

# Saint Peter Parish



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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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.

#### 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

#### 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](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org)

Safe Environment Coordinators  
Linda Blair & Steven Poudrier

#### 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

#### SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY:

Please call: Rectory: 234-2156;  
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#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

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Richard White 508-835-4380  
Marie Chabot 508-234-2156

#### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:

Elaine Nowlan 508-234-2156



All daily Masses will be celebrated privately by  
Father Tom & all Mass Intentions will be honored

SATURDAY May 2nd– Televised at St. Patrick

4:30PM **Andy Williamson 4th Anniv &**  
**Lorraine Williamson 3rd Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY May 3rd– Televised at St. Patrick

10:00AM **Mr. & Mrs. Leo Caya** by Ray Blette  
and  
**Annie May Whitcomb** by Husband Edward

MONDAY May 4th

8:00AM **Alfred Lemoine 4th Anniv.** by his Wife &  
Family

TUESDAY May 5th

8:00AM **Beverly Gauthier** by the Lavallee's

WEDNESDAY May 6th

8:00AM **John Czebotar** by the Lavallee's

THURSDAY May 7th

8:00AM **Parish Family**

SATURDAY May 9th– Televised at St. Patrick

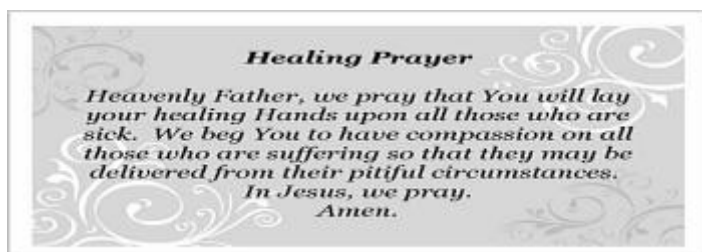
4:30PM **Leo & Helen Lubas & Lorraine Williamson**  
by Family

SUNDAY May 10th– Televised at St. Patrick

10:00AM **Grace Lavallee** by her Loving Family



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.



### April 19, 2020

Envelopes Collected 26	\$ 937.00
Electronic Giving 17	636.00
Renovations Envelopes 8	106.00
Winter Envelopes 1	20.00
Donations	136.00
Easter Offering	141.00
Easter Flowers	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2126.00</b>

### April 26, 2020

Envelopes Collected 54	\$ 2033.00
Electronic Giving 17	636.00
Renovations Envelopes 6	105.00
Donations	85.00
Easter Offering	80.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2949.00</b>

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**Thank you very much to everyone that has  
been sending in their weekly donations!**

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:  
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39 Church Avenue  
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Or email: [parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org)  
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Electronic Giving



## A Note from Father Tom

*"The Lord is my Shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want."*

*Psalm 23:1*

The image of Christ as Shepherd is familiar to us. The title of Christ as the Good Shepherd also is familiar. The Lord's own declaration that he is not only shepherd but also the gate for the sheep takes more effort on our part to truly hear. He not only walks ahead of us or behind us to ensure our way and to be our safety. He IS the way by which and through which we enter and leave. He is the way of our true journey, the way of arrival to which and for which we are born.

There is much in life that vies for our attention. There are things, experiences, and even people who give us cause to think too little of ourselves or too much of ourselves. These can cause us to draw our resources from the place in our lives where they are truly needed to places that offer tempting but empty promises of self gratification and self satisfaction. They cause us to walk in or under a cloud of suspicion, excessive self protection and, perhaps, eventual disappointment, regret, and resentment.

Our Shepherd approaches us not in spite of all this, but precisely as God's own response to all this. Our every misstep is met by God's step toward us. Our every act of pushing away is met by God's choice to step toward us that we might step into the Divine embrace. Every word that arises from our hurt or anger, every word of truth we fear or simply refuse to speak is met by the Word who proclaims: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Fr. Tom



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading:  
Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

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

Second Reading:  
1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel:  
John 10:1-10

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The Mass Intentions Book does have  
open dates available.

If you would like to book a Mass please  
call the Parish Office 508-234-2156

**"Sometimes we forget just how  
powerful God is. We spend so much  
time dwelling on the mountain  
standing before us that we lose sight  
of the fact that God is infinitely bigger  
than the mountain."**

GARY ZIMAK  
Stop Worrying & Start Living





## **2020 Partners in Charity Appeal**

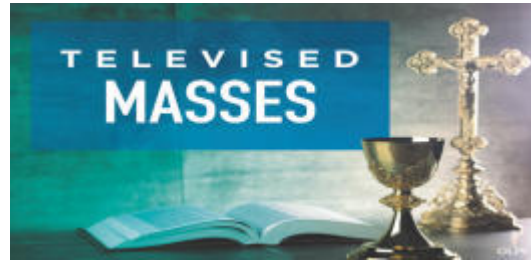
Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support, *faith in action* is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among 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.

**To date our parish has  
44 gifts  
and raised \$40,780**

Please make your gift online at:  
[www.partners-charity.net](http://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



We are partnering with Saint Patrick's in  
Whitinsville with televised Masses.

Father Tom & Father Tomasz will be presiding.

Masses will be streamed at:

4:30pm every Saturday

10:00am every Sunday

To view the live stream on Saturday & Sunday go to  
our web site: [stpeterrockdale.org](http://stpeterrockdale.org)

The Masses will be on our web site to view during  
the week.

Masses will also be broadcasted three times during  
the week at NCTV 191 and 192:

Monday at 12:00pm (Noon) and Wednesday and  
Saturday at 8:00am

You can also watch daily Mass at the Cathedral of  
Saint Paul in Worcester on our web site or on  
Channel 193 through Spectrum.

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### **A Prayer in Time of Pandemic**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of hu-  
man 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 ser-  
vants; 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.





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