

Saint Peter Parish



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
- Mt 16:24b-25

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,
Kevin Burokas

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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 September 2nd

4:30PM **Samuel & Elodie Gautreau**

by David Gautreau

SUNDAY September 3rd

8:30AM **Helen & Michael Bodruk**

by Mary & Ned Sheehan

11:00AM **Robert Lussier** by Family

MONDAY September 4th

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

TUESDAY September 5th

8:00AM **Fr. James Clifford**

by St. Peter's Parish Family

WEDNESDAY September 6th

8:00AM **For all the Souls in Purgatory**

by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

THURSDAY September 7th

8:00AM **Jim Morrisette** by the Lavalles

SATURDAY September 9th

4:30PM **Valmore & Bertha Dube** by Melinda & John

SUNDAY September 10th

8:30AM **Sue & Dick Cronin** by the Lambert Family

11:00AM **Roger Mathieu** by the Mathieu Family

August 27, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	55	\$ 7745.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	4	40.00
Music Ministry	4	40.00
Donations		193.00
St. Vincent DePaul		5.00
Yard Sale		443.00

Total		\$ 9064.50



Thank you to all parishioners who have donated towards our charitable funds. We appreciate your kindness.

Parishioners may still donate gift cards or make donations as they are able.

Please place your donations in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.



Joseph Stanovich, 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.



If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and healing. We encourage you to come forward and report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester.

Call the Office of Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4383 or Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line.



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Labor Day weekend, we reflect upon the passage of time and the traditional end of Summer. This week's gospel reading gives us much to pray and think about in our lives of faith.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus gives His friends troubling news about Christian discipleship. He is clear that "whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Jesus gives these conditions aware that He will endure the Cross Himself in the act of redemption. In essence, Jesus tells us that when we follow Him our lives look like His.

But, how do we experience the Cross in our everyday existence? The answer is in a variety of ways...illness, loss, disability, emotional or mental pain, addiction, poverty, doubt, difficulties with aging, uncertainty, etc. These issues just listed are often aspects of life beyond our control. Yet, Jesus freely embraced the Cross to fulfill the Father's will. Some crosses are freely chosen by us such as charitable actions which require sacrifice.

Such sacrifices, when chosen in faith, remind us of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary. These sacrifices do not "feel good", require patience and perseverance and often are repetitive.

In the gospel, Jesus also explains that when we seek to preserve our lives on earth we may "lose" them in eternity. This means that our refusals to act charitably and to act in faith and love are selfish. Such selfishness hurts others and does not well prepare us for our eventual judgment. Jesus is clear that in "losing" ourselves in charitable acts we find eternal life in God.

The message of the Cross is foreign to our modern world. Without faith, very few today understand the meaning and nature of sacrifice. As Christians, we are challenged to live this message and teach new generations about it. We remember that when we consciously join our sufferings to the sufferings of Christ they become redemptive and may be offered to God for a greater good.

May we often take time to reflect upon Our Savior's death for us and in this way grow in faith, hope and love.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael

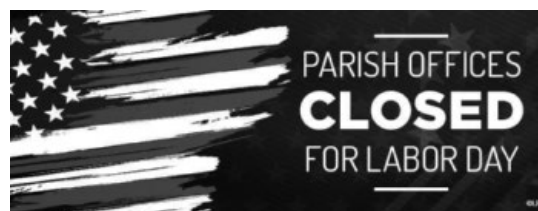


***Calling all parishioners
who have made their Cursillo!***

Have you made a Cursillo at any time in your life?

We are seeking to gather together all parishioners who have had a Cursillo experience. After Labor Day, we would like to have a meeting including a special Mass for all those who have made their Cursillo.

Watch the bulletin for further details.



Join Fr. Michael for Bible Study!

***Wednesdays 7:00pm
in the Parish Hall.***

We will reflect upon the gospel for the upcoming Sunday, learn more about our Catholic Faith and pray for various intentions.

Please bring a New American Bible if you have one. We do have some available.

Everyone is welcome to join!



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



**Religious Education classes will be starting
September 17th!**

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.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Tuesday, Sept. 5th 6:30pm
Buildings & Grounds Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 6th 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday, Sept. 11th 6:30pm Finance Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 13th 6:20pm
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
Wednesday, Sept. 13th 7:00pm Bible Study
Sunday, Sept. 17th Religious Ed Classes Start



**Pork Roast
Dinner**
Saturday, September 23rd

Our parish dinners are back!
Tickets are on sale now at all Masses!

Tickets are \$17 per person
Dinner includes salad and dessert
All meals must be purchased in advance

"To Go" orders will be available for pickup
starting at 5:00pm.

Sit down meal will be at 5:30pm in the parish hall.

50/50 Raffle to benefit our
Religious Education Program

"Pay it Forward"
Buy an extra dinner and we will deliver it to
someone in need in our local community.

**In order to make our sit down meals
successful we need your help!**
**We are currently looking for volunteers to help
at our monthly dinners. This is a great way to
get involved with helping your parish family.**

If you would like to help or get tickets,
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