

# *St. Andrew the Apostle* *Taunton Catholic Church*



## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

God so loved  
the world that he gave  
his only Son.

John 3:16

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**

**T C A M TV** — Taunton Community Access and Media Inc

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

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**ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE  
WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 30th**

4:00pm — Jose Fernandez, Maria Chaves

**Sunday, May 31st**

8:00am — Oscar Rolando Juarez 2nd Anniversary

10:30am — Angelo Chaves 18th Anniversary

**Monday, June 1st**

8:00am — Lawrence Edward Jones

**Tuesday, June 2nd**

8:00am — Marc & Raymond DeSousa

**Wednesday, June 3rd**

8:00am — Lawrence Edward Jones

**Thursday, June 4th**

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

**Friday, June 5th**

8:00am — Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, June 6th**

4:00pm — Mark Viera

**Sunday, June 7th**

8:00am — The Duczowski Family

10:30am — Katharine Mary O’boy 7th Anniversary

**Sanctuary Lamp for week of May 30th**



*Oscar Rolando Juarez*

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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 Exodus**  
**Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9**

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD."

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.

Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company.

This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56****R.\ Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

**R.\ Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

**R.\ Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

**R.\ Glory and praise for ever!**

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

**R.\ Glory and praise for ever!****SECOND READING****A Reading from The Second Letter of St. Paul to The Corinthians****2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

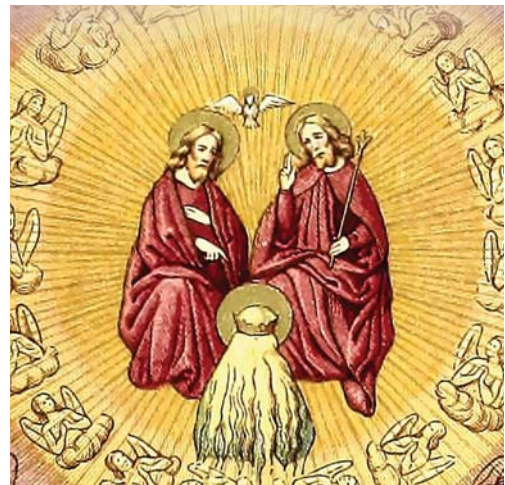
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL****A Reading from The Gospel according to John**  
**John 3:16-18**

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. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**





By Father Edward A. Murphy

*Fr. Edward A. Murphy*

## *Gospel of John*

Since the Holy Trinity is a mystery, all examples are only the shadows of the shadows of the Truth. The shamrock, a kind of clover, is a leguminous herb that grows in marshy places. St Patrick, the missionary patron saint of Ireland, used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity.

The story goes that one day his friends asked Patrick to explain the Mystery of the Trinity. He looked at the ground and saw shamrocks growing amid the grass at his feet. He picked one up one of its trifoliate leaves and asked if it were one leaf or three. Patrick's friends couldn't answer - the shamrock leaf looked like one but it clearly had three parts. Patrick explained to them: "The mystery of the Holy Trinity - one God in Three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - is like this, but more complex and less intelligible." St. Cyril, the teacher of the Slavs, tried to explain the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity using the sun as an example. He said, 'God the Father is that blazing sun. God the Son is its light and God the Holy Spirit is its heat - but there is only one sun. So, there are three Persons in the Holy Trinity but God is One and indivisible. St John Marie Vianney used to explain Holy Trinity using lighted candles, roses on the altar, and water in the cruets. 'The flame has color, warmth and shape. But these are expressions of one flame. Similarly, the rose has color, fragrance and shape. But these are expressions of one reality. namely, rose. Water, steam and ice are three distinct expressions of one reality.

In the same way one God revealed Himself to us as Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Today's readings convey the fundamental mystery that the Triune God reaches out to people with love, seeking the deepest communion with them. Our awareness and conviction of the presence of God within us give us the strength to face the manifold problems of life with Christian courage.

## *Points To Ponder*

God's very nature is in relationship, among three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They are (and God is) a community of love, showing us how to love.

That can seem like heady stuff. So what does that insight have to our daily lives? To begin with, it can encourage us to enter more deeply into relationships with one another. Notice how many passages in St Paul's letters are about the relationships within the early Christian communities. In most cases, Paul is primarily talking not about private religious practices but about interpersonal relationships. Now much of this has to do with the fact that these communities often were dealing with internal conflicts. But it is also reflective of the fact that if we are to live like the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - that is, like the Trinity - it will mean that we find God through relationships.

So Paul tells us how to be relational: 'Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.'

All this serves as a reminder against the kind of Christianity that is just about 'me and God.' Why do I need other people for my salvation when they annoy me so much? Why do I need a community when it's so imperfect? Why do I even need the church, when some of its members are so homophobic, or misogynistic or just plain sinful? Because we are, even in the face of all those annoyances, imperfections and sins, called to be in relationships, called to love and called to sacrifice. Called to be relational. Called to be, in a word, like the Trinity.

*Intercom May 2026*

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

Thank you for your support to our Parish Family. The Offertory for the weekend of **May 23rd & 24th**

<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>\$ 2,936.00</b>
<b>Grounds &amp; Beautification</b>	<b>\$ 1,245.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 141.00</b>
<b>Steubenville Donation</b>	<b>\$ 730.00</b>

This week's Second Collection will be for:  
**Music Maintenance Fund**  
Next week's Second Collection will be for:  
**Parking Lot Repairs**

**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?"*

**Corpus Christi Procession**

Next Saturday, **June 6th**, we are celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi. There will be a procession to the Eagle's Club and back, directly after the 4:00pm Mass.

On Sunday, **June 7th**, we will be hosting individuals of the Holy Ghost from the Eagles Club at the 10:30AM Mass. All are welcome.



*Let it Begin with Me*



85th ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
2026-2027

*Peace*

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."  
- John 14:27



**"Let it Begin with Me"** is the theme of the 2026 Catholic Appeal. On January 1, World Peace Day, Pope Leo sent a clear message, "Peace exists; it wants to dwell within us. The task is not to create it, but to welcome it, and to allow it to disarm us." Bring peace to our community by helping our brothers and sisters in need. The Appeal supports tens of thousands of people throughout our Diocese. Your support can bring you peace in knowing that you are making a positive difference, and help to be a part of creating harmony among all in our community. Please consider making your gift online by visiting [www.GiveFRDiocese.org](http://www.GiveFRDiocese.org). You can also mail your gift or use one of the contribution cards located in church.

**Collected as of May 24th, 2026:  
\$14,885 from 75 families**

**St. Anne Shrine of Fall River**

**Corpus Christi Weekend Events**

**Won't You Spend Time With ME?**



Friday, June 5, 2026

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Sunday, June 7, 2026



Friday: 6:00PM Holy Rosary  
6:30PM Holy Mass followed by Exposition and Benediction. Adoration until 10:00PM  
Saturday: Adoration in the Shrine from 12:00PM-4:00PM  
Sunday: Adoration in the Shrine from 12:00PM-2:00PM  
Mission of Mercy Holy Hour: 2:15PM-3:00PM  
Procession from steps of St. Anne's: 3:00PM



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# 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**  
Feast of the *Immaculate Heart*  
Blessing at **12:00am** Midnight Mass

**FAMILIES are WELCOME**  
to participate praying with us  
**SIX Hours of the  
Most Holy Rosary**

*Join Us* for a VERY *Special*  
weekend of *Prayer*

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.

**BLESSING OF THE STATUES**

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**SCHEDULE**

**Friday, June 12 — Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**6:00PM — 7:00pm**                      **Holy Mass with Benediction to follow.**

Families will be leading the Rosary for **ONE HOUR EACH** from 7:00PM – 12:00AM. Please sign below if your family is interested in volunteering.

**TIME**

**FAMILY SIGNATURE**

7:00PM — 8:00PM

8:00PM — 9:00PM

9:00PM — 10:00PM

10:00PM — 11:00PM

11:00PM — 12:00AM

**Saturday, June 13 — Feast of St. Anthony of Padua;**  
**Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**12:00AM**                      **Concluding with Holy Mass with Benediction to follow.**



**Families leading the Rosaries will be given blessed Rosary Beads from Medjugorje. Pictures of the Sacred Heart will also be given out.**

# 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

## IT'S TIME TO SPEAK OUT AGAIN IN OPPOSITION TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has been following two bills that would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts. House Bill 2505 and Senate Bill 1486, "An Act relative to End-of-Life Options" At present HB 2505 is in the Joint Committee on Healthcare Finance and SB 1486 is in Senate Ways and Means. However, the bills may come to the floor for a vote at any time. Working together, we can join health care professionals, disability groups, senior citizens, the infirmed and countless individuals in saying NO to assisted suicide and to stop the legislation from moving forward this session. Here are some troubling facts to consider before you contact your elected officials:

- 1) **A DEADLY PRESCRIPTION** - The bill would allow a physician to provide a lethal drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. NOTE - The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2) **NO REAL SAFEGUARDS** - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a "burden" may be subject to undue influence by others to make the choice of PAS.
- 3) **MISPLACED PRIORITIES** -The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying - particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

Please call or email your elected State Senator and State Representative to voice your opposition. You can do this by logging onto [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org).



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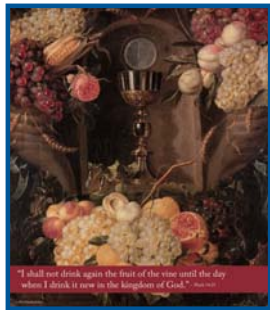
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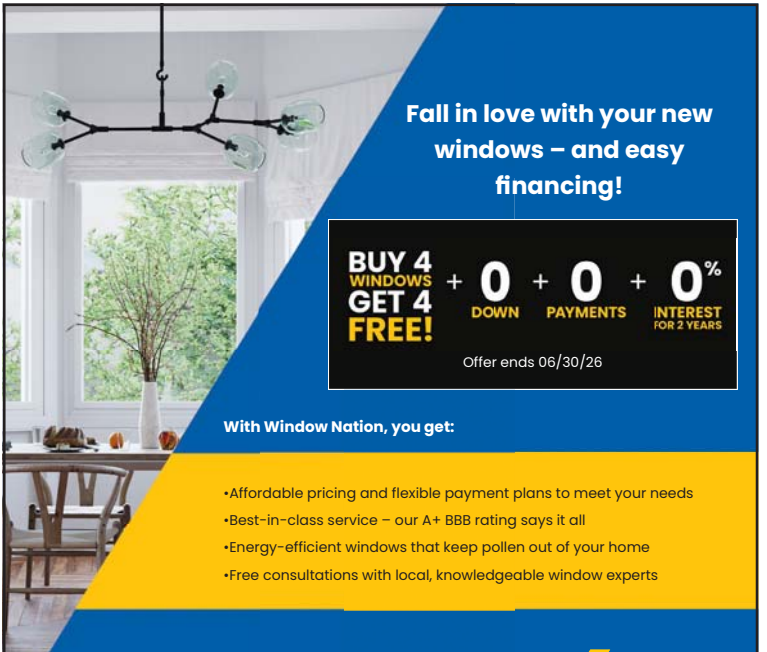
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