

ST. ANTHONY — ST. RITA PARISH

February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



• 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**BLESSED ARE THE
POOR IN SPIRIT.**

Saturday 4:30PM	January 31st John M. Keaney 
Sunday 8:00AM	February 1st Jill DeSouza 
9:30AM	Roy Serpa  (1 yr Anniv.)
11:30AM	Mary Kate Oien  (1 yr Anniv.)
Monday 8:00AM	February 2nd Bridie Brennan 
Tuesday 8:00 AM	February 3rd Deborah Jean Donati 
Wednesday 8:00 AM	February 4th For Our Parishioners
Thursday 8:00 AM	February 5th Lynne Chase 
Friday 8:00 AM	February 6th For the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 9:00 AM	February 7th For the triumph of the immaculate Heart of Mary
4:30 PM	Walter Reid 
Sunday 8:00 AM	February 8th Frances Walton  (10 yr Anniv.)
9:30 AM	Donald Walton 
11:30 AM	Ray Cebula  For Our Parishioners

 **Deceased**

Mass Intentions Anyone may request that a Mass be said for a special intention; in thanksgiving; in honor of another.

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Anthony's

For Our Parishioners

St. Rita's

Sue Sullivan

If you would like to have a Memorial devoted to a loved one for the week, please call the office and we will be glad to assist you in this special remembrance.

The Memorials available are Tabernacle Lamp, Offertory Wine, Altar Bread. Cost is \$25 per week, except for the Tabernacle Lamp (\$15 per week.)

The Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed on Thursdays after 8 AM Mass. Please consider joining us.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember in prayer: Heather Bradley, Peggy Kelley, Lillian Zhang, Beverly Donlon, Sarah Hayes, Robert Dupont, Catherine B. Perry, Ella DiCarli, Bobby Knight, Ethel Savery, John R. Dolan, Dean Learned, Paulette Lake, Erin Smith, Andrew Sienkiewicz, Lexie Williams, Linda Matos, Janice DeMello, Mary Ann Motta, Jeanette Bousquet, Leo Pudim, Kaidin Young, Joanne Nye, Patricia Aleks Aiello, Callen James Pellerin, Mickey Flynn, Maureen McCarthy, Jason Caffelle, Joseph Elison, Henry Gardyna, Patricia McPartland, Terry Carrier, Ilona Langhoff, Mary Jones, Christiane van de Kerckhof, Tammy DeCroteau, Carl Hubbard, Sharon and Pete Desnoyer, Cecelia Mary Wedge, Jackie and Jack McGraw, Sue Sullivan, **AND** Nichole Nye, Jennifer Nye, James H. Henry, Ben Lyons, Jason Gracia, Elizabeth Verni, Faith Lomba, Douglas Nye, Cynthia Roberts, Kathy Gillis, Susan Alexander, Ann Sweeney Reed, Joseph Napoli, Aaron Souza, Mary Ann Mazzola Looney, Art Lyons, Jack Fearons, Sarah Danforth, Chris Beauchamp, Manuel Rodrigues, Jonathan Parsons, Barbara Puglisi, Fred DeCastro, Eileen Hallett, Chris Turner, Lucas Payette, Dennis Roddey, Hannah Strom, Patricia Parker, Joan Marathas, Jacqueline Cote and Mary Verni, Jason Ryan Kathleen Flaherty Sites and Matthew Rogers & Family, Theresa Randall, Tim Smith, Charlie Smith, Christiane Van de Kerckhof and Paul Guilbeault.

Please call the office to add or remove a name from the list or to ask for visits to the sick or homebound.



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Family Contribution Report \$

If you would like your contribution report for **2025** for **tax purposes**, *please call the office.*

Permanent Diaconate Information Nights Scheduled

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River, has authorized the formation of a new class for Permanent Deacons beginning in the ***Fall of 2027***.

Those interested in pursuing the vocation of the diaconate, scheduled to begin the Aspirancy phase in the Fall of 2027, are invited to submit a preliminary application. Additional details and preliminary application are available on our website – fallriverdeacons.com.

These general Information meetings will delve into the process of formation of a deacon for the Diocese of Fall River. The **info nights** will be held at several locations in the diocese *and via Zoom-*

January 27 – via Zoom

February 13, 2026 – St. Ann's Parish Hall - Raynham

April 27, 2026 – via Zoom

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Frank Lucca or Deacon Joseph McGinley, Co-Directors of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at office@frpermanentdiaconate.com or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at

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Thank you for helping us to help families in need!

Penance: Reconciliation

Penance is the sacrament by which we receive God's healing forgiveness for sins committed after baptism. The rite is called "reconciliation" because it reconciles us not only with God but with the Church community. Both these aspects of reconciliation are important.

As members of Christ's Body, everything we do affects the whole Body. Sin wounds and weakens the Body of Christ; the healing we receive in penance restores health and strength to the Church, as well as to ourselves.

When a person turns aside or away from God's love, the harm is to the sinner. Venial sin strains one's relationship with God. Mortal sin ruptures the relationship.

Sin is a tragic reality. But the sacrament of penance is a joyful reunion. Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel expresses this joy poignantly: the Pharisees accuse Jesus of being too merciful. In response, Jesus tells three parables. In the first, God is like a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to seek one who is lost. When he finds it, he is filled with joy.

In the second parable, a woman finds a valuable coin she had lost and throws a big party. Jesus comments: "Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents"

The third parable is the story of the wayward son. When the son returns home, his father receives him with a tender embrace.

When you confess your sins sincerely, with true sorrow and resolution not to sin again, God rejoices. The Pharisees depicted in Luke's Gospel were stern, rigid men – stricter judges than God. In contrast, the Father revealed by Jesus is almost too good to be true. And so is Jesus himself, whom you meet in this sacrament. Like Father, like Son. In penance, Jesus embraces and heals you.
-The Essential Catholic Handbook, pg 35-36



Harold N. Vachon

Gift of Treasure: St. Anthony-St. Rita Parish

January 25, 2026

Weekly Receipts:

St. Anthony's-

First Collection: \$4,072.00

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St. Rita's-

First Collection: \$250.00

Latin America: \$35.00

Saint Vincent de Paul: \$1,050.00

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Please remember the Parish in your estate plan. The online giving feature on the parish website is available at anthonyandrita.com/online-giving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday Mass

After the **First Friday Mass 8:30-9 AM** we will be offering Adoration & includes confession

First Saturday Mass

We will be celebrating *First Saturday Mass* each month. Mass will be at **9:00AM. Adoration and Confessions to follow until 10:00AM.**

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletins are completed and submitted a week in advance. If you have an announcement you would like to be included, **please submit to the parish office by Fridays at noon.** Thank you!



Feb 5 at 5:00PM First Communion Class

St. Anthony-St. Rita Parish



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

26 Hammond St.

Mattapoisett, MA

Saint Rita of Cascia Church

121 Front St.

Marion, MA

LITURGIES

at St. Anthony

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM;
Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:30 AM
Daily Mass: M-F 8:00 AM

at St. Rita

Sunday Morning: 11:30 AM
Holy days as announced
Additional Saturday Mass from
weekend before July 4 through
Labor Day at 5:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at St. Anthony 3:30-4:20 PM. Sundays before Masses at St. Anthony's. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Immediately following the daily Mass until 9:00AM. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to make an appointment for Baptism. Baptisms happen after Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

please call the Parish Office **at least 6 months** in advance of your wedding or for more information.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month, 7 to 8 pm at St. Anthony. Announced if time changes.

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