

Saint Peter Parish



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm
Anytime by request

Elaine Nowlan: Parish Secretary

Christine Fung-A-Fat: Administrative Assistant

George Murray: Business Manager

BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

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

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

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Elaine Nowlan

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Homer Rajotte,
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Jeffrey Thibeault,
George Murray,
Bob Dziekiewicz,
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***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

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 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

MONDAY August 21st

8:00AM **Sr. Lucille Martel** by Fr. Michael

TUESDAY August 22nd

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

WEDNESDAY August 23rd

8:00AM **Helen Bodruk** by Mary & Ned Sheehan

THURSDAY August 24th

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

SATURDAY August 26th

4:30PM **Mr. & Mrs. Emile Roy & Arthur & Loretta Massey & Raymond Roy**
by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

SUNDAY August 27th

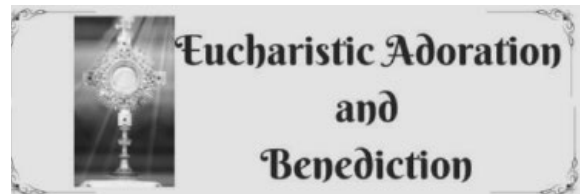
8:30AM **Anthony Joseph Russo**
by Ray & Denise Avolesse

11:00AM **Louis & Laura Coccia** by the Family

August 13, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	46	\$ 1129.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	11	435.00
Music Ministry	9	179.00
Donations		149.00
Wed. Night AA Rental		30.00
Assumption of Mary		160.00
Peace of Bread Refund		69.46

Total \$ 2744.96



*Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and
Benediction Wednesday, August 30th
in the Church at 6:20pm*

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



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 Lavalley
and all those in our parish book of prayers.

In recent weeks, St. Peter's has received several requests for assistance from area families in need.

Our supply of supermarket and department store gifts cards has been depleted as well as funds for the needy.

We ask that if you are able to help us replenish these resources that you consider doing so. Considering the current economic circumstances, other requests for assistance are sure to come.



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the most interesting things about the gospels is that some of the most important people in them are not named.

When the Apostles and their associates wrote down their memories in gospel form, they remembered the people and Jesus' experiences with them. It seems that their proper names were irrelevant. What mattered, however, is the example the people gave us.

We meet one of these "nameless" people this Sunday in the gospel reading. Jesus directs us to pay attention to this person when He praises her in these words "O Woman, great is your faith!" What is it about the woman which is so important?

In the gospel, Jesus encounters a Gentile woman in Phoenicia. She approaches Him, motivated by love for her daughter who is held in bondage by evil. Here is the first reason the woman's faith is great. Out of concern for her daughter, the woman seeks Jesus' help. We learn from her that our most powerful prayers are those motivated by love for others.

The dialogue between the Gentile woman and Jesus proceeds haltingly. It appears, at first glance, that Jesus and His disciples rebuff the woman's attempts to get Jesus' help. But is that what is really happening? Some commentaries on Holy Scripture that speak about this gospel passage suggest that these apparent rebuffs are not uncharitable. Rather, through these dynamics, Jesus and His disciples encourage the woman to be persistent in petition. This persistence and courage are another reason the woman's faith is great.

If we read carefully, the woman shows great humility and respect. She does not demand or act brusquely. She recognizes that she is a creature of God, a sinner, in need of a Savior. Her humility and respect of Jesus also make her prayer great.

As the dialogue ends, Jesus declares the woman's faith great and frees the woman's daughter from possession. Jesus makes it clear that this is a result of the woman's great faith being put into action.

We are privileged to meet this woman of great faith in the Sunday's gospel. May we pray for the grace to grow in faith so that our faith becomes great in the eyes of God.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



Upcoming Women's Cursillo September 7-9, 2023

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!

Contact the parish office to sign up
for your Cursillo Weekend!



St. Peter's Parish is grateful to our parishioners who have so faithfully contributed to our music ministry. With these donations we are able to provide music at all three weekend Masses.

May God bless you for your care and
support of our parish.



**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.



ARE YOU SOMEONE
OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

Wants to have their child Baptized?
Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
As an adult has not been Baptized?
Was Baptized but has not celebrated the Sacraments
of Confirmation or Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to learn more about our Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact:
Fr. Michael Lavalley at the parish office 508-234-2156
or
Mrs. Louise Forget at the Religious Education office
508-234-6355 or
email at religioused@stpeterrockdale.org

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Wednesday, Aug. 23th 7:00pm Bible Study

Wednesday, Aug. 30th 6:20pm

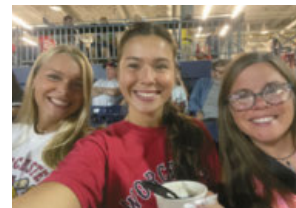
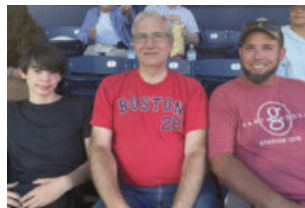
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, Aug. 30th 7:00pm Bible Study



Thank you to everyone who went to the WooSox game last Friday.

We sold all of our tickets and we hope everyone had a wonderful time!



Religious Education classes will be starting in September!

Registration packets have been send out.

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.

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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