

Saint Peter Parish



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command
me to come to you on the
water." He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the
water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor

39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446,
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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,
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Homer Rajotte,
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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 August 12th

4:30PM **Kathy Reed** by Family

SUNDAY August 13th

8:30AM **Richard Cronin 3rd Anniv.**

by the Lambert Family

11:00AM **David Greenwood** by Heney Family

MONDAY August 14th

8:00AM **Andy R. Grazulis** by the Lavalles

TUESDAY August 15th

8:00AM **Deborah Saucier** by Fr. Michael

6:00PM **Deceased Patients of St. Camillus**

by Rose Gallagher

WEDNESDAY August 16th

8:00AM **Theodore Haringa** by St. Peter's Parish Family

THURSDAY August 17th

8:00AM **Irene Chenevert** by the Lavalles

SATURDAY August 19th

4:30PM **Mr. & Mrs. Leo Brouillard**

by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

SUNDAY August 20th

8:30AM **Rita & Arthur Cronin** by the Lambert Family

11:00AM **Leo & Terry Hetu 12 yr. & 1 yr. Anniv.**

by the 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.



August 6, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	74	\$ 1908.00
Electronic Giving	42	2935.50
Renovation	21	270.00
Music Ministry	31	302.00
Saint Vincent De Paul		5.00
Parish Hall Rental		100.00
Assumption of Mary		54.00
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Total		\$ 5574.50

August 6, 2023

Special Collection

(This collection does not stay in our parish)

Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 54.00
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Total	\$ 54.00



***Join us to celebrate the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.***

***Masses will be held on
Tuesday, August 15th at
8:00am and 6:00pm.***



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hope is one of the three theological virtues. Along with faith and love, hope is infused into our souls by God and allows us to persevere through life's inevitable trials.

The gospel reading for this Sunday gives us much hope in Christ. In this well-known passage, Jesus rescues His friends who are in a storm-tossed boat and are in danger of sinking. Interestingly, just before this, Jesus is in prayer, communing with God on the mountain. How did he know that His friends were in peril? Prayer is the answer. In prayer, God showed Jesus that His friends were in distress. Through prayer, Jesus received from God direction about what He should do to help them. Jesus' walking on the sea towards His friends to rescue them was an answer to their prayers.

One wonders how the disciples in the storm-tossed boat felt before Jesus came to them. In their fear, did they feel that God had abandoned them? Did they doubt that God loved them? When Jesus appeared and calmed the storm, God proved to the disciples that they were loved and cared for. Indeed, He had not abandoned them.

Prayer itself is an act of hope. It is believing without seeing. When we pray in petition for something we need, we hope in faith that God will help us and we trust in His love. Prayer is most difficult when things seem the most hopeless. In these moments, hope gives us the strength to pray.

Hope has been described, in past times, as "the anchor of my soul." It grounds us in Christ through the storms of life. Though the boat of our lives may be buffeted with trials and sufferings, we are anchored securely in the Lord's love. St. Paul's Letter to The Romans 8:38-39 says it best "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



Cursillo

New Life, New Grace

Have you made a Cursillo?

Have you lived your '4th Day'?

St. Peter's Parish is seeking to gather all parishioners who have experienced Cursillo to share with one another and to reflect upon how we may use our experience for spiritual growth in our parish.

We would like to plan a meeting for the end of the Summer.

Please contact Fr. Michael at the Rectory or Roger Guerin 1-508-341-8344 (evenings) to find out more and prepare to join us. We look forward to seeing you and talking with you soon.

*Upcoming Women's Cursillo
September 7-9, 2023*

St. Peter's Parish will be welcoming representatives of the Worcester Diocese Cursillo movement this weekend August 11th and 12th.

They will speak at all Masses about the upcoming Women's Cursillo weekend and will be able to answer questions parishioners have about the weekend.

Have you every truly thought about your spiritual life, how it has been, where it is now and where it can go?

Whether you are a single person, a young couple starting your married life or an older couple of retirement age, God always has been in your life.

Are you wondering how the Spirit of Christ can work through you?

The Cursillo is a weekend (Thursday night thru Sunday afternoon) where you will reacquaint yourself with your faith and meet others like you. You will learn about the Catholic Church through various talks from laity and priests involved in helping make this weekend a meaningful spiritual awakening experience for you. You will find out, in depth, about the Sacraments of our Church and how truly special they are. No matter where you are in your faith-journey, beginning or long-term, Cursillo offers you the opportunity to be more in touch with God. Cursillo is about God's love for us, the community and sharing God's love with others. You will leave your Cursillo weekend a new person!



**Weekend of
August 26th & 27th
at all Masses**

Maysoon Khair will be at our parish on the weekend of August 26th & 27th. She represents over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all Masses that weekend there will be a display of beautiful hand carved religious items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by that weekend and look at the carvings that will be available and help support this self-help project to keep the Christians living in the Holy Land.



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!

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Tuesday, Aug. 15th Mass at 8:00am & 6:00pm
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, Aug. 16th 7:00pm Bible Study
Wednesday, Aug. 23th 7:00pm Bible Study
Wednesday, Aug. 30th 6:20pm
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
Wednesday, Aug. 30th 7:00pm Bible Study



St. Peter's Parish Family would like to thank Mr. Tom Heney for the beautiful job he did in repainting & restoring the Saint Peter sign on the Church hill. We deeply appreciate his kindness and good stewardship.



Religious Education classes will be starting in September!

If your child is in public school, they should be attending religious education classes. The program is for children in grades K-10. The Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist are for all in Grade 2, and the Sacrament of Confirmation is for all students in Grade 11.

Registration packets will be sent out soon. If your child was not in the program last year, please contact the religious education office at 508-234-6355 or email at: religioused@stpeterrockdale.org.

If you know of someone in private or Catholic schools and they would like the sacraments, please have them contact the religious education office.

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