Saint Peter Parish

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- Lk 23:42-43

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor
39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446,
Northbridge, MA 01534

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

PARISH COUNCIL
Barbara Ramian,
Audra Gaul, Pete Sabourin,
Thomas Heney,
Jeff Roy, Kim Poudrier,
Mary Sheehan

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

Elaine Nowlan Parish Secretary
Christine Fung-A-Fat Administrative Assistant
George Murray Business Manager

Parish Office: 508-234-2156
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FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Louise Forget - Religious Education Coordinator
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Elementary: PreK to 4th
Middle School: 5th-8th
High School: 9th-10th Confirmation: 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
Alice Bucca 508-234-2156
Chris Harris

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
Elaine Nowlan

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

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY November 19th
4:30PM **Joseph & Rita Gautreau** by Family

SUNDAY November 20th
8:30AM **Terry Hetu** by Judy & Gary Morvan
11:00AM **Richard D. Wolanksi** by Fr. Michael

MONDAY November 21st
8:00AM **Joseph & Rita Gautreau** by the Lavallee Family

TUESDAY November 22nd
8:00AM **Deceased Patients of St. Camillus** by Rose Gallagher

WEDNESDAY November 23rd
8:00AM **Parish Family**

THURSDAY November 24th-*Thanksgiving Day*
9:00AM **Ludovic & Beatrice Lavallee** by the Lavallee Family

SATURDAY November 26th
4:30PM **Patricia Dupre 6th Anniv.** by the Dupre Family

SUNDAY November 27th
8:30AM **Terry Hetu** by John & Barbara Ramian
11:00AM **Ernest Courteau** by his Children

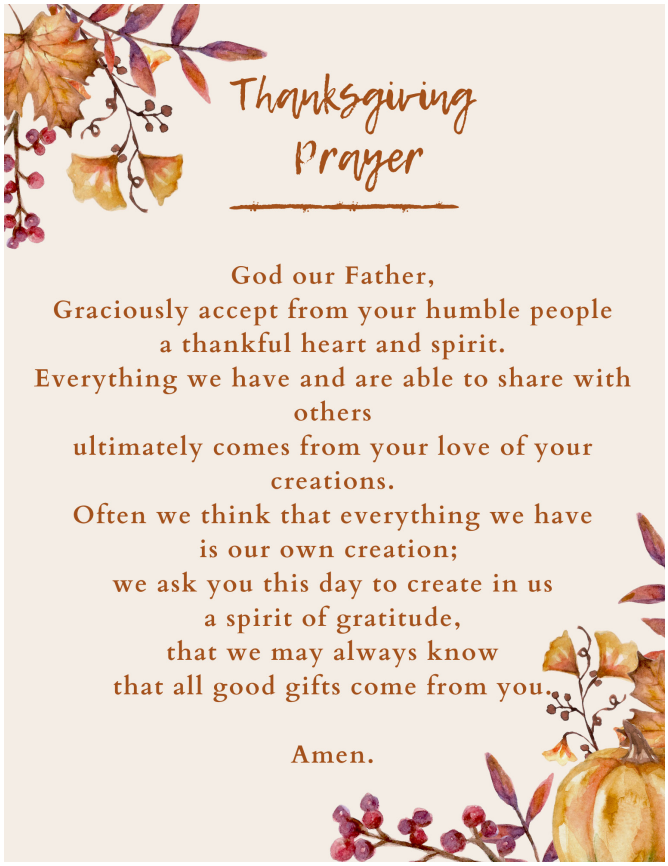
Pray For..

Andy Lemoine, Paula Baxter, Kevin O'Brien, 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

The numbers for this week were not available at the time of printing. They will be posted in our next bulletin.
Thank you for your patience.

Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week, on Thursday, we celebrate Thanksgiving. This holiday is one of America's favorites, gathering families together, from across the miles to share time, food, and joyful camaraderie.

While we often associate Thanksgiving with turkeys and football, it is primarily a religious observance. The word 'thanksgiving' is directed to God for all the good gifts He has given us. Thanksgiving is about expressing gratitude, to God and one another, rather than taking the good in our lives for granted.

What are we grateful for? The gift of life itself is perhaps the most precious and meaningful gift. Though sometimes life presents us with challenges and sufferings, the fact that we have it means that God loves us and has created us for a distinct purpose in His divine plan. Our faith, health, family, friends, talents, shelter, clothing, employment and church community are some things that we take for granted that we should be thankful for. Not everyone has them. Especially this year, as we have seen the was in Europe begin, and have seen the destruction wrought in Florida by the powerful hurricane, we are keenly aware that some in our world are currently enduring great losses that will greatly and permanently affect their lives.

Our gratitude to God for the good things in our lives should be a the core of our Thanksgiving celebration. Let us take time to express to God our thankfulness by joining together, on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am, at Mass here at St. Peter's. At the close of Mass, we will bless food that will be distributed to all those in attendance that they may, in turn, share it with their families at the Thanksgiving table.

Together with and on behalf of the staff of St. Peter Parish, I would like to wish all of you a blessed, happy and holy Thanksgiving. May God bless our parish family with good health, lively faith and much joy this year and in the years to come.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

In Memory of Your Loved Ones

$10 Each

On sale at all Masses and the Parish Office

Luminaires will be on display Christmas Eve and may be taken home that night

Join us for Prayer and Music during the Season of Advent in the Church

Friday, December 2nd 6:30pm
Tidings of Comfort and Joy – Free
Alto Vista String Ensemble
Violin - Elvira Butterworth
Viola/Cello - Kevin Burokas
Violist/Keyboardist - Caleb Smith

Sunday, December 11th 3:00pm
Waiting in Hope
An Afternoon of Contemplative Advent Music

Tickets are $10 / 12 and Under Free
All Proceeds Benefit our Music Ministry
Organist - Alice Bucca
Viola/Cello - Kevin Burokas
Vocalists– Chris Harris & Friends

Sunday, December 18th 6:30pm
Solemn Evening of Prayer - Free
Organist-Alice Bucca
Vocalists-Chris Harris
Viola/Cello - Kevin Burokas

Place Your Holiday Basket Order By
Sunday, December 4th

$30 Each

Pick Up will be on Sunday, December 11th
9:30am-12pm in the Parish Hall

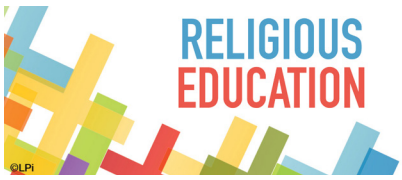
Our Holiday Baskets are perfect as a centerpiece for your table or for the cemetery.

All proceeds will benefit our
Music Ministry

Holiday Baskets will be on sale at all Masses
and the Parish Office

All baskets need to be returned by Sunday, November 20th between 9:30am & 11:00am to the Parish Hall.

Please make sure to attach the family tag
to your basket.



Our Next Family Mass is
Sunday, December 4th at 11:00am

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Ages 3-6 and Grades 2-4

Sunday, November 20th 9:30 – 10:45am
Sunday, November 27th No Classes

Grades 5-10
Sunday, November 20th No Classes
Sunday, November 27th No Classes

Confirmation Class
Sunday, December 4th 6:30-8:00pm
Sunday, December 18th 6:30-8:00pm

Dear Parishioners,
in spite of the the mild weather that we have been experiencing over the last few weeks, winter will soon be here with the usual snow and ice. As we all know, that will require plowing to clear the parking areas and spreading sand and ice melt to insure that no one falls on the slippery walks.

Unfortunately, the cost of diesel fuel and salt has increased significantly over last year. The Finance Committee has tried to adjust the budget to cover these added expenses but no one can predict what the weather will deliver. Even a mild season like we had last year will easily exceed our budget.

Thank you for your help in supporting the monthly collection for Winter Expenses in our parish.

St. Peter Parish Finance Committee