

Saint Peter Parish



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES:
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 3:30 PM
Wednesday 8:45AM
Anytime by request.

BAPTISMS:
Please call the rectory to meet with Father Tom

MARRIAGES:
Please call the rectory at least twelve months in advance to begin required marriage preparation

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Elaine Nowlan Parish Secretary
Christine Fung-A-Fat Administrative Assistant

Religious Education:
Loreto: Pre-K to 4th
Edge: 5th-8th
Lifeteen: 9th-12th
Please call the parish office or
email: parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org

Safe Environment Coordinators
Linda Blair & Steven Poudrier

PARISH COUNCIL:
Barbara Ramian,
Audra Gaul, Pete Sabourin,
George Murray,
Jeff Roy, Kim Poudrier,
Karen Lemoine

FINANCE COMMITTEE:
Homer Rajotte
Thomas Heney
Jeffrey Thibeault
George Murray
James Archibald-ex officio

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY:
Please call: Rectory: 234-2156;
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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:
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All Masses will be celebrated privately by Father Tom & all Mass Intentions will be honored

SATURDAY March 21st

4:30PM **Leo & Helen Lubas** by Family

SUNDAY March 22nd

8:30AM **Richard Kaminski** by Sharon & Kevin

11:00AM **Annette Courteau** by her Children

MONDAY March 23rd

8:00AM **Noella Lavallee**

TUESDAY March 24th

8:00AM **Claire DiCillo**

WEDNESDAY March 25th

8:00AM **Oliver Dumas**

THURSDAY March 26th

8:00AM **Parish Family**

SATURDAY March 28st

4:30PM **Mr. & Mrs. Elie Lemoine** by Family

SUNDAY March 29th

8:30AM **Sally Dupre** by the Lavallee's

11:00AM **Colleen Labelle** by Arlene Bruneau



*MaryAnn Lavallee, Charles Giambusso,
Margarite Pomponio, John Ramian, Sarah D,
David Patnode, Rhonda Lavallee, Sharron Grocki,
Linda Chipman, Jeannine Patnode, Eric Lambert,
Donna Labrie,
and all those in our parish book of prayers.*

Healing Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay
your healing Hands upon all those who are
sick. We beg You to have compassion on all
those who are suffering so that they may be
delivered from their pitiful circumstances.
In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*



March 15, 2020

Envelopes Collected 49	\$ 1301.00
Electronic Giving 15	527.00
Renovations Envelopes 3	125.00
Winter Envelopes 16	353.00
Donations	6500.00
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Total	\$ 8836.00

Even though we will not be able to celebrate Mass as a Parish Family together we still need your support!

Please mail in your weekly envelopes or sign up for electronic giving.

You can mail your envelopes to:
Saint Peter Parish
39 Church Avenue
Northbridge, MA 01534

Or email: parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org
call us 508-234-2156 to sign up for
Electronic Giving

The Parish Office is currently closed to the public.

We will still be in the office Monday-Thursday
9am-1pm and will be available by
phone or email.



*A Note from
Father Tom*

The days in which we find ourselves are troubling. The worst of the pandemic now affecting decisions great and small seems “far off” still, yet significant patterns of our lives here at home are affected as well. We have learned quickly from our neighbors around the globe that delayed preventative measures lose their power to protect us and make a difference.

I am grateful to parishioners and staff who are making it possible to meet public health and Church requirements to do all that we can while suspending activity that would put us and those to whom we must minister at risk. Information can be found on our parish and diocesan websites regarding national, regional, and local resources, including live and recorded celebrations of Mass during this time.

From this weekend’s Scripture readings, we read of the blind beggar whom Jesus heals. He who was blind sees, who was in darkness, now walks in the light. From the “Seven Last Words” previously planned for this Wednesday, we hear Jesus cry from the cross, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me.” But we know that he suffered willingly, confident in the love of God which would save him ... will save us!

With such confidence in God’s love for us and God’s grace poured out upon us, these days remain a challenge, but they are a challenge which we face in light. While our patterns of being with each other must be altered, our patterns of being for each other must not. We will continue to employ the creativity and ingenuity that says “Yes” to all we can, and even to every temporary change we must make.

In the short term, we will come to realize, perhaps, just how meaningful and valuable are the people, the patterns, and the resources in our lives. In the long term, I pray that we will be able to look back and ahead, knowing it was dark, but light is always ours!

Fr. Tom

Sunday Readings

First Reading:
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)

Psalm:
23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading:
Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel:
John 9:1-41

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Meatloaf Dinner last Saturday & supporting our Mission Trip Kids!

Everyone had a wonderful time!





2020 Partners in Charity Appeal

Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support, *faith in action* is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in prayerful witness of our retired priest and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others.

It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2020 appeal we thank you! Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal.

Please make your gift online at:
www.partners-charity.net

You may also mail in your donation to us:
Saint Peter Parish
39 Church Avenue,
Northbridge, MA 01534
Attn: Partners in Charity



A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: *Be not afraid, for I am with you always.*

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen



All Religious Education Classes have been cancelled until further notice.

The Lifeteen Kids were able to get in one last service project by helping at Peace of Bread last Sunday.

They picked up items from the Dollar Store & then went over to Peace of Bread to fill bags of cleaning supplies & food. The kids made over 40 bags of food & cleaning supplies. Peace of Bread was still open this Wednesday for take out dinners only & the families were able to take the much needed supplies & food they needed.

