

Saint Peter Parish



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”
- Mt 13:44

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor

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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 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

MONDAY July 31st

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

TUESDAY August 1st

8:00AM **Christian Banfill**

by Fr. Michael & Barbara Lavallee

WEDNESDAY August 2nd

8:00AM **For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory**
by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

THURSDAY August 3rd

8:00AM **Andy Lemoine** by Mary Sheehan

SATURDAY August 5th

4:30PM **Andy Williamson & Lorraine Williamson**
by Family

SUNDAY August 6th

8:30AM **Alfred Lemoine** by Family

11:00AM **Eugene Henry Conn** 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.



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.



*Mass of Remembrance
Wednesday, August 2nd*

This annual Mass is celebrated to remember both the deceased members of the Council and the anniversary of the charter for #365 Mumford Council that was issued on August 7, 1898.

The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Patrick's Cemetery at 6:30 PM, our pastor Fr. Michael Lavallee, Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus will be the celebrant.

In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at Saint Peter's Parish.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



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,

Imagine if you were the person whom Jesus speaks about in this Sunday's Gospel! Indeed, most of us could not imagine finding a buried treasure. How would you feel when you discovered it? How excited would you be to examine it thoroughly and find out how much it was worth? How would your life change when you sold it and had enough money to never worry about financial woes again?

The Parable of The Treasure Buried in A Field is about the joy of discovering Christ. In the parable, the finder "sells all that he has and buys that field." Indeed, the finder recognizes that nothing he has and nothing he is doing is more important than the treasure he has found.

The joy of the one who finds the treasure reflects the spiritual knowing that one is loved by God beyond measure and is welcomed by God into friendship. In such joy, the new Christian recognizes that everything he wants he will find in that friendship.

In our contemporary world, the "treasure" that many aspire to find is not Christ. Rather, power, fame, career success, worldly riches and pleasure claim first place in the hearts of today's people. Without faith, people believe that when they find these things they will be truly happy. Yet, the underlying restlessness in their hearts is never satisfied and they seek to fill the emptiness within themselves with that which cannot satisfy them.

How do we convince others that the treasure of Christ that we have found in our lives is worth discovering?

Probably, the way that we live and the peace that we have, in the midst of struggle, will suggest to others that Christ is someone worth having in one's life. Our belief in prayer's power, our desire to come to Mass and receive the Sacraments, our interest in learning about our Faith and studying Scripture and our generosity in caring for our parish and those in need show that we have found the "treasure" buried in the field. We pray that more people of today will look for and discover that same treasure.

In Christ, Fr. Michael

Welcome

St. Peter's warmly welcomes

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 this weekend at all Masses about the missionary activities of his Religious community. Please prayerfully ask God how He is asking you to respond.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



There will be no
Bible Study,
Wednesday, August 2nd.

Please join us on
Wednesday, August 9th
for Bible Study at 7:00pm
in the parish hall.



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.

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 or call
the Religious Education Office at 508-234-6355

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Wednesday, Aug. 2nd K of C Mass of Remembrance
Wednesday, Aug. 2nd No Bible Study
Saturday, Aug. 5th 8:30-12:30pm
Catechist Training
Wednesday, Aug. 9th 7:00pm Bible Study
Friday, Aug. 11th 6:45pm WooSox Game



Thank you to everyone for your donations to Peace of Bread!
Your generosity is always overwhelming!



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 20th
Thank you for your help in advance!

