

Saint Peter Parish



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”
- Mt 13:23

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm
Anytime by request

Elaine Nowlan: Parish Secretary

Christine Fung-A-Fat: Administrative Assistant

George Murray: Business Manager

PARISH COUNCIL

Barbara Ramian,
Pete Sabourin,
Thomas Heney,
Jeff Roy, Kim Poudrier,
Mary Sheehan

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Alice Bucca, Chris Harris,
Kevin Burokas

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Elaine Nowlan

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***

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

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

Victoria Neville, Barbara Ramian,
Audra Gaul, Rosa Orazine
Christine Fung-A-Fat,
Craig Consigli, Louise Forget



SATURDAY July 15th

4:30PM **Mr. & Mrs. William Grenier** by Family

SUNDAY July 16th

8:30AM **Joseph Flamand** by Lorraine & Family

11:00AM **Esther Mason & the Deceased Members of the Mason Family** by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

MONDAY July 17th

8:00AM **Barbara LaMountain** by her Family

TUESDAY July 18th

8:00AM **A Special Intention** by a Family Member

WEDNESDAY July 19th

8:00AM **Mr. & Mrs. Ludovic Lavallee** by Fr. Michael

THURSDAY July 20th

8:00AM **All the Sisters of the Assumption who served at St. Peter's School** by the Lavalles

SATURDAY July 22nd

4:30PM **Deceased Members of the Sobon Family** by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

SUNDAY July 23rd

8:30AM **Phyllis Mangan** by Fr. Michael

11:00AM **Connie Aubin & Donald Mongeon** by Patricia Davidson



Alfred Venincasa, Sandra Krause, Jeff Thibeault,
George Murray, Norman Gauthier,
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.

July 9, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	79	\$ 1809.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	8	129.00
Music Ministry	8	170.00
Saint Vincent De Paul		5.00
Wed. AA Rental		30.00
GOYA Thursday Rental		150.00
Hospital Stipend		400.00
Bereavement		200.00

Total \$ 3486.50



The 2024 Mass Intentions book is now open.

Donations for all Masses are \$10.00

If you would like a Mass to pray for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please contact the parish office.



Stewardship Reminder:

As we are in the season of vacations and other wonderful opportunities for travel, please remember that our financial commitments as a parish don't "take a vacation".

Please remember to contribute as you do regularly by anticipating or making up your contributions.

Consider Electronic Giving. This is a safe and easy way to have your contributions sent to us on a weekly or monthly basis.

If you would like to know more about Electronic Giving, please contact the parish office.

Everyone's participation helps keep us on track!



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this season of warm weather and Summer temperatures, some of us enjoy gardening. It gives us an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while we beautify our property or cultivate fruits and vegetables for our tables.

In Jesus' times, agriculture was important for everyone. The whole community depended on a good harvest for its survival. This is why Jesus' parables about seeds, planting and reaping would have been of interest to all His hearers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus describes the work of a sower planting seeds. In scattering that seed, the sower acts in hope that the seeds will later yield a bountiful harvest. Unfortunately, however, Jesus tells us that some of the seed fell on ground that was unable to receive it. This meant that the seed that fell on this unfruitful ground never yielded the harvest that the sower needed.

Our hearts are like the soil Jesus mentions in the parable. How well do we receive the Word of God when we hear it? Are we "good ground," receptive to the Gospel and attentive to Christ's voice speaking to us through it?

We hear the Gospel preached at Mass daily and weekly. We also gather on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the Parish Center to study the Scriptures in preparation for our hearing them on Sunday. This weekly bible study keeps the soil of our hearts soft and open to receive the saving message the Gospel brings us. We learn together, sharing our reflections on the Scriptures and helping each other to apply the Gospel message in our lives. It is this kind of study that helps us to become "good ground" so that we grow in friendship with the Lord.

We hold bible study year-round and all are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us, come to study on Wednesday. You will find our study group welcoming, friendly and a wonderful small Christian community.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*

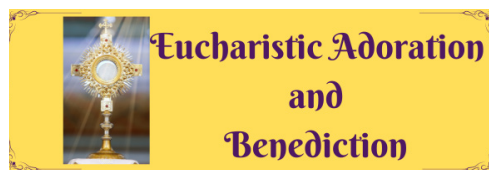


Remember the blessing you received last weekend:

With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to pray daily for students and families in our parish religious programs. Grant that they will remain steadfast in their belief in prayer's power, look for and take opportunities to encourage and care for our students and trust in God's merciful love for His Church. May they gladly devote themselves to growing in friendship with Christ, through His grace, all the days of their lives.

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Thank you for being a Prayer Partner!



*Join us for
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
Wednesday, July 19th
in the Church at 6:20pm*

*Join us for Bible Study
after in the parish hall at 7:00pm.*



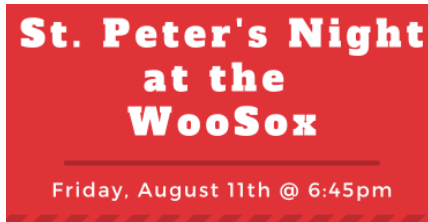
We are happy to notify you that this week Saint Peter's Parish surpassed its Partners in Charity goal!!!!

We deeply appreciate your care, concern and sacrifice which allowed for this year's Partners in Charity campaign to be a success.
Fr. Michael



**Total gifts for
our parish goal:
\$33,508.00**

**Our parish goal was:
\$33,300**



Calling all family and friends of Saint Peter's Parish!

***Join our parish community at
Polar Park on Friday, August 11th at 6:45pm***

The Worcester Red Sox take on the Buffalo Bisons, Triple-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays!

***Tickets are \$25
and can be purchased through
the link on our website.***

Each ticket purchased will include:

- A fixed seat in Section 3 of our 3rd Base Field Box
- \$2 of Loaded Value for concessions and/or Team Store purchases

Don't forget to stick around after the game for UniBank Fireworks!

Calendar of

Saturday, July 15th	5:45pm Jazz Concert
Wednesday, July 19th	6:20pm Adoration & Benediction
Wednesday, July 19th	7:00pm Bible Study
Wednesday, July 26th	3:30pm Peace of Bread
Wednesday, July 26th	7:00pm Bible Study



**Saint Peter's turn is on
Wednesday, July 26th**

We can't do this without you!

*Volunteers may arrive at the
Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville at
4:00pm.*

We are looking for volunteers to help serve,
prep meals and to help in the food pantry.

***Please email or call the parish office,
so we have an idea of how many volunteers we
will have.***

Can't join us but would still like to help?
We are collecting non-perishable food and
toiletries items for their pantry.
Please take a bag in the back of the church.

Please return all donations to the gathering
area in the church by Sunday, July 23rd.

Thank you all in advance for your help!!!



