

# Saint Peter Parish



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will  
shine like the sun in  
the kingdom of their  
Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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

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#### FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

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

Elementary: PreK to 4th

Middle School: 5th-8th

High School: 9th-10th Confirmation: 11th



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

MONDAY July 24th

8:00AM **Mr. & Mrs. William Mangan** by Fr. Michael

TUESDAY July 25th

8:00AM **Fr. Richard Labonte** by Fr. Michael

WEDNESDAY July 26th

8:00AM **Noah Liscord** by Daniel Morrissey

THURSDAY July 27th

8:00AM **Patricia Patnode** by Esther & Milton Patnode

SATURDAY July 29th

4:30PM **Raymond & Marguerite Filor** by Drina & Linda

SUNDAY July 30th

8:30AM **Michael Sawyer 10th Anniv.** by Family  
11:00AM **Mary Collins** by Family



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 16, 2023**

Envelopes Weekly	45	\$ 3145.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	20	520.00
Music Ministry	4	60.00
Donations		117.00
Saint Vincent De Paul		5.00
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Total		\$ 4440.50

**136th Annual Novena to Saint Anne**  
**St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish**  
**16 Church St., Fiskdale**  
**July 18-26**

5:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Anne Church Sacristy  
6:30 p.m. Rosary procession from the Generations  
Statue in front of the Gift Shop  
7:00 p.m. Novena Mass at the Outdoor Pavilion

*Feast Day of July 26 schedule:*

11:00 a.m. Healing Mass  
5:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Anne Church Sacristy  
6:30 p.m. Rosary procession from the  
Generations Statue  
7:00 p.m. Mass at the Outdoor Pavilion



**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,*

For gardeners everywhere there is nothing more frustrating than weeds. They are pesky, resistant to efforts to kill them and unsightly amongst beautiful flowers and vegetables grown for the family table. Weeds also take considerable effort to uproot and remove. To have a successful garden, one must constantly be on the lookout for weeds so that weeds do not take over and choke out the garden itself.

Unsurprisingly, the problem of weeds has affected gardens and gardeners throughout the story of human agriculture. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Kingdom of God using the analogy of weeds growing among wheat in a farmer's field.

The Parable of The Weeds Among The Wheat is a teaching of Jesus on the existence of good and evil in the world. In the parable, the owner of the field prevents his servants from uprooting the weeds present in his field in fear that in so doing, the servants will unwittingly uproot wheat along with the weeds. He is clear that the weeds should remain until harvest time when they will be properly dealt with.

Sometimes we may wonder why evil exists at all. We remember that evil is the absence of good and often is the result of human freedom being used wrongly. God does not do bad to us to hurt us. Instead, unfortunately, we hurt each other because we act without charity and selfishly in our relationships.

One of the main points of The Parable of The Weeds Among The Wheat is that at the end of time, when Christ comes again in judgment, evil will be dealt a final, conclusive blow. The truth about life and history will be made clear to all. What is good will be made clear as good and what is bad will be shown clearly to be bad. All will receive from God recompense according to how they have lived. God's judgment on all will be final, definitive and truly just.

As we struggle with the existence of evil in the world, let us trust in God's presence with us always. His love is the foundation of our being and is ever vigilant, acting in our best interest providentially in our lives. Let us have faith that God's justice will reign in victory over the darkness and that in Christ, we have already won the victory.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*

# *Welcome*

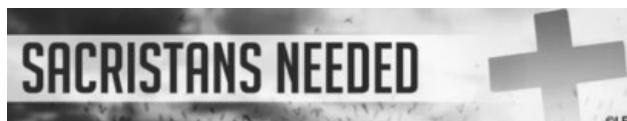
**Propagation of The Faith Mission  
Co-Operative Visiting Priest**

**On the weekend of July 29th & 30th  
at all 3 Masses**

St. Peter's will warmly welcome Fr. Dennis Gallagher, of The Augustinians of The Assumption, as this year's Propagation of The Faith Mission Co-Operative visiting priest.

Fr. Dennis will be speaking to us about the missionary activities of his Religious community. In preparation for Fr. Dennis visit, we ask that you prayerfully review the description of the Assumptionists' missionary work found in the bulletin flyer and ask God how He is asking you to respond. Thank you for your time and consideration.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



We are currently in need of Sacristans for the  
4:30pm Masses on Saturdays and  
8:30am Masses on Sundays.

A Sacristan helps to set up for Mass and cleans up after Mass. We have a description of a Sacristan's responsibilities available in the Sacristy and the parish office. If you are interested Father Michael will train Sacristans and answer any questions volunteers have about this important ministry. Please see him after Mass if you would like to help.

**St. Peter's Night  
at the  
WooSox**

Friday, August 11th @ 6:45pm



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



We are offering Catechist training for those  
already teaching as well as for anyone who might  
be interested in finding out what it means to be a  
Catechist.

**Training is on:**

**Saturday, July 29 from 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**The topic is "The Person and Role of the  
Catechist"**

**Saturday, August 5 from 8:30am – 12:30pm**

**Topic is: "Lesson Planning and Teaching  
Classroom Management"**

**We can always use your help in the classroom as  
a Catechist or a helper.**

If you are interested, please contact  
Mrs. Louise Forget

Email: [religioused@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:religioused@stpeterrockdale.org) or call  
the Religious Education Office at 508-234-6355

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

Wednesday, July 26th 4:00pm Peace of Bread  
Wednesday, July 26th 7:00pm Bible Study  
Saturday, July 29th 9-12pm Catechist Training  
Wednesday, Aug. 2nd 7:00pm Bible Study  
Saturday, Aug. 5th 8:30-12:30pm  
Catechist Training



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



**Thank you to everyone who came out to  
our Jazz Concert last weekend!  
Thank you also to Alto Vista for  
performing for us, you were wonderful!**





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