Saint Peter Parish

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor

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New to our Parish Family and would like to join?
Please contact the Parish Office

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 am
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am
Rosary 7:35 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 pm
Anytime by request

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Barbara Ramian,
Audra Gaul, Pete Sabourin,
George Murray,
Jeff Roy, Kim Poudrier

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Homer Rajotte,
Thomas Heney,
Jeffrey Thibeault,
George Murray ,
Bob Dziekiewicz,
James Archibald-ex officio

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

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

Parish Office: 508-234-2156
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FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org
Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Louise Forget - Religious Education Coordinator
Elementary: PreK to 4th
Middle School: 5th-8th
High School: 9th-11th

BAPTISMS
Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES
Please call the Parish Office at least twelve months in advance to begin required marriage preparation

MUSIC MINISTRY
Richard White 508-835-4380
Alice Bucca 508-234-2156

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
Elaine Nowlan

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Melanie Dziekiewicz
Audra Gaul, Victoria Neville,
Holly Henault, Barbara Ramian,
Christine Fung-A-Fat,
Rosa Orazine, Craig Consigli

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY August 13th
4:30PM **Kathy Reed** by Family

SUNDAY August 14th
8:30AM **Peter Guiliani Sr.** by Grace Sawyer & Family
11:00AM **Richard Cronin** 2nd Anniv.
by the Lambert Family

MONDAY August 15th-
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00AM **Fr. Richard Jakubauskas** by Fr. Michael
7:00PM **Allan Davidson**

TUESDAY August 16th
8:00AM **Fr. James Clifford**

WEDNESDAY August 17th
8:00AM **Robert Adams** by the Lavallees

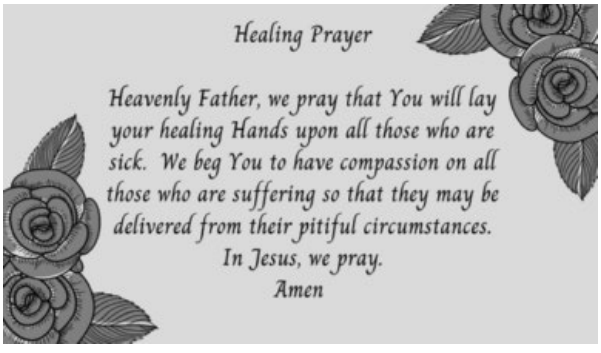
THURSDAY August 18th
8:00AM **Parish Family**

SATURDAY August 20th
4:30PM **Valmore & Bertha Dube** by Melinda & John

SUNDAY August 21th
8:30AM **Robert Greene** by the Ostroskey Family
11:00AM **Robert Lussier** by Nancy & Family

Pray For..

Patricia Patnode, Scarlett Hubsch, Kyle Osterman, Jeanne Weldon, Logan Bernard Rich, Lori Alves, Robin Warwick, Charles Giambusso, Margarite Pomponio, Rhonda Lavallee and all those in our parish book of prayers.



PARISH SUPPORT

August 7, 2022

Envelopes Collected	51	$ 1719.00
Electronic Giving	42	3003.00
Renovations Envelopes	24	507.00
Donations		104.00
St. Vincent DePaul		5.00
Total		$ 5338.00

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of adults is the process in which adults become full members of the Catholic Church.

Are you someone or do you know someone who:
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Was baptized in another Christian faith and now wish to become Catholic?
- Do you hear Him calling you to receive the Sacraments?

It's never too late to establish a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.
For information, please contact Fr. Michael after any of the Masses or call the parish office at 508-234-2156.

A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

These past several weeks have been hot, humid and uncomfortable. The "fiery" temperatures have been difficult for everyone, especially for those who work outdoors. During this heat wave, we have appreciated air conditioning like never before and have had greater gratitude about having access to enough water and cold drinks to keep us hydrated.

Jesus and His disciples certainly understood being hot and uncomfortable. Although they sometimes were in Israel's north, which was more temperate, Jesus and His followers often were in the arid, desert south. As they daily were outdoors in the heat, they undoubtedly knew thirst and exhaustion. In His last hours, Jesus endured physical pain, suffering, exertion and heat as He carried His Cross and was crucified.

Our experience of ever-changing temperature, weather and seasons is part of our human condition. Jesus, being fully human, lived through these changes as part of His daily life. Jesus therefore understands us and asks us to allow our sufferings to help us to understand His life more. Indeed, Jesus endured all the sufferings of His life for us. All the heat, cold, hunger, thirst, discomfort and exhaustion that Jesus went through during His life and ministry He freely undertook for our salvation.

As this Summer continues to unfold and we face more extreme heat or storms, let us remember that Jesus also endured these difficulties. Let us reflect on what He did for us and may our experience of suffering bring us ever closer to Jesus in faith and love.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Bible Study with Father Michael

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM
Beginning September 14th
in the Church

The study will include reflection on the gospel reading for the coming Sunday, teaching about our Catholic Faith and intercessory prayer for participants' intentions.
Fr. Michael Lavallee will facilitate the sessions.

Please see the table in the gathering area for more information and registration forms.

The Northbridge Association of Churches is once again getting ready for the new school year by collecting backpacks & school supplies.

The Department of Children and Families will distribute to kids who otherwise would not have what they need to start school in the fall.

If you are able to help, there is a list of the needed supplies in the gathering area. This is a typical list of what each student is asked to bring in the first week of school. Anything you can do to help out is most appreciated!

Please return your donations to the boxes in the gathering area by Sunday, August 21, 2021

Thank you for your help in advance!

Partners in Charity 2022

If you have not already, please make your donation to Partners in Charity!
We are so close to our goal!

We are $3,910 from our goal!

Our Parish Goal is $ 33,300.00

Total Gifts to date for our goal is: $29,390.00

You can also make your gift online at partners-charity.net.

Thank you for your continued support!
We couldn't do it without you!

Are you a gardener?
Do you like to work outdoors with flowers and plants?

We are implementing a new program called ADOPT-A-SPACE for our church and grounds. The Parish is currently looking for volunteers to care for various outdoor garden spaces around the Church and Rectory during the growing season.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the parish office 508-234-2156.

Thank you for good stewardship.

Registrations forms for the 2022-2023 year have been emailed out.

Watch your email for your registration forms and join us for our Religious Ed Kick Off Party Sunday, September 11th after the 11:00am Mass.

If you are new to the parish or new to our religious education programs, please call the religious ed office 508-234-6355 or email: religioused@stpeterrockdale.org.

Coming this fall…
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

Originated in 1954 in Italy by Sofia Cavalletti, a biblical scholar, and Gianna Gobi, an educator, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a model of religious education that helps the young child to enter into a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus. It seeks to create a sacred space for children called the Atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of our Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. This leads little children, and quite often their entire families, to come to a deep appreciation for the sacraments, and above all, the Eucharist.

We piloted the program here in our parish last year with a small number of children, and hope to expand it this year. We have set up our Atrium in what was originally the coatroom (and in recent years, the religious ed office) at the parish center. We invite you to stop by to see it should you be in the parish center, and we encourage you to join us in this endeavor by volunteering your time or talent as we continue to create our Atrium.

Please watch the parish bulletin as well as Flocknote messages for more information on how you can help or how to register a child for the program. Please keep us in your prayers as we work to bring about this beautiful atmosphere for the youngest members of our parish.

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