRDiocese.org).

**Collected as of May 10th, 2026:  
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**Spaghetti Dinner**  
Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

**Date, Time & location**  
Saturday, May 30, 2026 @ 5:30 pm  
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Hall

**Tickets**  
Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under \$7.00.  
Tickets will be available after the Masses on the weekends of May 10th, 17th, and 24th.


**What**  
It's that time again. The Knights of Columbus at the St. Andrew of the Apostle Parish are putting on another Spaghetti Dinner. The meal will consist of the following: Caesar Salad, Spaghetti, Mario's Famous Sauce, Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Coffee & Soft Drinks, and Sundae Bar for dessert. Don't miss Mike's Chinese Auction. Raffle donations are kindly accepted and greatly appreciated!

 Proceeds will be donated to this years Catholic Charities Appeal.

For tickets or information, call Robert Crossman at 508-823-7920  
[StAndrewTaunton@comcast.net](mailto:StAndrewTaunton@comcast.net)

**Baptism**

On Sunday, April 26th, **August Maiden Burton Edge** was baptized after the 10:30am Mass. Congratulations to this family and please keep August in your prayers.



*August with his parents Andrew Edge & Ashley Auguste, Godparents Augustine Uban & Thatiana Jeune, and Fr. Bobby John*



**FR. TIMOTHY REIS**  
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Starting in 1998, Fr. Tim served as the Pastor at St. Joseph's Church before it merged to become St. Andrew's in 2008. Fr. Tim continued his ministry here until 2016, marking 18 years as Pastor of our Parish.

# BLESSING of Statues Night Vigil 6PM-1AM

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**Begins on Friday,  
June 12 at 6:00pm  
Concludes on  
Saturday,  
June 13, 1:00:am**



**Friday, June 12**  
Feast of the *Sacred Heart*  
Blessing at **6:00pm** Holy Mass



**Saturday, June 13**  
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Note: the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026, marking the Nations 250th Anniversary. Bishops are inviting Parishes to participate with Novena and prayers.

# St. Andrew the Apostle

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*Fr Edward A. Murphy,*  
*Pastor*

*Priests of La Salette Shrine,*  
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\*Sundays at 3:30pm\*

\*Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1:00pm\*

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## MASS LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

**\*ON WEBSITE \***

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday - Friday at 8:00am

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

## Saint Bernardine of Siena

*Feast Day: May 20*

This renowned Italian preacher was canonized only six years after he died. He was born near Siena and studied at the university there. He was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1404. From 1417 until his death 27 years later, he crisscrossed northern and central Italy as an itinerant preacher who drew enormous crowds by focusing on honest and penitential living and on reverence for the holy name of Jesus which led to the spread of this devotion. He also preached against gambling and materialism and turned down three requests to become a bishop.



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## The Miracle Prayer



Dear Heart of Jesus, In the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask for this special one. *(mention it)* Take it, Dear Heart Of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father will see it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become Your favor, not mine. *Amen*



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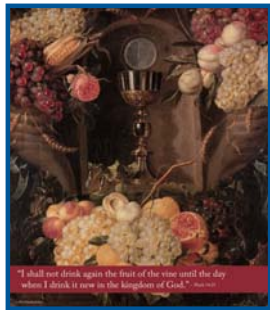
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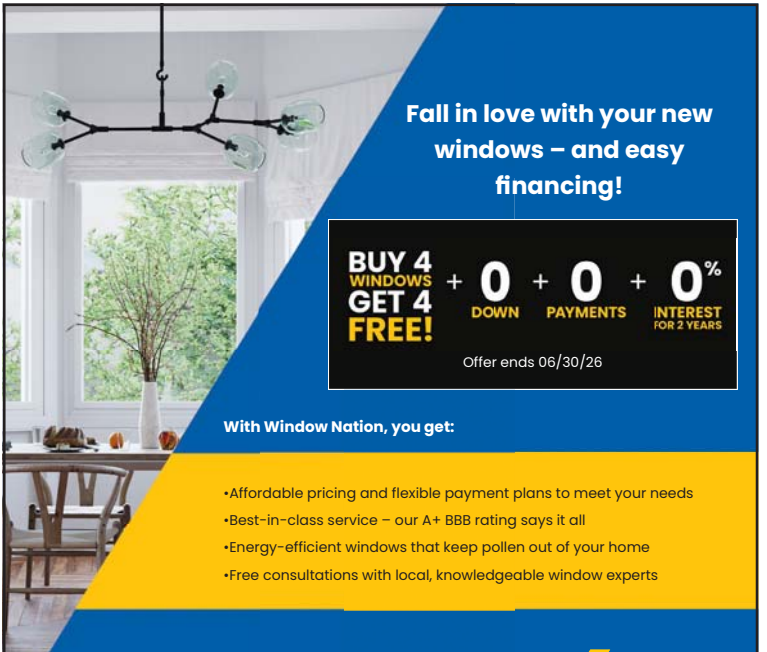
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