Saint Peter Parish

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor

39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446,
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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

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

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
Email: Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org
FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org
Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Louise Forget - Religious Education Coordinator
Email: religioused@stpeterrockdale.org
Phone: 508-234-6355

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

SATURDAY December 10th
4:30PM **William Blodget 4yr Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY December 11th-*3rd Sunday of Advent*
8:30AM **Deceased Patients of St. Camillus**
by Rose Gallagher
11:00AM **Ray Blette** by the Heney Family

MONDAY December 12th
8:00AM **Isabel & Edmund Sheehan** by Family

TUESDAY December 13th
8:00AM **Harriet Bomba** by a Friend

WEDNESDAY December 14th
8:00AM **M. Jeanne Lavallee** by the Lavallee Family

THURSDAY December 15th
8:00AM **Parish Family**

SATURDAY December 17th
4:30PM **Helen Lubas 11 yr. Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY December 18th-*4rth Sunday of Advent*
8:30AM **Raymond Lussier 3rd Anniv.**
by Sons & Family
11:00AM **Edward (Babe) & Millie Brouillard**
by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

George Murray, 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.

December 4, 2022

Envelopes Collected	56	$ 2197.00
Electronic Giving	42	2995.50
Renovation	7	318.00
Winter Envelopes	11	233.00
Donations		33.00
Music Ministry		425.00
Holy Day		51.00
St. Vincent De Paul		5.00
Christmas		43.00
Christmas Flowers		80.00
Total		$ 6380.50

Thank you to everyone who took a tag for Christmas Gifts for families in need!

All cards for the Seminarians should be mailed to the address on the envelope.

All wrapped gifts need to be returned by *Sunday, December 18th by 11:00am to the gathering area in the back of the Church.*

Don't forget to attach your tag.
Thank you in advance for your help!

A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (pronounced gau-day-tay) Sunday in the Church. The word gaudete is a Latin word meaning 'rejoice.' Therefore, the Third Sunday of Advent is the "Sunday of Rejoicing".

But, what does the Church rejoice about on the Third Sunday of Advent? The answer is the nearness of Christ's coming. Advent is a four-week time of preparation and penance for the feast of Christmas. On Gaudete Sunday we recognize that Christmas will soon arrive and that, with Christmas, the more somber and penitential mood of Advent will be replaced with the joyful and celebratory nature of the Christmas Season. Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ, the world's salvation.

Gaudete Sunday reminds us that as Christians, we should be joyful in our knowing of Christ and in the gift of our faith that leads to eternal life. Without Jesus, we could not know the joy of salvation and the hope of Heaven. Our friendship with the Lord is the beginning of eternal life for us now. We trust that this friendship will eventually lead to the fulfillment of eternal life for us in the future.

Our joyful hope in Christ invites us to remove anything in our lives that would block us from deeper friendship with Him. Sin keeps us from the friendship with Jesus that we want to have. ***I would invite all of you to join us for our parish Advent Penance Service this Monday, December 12 at 7 PM. We will be joined by another area priest for this service. The penance service gives us all the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and Absolution so that our joy in the Lord may be full and our hearts may be ready to celebrate the feast of Christmas.*** Let us together prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ!

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

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

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

Tickets are $10 / 12 and Under Free
(Sold in advance & at the door)
All Proceeds Benefit our Music Ministry
Organist - Alice Bucca
Violinist - Kevin Burokas
Vocalists– Chris Harris & Friends

Monday, December 12th 7:00pm
Advent Penance Service

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

As Christmas approaches, we would like to inquire whether you have a family member or loved one who is ill, shut-in or homebound and in need of Communion and the Sacrament of The Sick.

If you do, please call the Rectory office at 508-234-2156 and share with us the phone number and location of your loved one.

We look forward to helping make this holiday season brighter by outreach to parishioners in need.

Orders will be taken at all Masses
through Sunday, December 18th
$10.00 each

Luminaries are a beautiful way to
remember your Loved Ones at Christmas

Luminaires will be in the Church windows
on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day may
be taken home either day.

The Middle and High School kids last Sunday
prepared Blessing Bags for the homebound.
They also made them cards and ornaments.

Fr. Michael was also helping by making
ornaments.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Ages 3-6 and Grades 2-4
Sunday, December 11th 9:30am-10:45am
Sunday, December 18th 9:30am-10:45am

Grades 5-10
Sunday, December 11th 6:30pm-8:00pm
Sunday, December 18th 6:30pm-8:00pm

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

Congratulations!
Hanna & Kayla Dao, Sebastian Gonska,
Layla Lavallee, Hollis Neville &
Antonio Orazine

They all made their First Reconciliation last Saturday.
May they always know the love of God in their Hearts.

Please keep them and their teachers,
Nancy Dupre and Rosa Orazine,
in your prayers as they prepare for their First Communion.

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