

ST. ANTHONY — ST. RITA PARISH

October 11, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



• 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**INVITE TO THE
FEAST WHOMEVER
YOU FIND.**

Saturday 4:30 PM	October 10th Anne Duval ✕
Sunday 8:00 AM	October 11th Hosea Initiative Prayer Founder Terry Beatley Preciosa Larouco ✕ For Our Parishioners
9:30 AM 11:30 AM	
Monday 8:00 AM	October 12th Maria Collins ✕
Tuesday 8:00 AM	October 13th Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday 8:00 AM	October 14th Kaitlyn Griffin ✕
Thursday 8:00 AM	October 15th Roland Boughton ✕
Friday 8:00 AM	October 16th Blanche & Omer Pepin ✕
Saturday 4:30 PM	October 17th Ryan Plunkett ✕
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	October 18th Ryan Kuphal ✕ (10 Year Anniv.) Antonio & Maria Medeiros ✕ Reverend William Blottman ✕ (1 Year Anniv.)



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, Terry Carrier, Ilona Langhoff, Mary Jones, Christiane Van de Kerckhof, Tammie DeCroteau, Carl Hubbard, Sharon & Pete Desnoyer, Cecelia Mary Wedge, Jackie & Jack McGraw, Sue Sullivan, Mark Tucker, Chela Short, Delia Nestler, Caroline Schulz.

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, Mary Verni, Jason Ryan Kathleen Flaherty Sites, Matthew Rogers & Family, Theresa Randall, Tim Smith, Charlie Smith, Christiane Van de Kerckhof, Paul Guilbeault and Janet Gallo.

✕ Deceased

Mass Intentions Anyone may request that a Mass be said for a special intention; in thanksgiving; in honor of another person (such as a birthday); or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Sanctuary Lamps



St. Anthony's
For Our Parishioners

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Offertory Altar Bread & Wine

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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.)

Please call the office to add or remove a name from the list or to ask for holy eucharist to be brought to the home of the sick or homebound.

If you or someone you know is a homebound parishioner looking for support or for someone to pray with please contact Donna Fortin 508-997-3798.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOSPITALER SISTERS OF THE GOOD NEWS & THE O'CONNELL HOUSE

We are thrilled to share recent exciting news that the O'Connell House will now be managed & operated by The Home for Little Wanderers. This is the first 13-room residence in MA which provides comprehensive services to women who have been sex trafficked. These women may be pregnant and/or have a small child. It is a place where dignity will be restored and healing can occur. The unique 24/7 "Sister Care Model" delivers trauma-informed care which supports their complex needs with compassion, while being the loving nurturing presence the women so desperately need. Visit their website:

<http://theoconnellhouse.org> or follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheOConnellHouseMA>
Checks can be made out to The O'Connell House, Inc. and mail to: P.O. Box 9568, Lowell, MA. 01853.

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



Gloria Patri

What is the brief prayer of praise used by Christians throughout the world?

Is it the Gloria Patri or "Glory be," also called the Minor Doxology.

Gloria Patri, et Pilio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Why is this prayer called the Minor Doxology?

From the Greek *doxa* (glory), it is a prayer of adoration and praise of the Blessed Trinity. It is called "minor" to denote its brevity and distinguish it from the longer *Gloria in excelsis Deo* or Major Doxology, which is sung during Holy Mass.

Is this prayer very ancient?

Yes. Similar expressions of praise may be found in Scripture and the early Church Fathers, with its Trinitarian form becoming fixed in the Church by the time of the Arian crisis in the fourth century.

Why was this prayer so well suited to the early centuries of the Church?

Because it is a brief, clear, and jubilant confession of the Trinity: a dogma that was fiercely attacked in those days.

Is this prayer often used in the official prayer of the Church?

Yes; it is used as a concluding prayer throughout her liturgical rites, as well as in many classical Catholic devotions, such as the Rosary. -CREDO page 235

Grace in General

What is grace?

A supernatural gift which God freely bestows on us, through the merits of Jesus Christ, for our salvation or to accomplish some task.

Why is grace called a supernatural gift?

Because it is not something natural to us, but rather comes from God to lift us above the level of our human nature, and enjoy friendship and communion with Him.

Why is grace said to be a free gift?

Because we have no right to it, and God is perfectly free to refuse it; yet He grants it through His unbounded goodness and love for us.

Grace in General Cont.

What is the cause of grace and why is it given through the merits of Jesus Christ?

"As a principal agent it belongs to God alone to pour grace into the members of the Church; and instrumentally it is the humanity of Christ, that also is the cause of that in-pouring of grace...Just as iron burns because of the fire joined to it, the actions of Christ's humanity were salutary because of the divinity united to it, of which the humanity was like an instrument." It is, therefore, in consideration of the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ that God has restored to man the graces of which he had been deprived by sin.

Why is grace given to us for our salvation or to accomplish some task?

Because the purpose of some grace is to enable us to live the life of holiness, and to merit life everlasting; the purpose of other graces is to help us accomplish some task, such as to prophesy, as was the case for the pagan Balaam and the high priest Caiaphas.

Can grace be increased in the soul?

Yes. "Grow in the grace and knowledge of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

-CREDO page 218

Grand Annual Parish Appeal

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's "Grand Annual Parish Appeal" for St. Anthony's and St. Rita's, if you have not already done so. Your support helps ensure that our beautiful parish thrives for years to come. Every gift is important, no matter the amount, and is received with the utmost gratitude. Donations can be returned in the collection basket at church or in the mail. You can also make a secure online donation to the Annual Collection on our parish website:

anthonyandrita.com (please scroll down to the "Donate" button). Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our parish and community.

Bishop Stang Open House

Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college preparatory high school in Dartmouth, MA, welcomes parents and students of all middle school grades to attend an Open House Event on **Sunday, October 18, from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**. Faculty and students are excited to highlight all that makes Bishop Stang an outstanding faith-based, college preparatory program. Pre-register at bishopstang.org.



**Gift of Treasure: St. Anthony-St. Rita Parish
October 4, 2026
Weekly Receipts:**

St. Anthony's-

First Collection: \$4,629.00

Diocesan Assessment: 1,604.00

St. Rita's-

First Collection: \$1,195.00

Diocesan Assessment: \$209.00

St. Vincent de Paul- \$211.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

St. Anthony-St. Rita Parish



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

26 Hammond St.

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Saint Rita of Cascia Church

121 Front St.

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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 9:00 AM. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to make an appointment for Baptism. **Baptisms**
happen 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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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

After the **First Friday Mass from 8:30-9 AM**

we will be offering Adoration & confession.

Adoration is also offered from **7-8 PM at night**

First Friday Adoration

On the first Friday of every month we are looking for
Adorers of the Lord from 9 AM - 7 PM. There is a
sign up sheet at the main entrance of the church.

Please feel free to sign up at your convenience.

First Saturday Mass

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

Faith Formation

Family of Faith Parent Gathering

On Thursday, October 15th from 6:30-7:30 PM

At St. Anthony's

Catechists are needed for Junior High classes meet
twice a month. This year will be either Monday or
Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
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