

Saint Peter Parish



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins
against you, go and tell
him his fault between you
and him alone. If he listens
to you, you have won
over your brother."
- Mt 18:15

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm
Anytime by request

PARISH COUNCIL

Barbara Ramian,
Pete Sabourin,
Thomas Heney,
Jeff Roy, Kim Poudrier,
Mary Sheehan

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Homer Rajotte,
Thomas Heney,
Jeffrey Thibeault,
George Murray,
Bob Dziekiewicz,
James Archibald-ex officio

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

Elaine Nowlan: Parish Secretary
Christine Fung-A-Fat: Administrative Assistant
George Murray: Business Manager

Parish Office: 508-234-2156

Email: Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org

FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org

Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

***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

BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Alice Bucca, Chris Harris,
Kevin Burokas

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Elaine Nowlan

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

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

Saint Peter Parish

Northbridge, MA



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

MONDAY September 11th

8:00AM **Peter Guillian Sr.** by the Sawyer Family

TUESDAY September 12th

8:00AM **Jeanine Patnode** by Lois Menard

WEDNESDAY September 13th

8:00AM **Patricia Patnode** by the Family

THURSDAY September 14th

8:00AM **Robert Gautreau** by Barbara & Fr. Michael

SATURDAY September 16th

4:30PM **Lisa Cote** by Mom & Dad

SUNDAY September 17th

8:30AM **Ray Blette** by Judy & Gary Morvan

11:00AM **Scott Forbes** by Fr. Michael



John Letscher, 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.



September 3, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	57	\$ 2214.00
Electronic Giving	40	2820.50
Renovation	2	19.00
Music Ministry	26	375.00
St. Vincent DePaul		10.00
Parish Religious Ed		19.00
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Total		\$ 5457.50

September 3, 2023

Special Collection

(This collection does not stay in our parish)

Catholic Education -OLV	\$ 25.00
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Total	\$ 25.00



"Male & Female He Created Them"
St. Joseph School in Webster, MA
Saturday, October 7th.

All women are invited to this exciting Conference.

Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders,
Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio,
Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval.

Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and
there will be many interesting exhibitors.
Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass.

For more information and to register,
visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or
call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

Seating is limited. Register today!



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the time of Jesus, rabbis debated about how often the Law required people to forgive those who hurt them. The question was approached legalistically and Jesus weighed in on the debate, making it clear, in Matthew 18:22, that the offended party should forgive the offender "seventy-seven times," meaning in an unlimited way.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers us an insightful way to approach reconciliation with those who have hurt us. Implicitly, this process should lead to forgiveness between those who have been in conflict.

Sometimes, as we consider Jesus' teachings on forgiveness and reconciliation we wonder how they can realistically be applied in today's world. Not only is it hard to forgive when we have been seriously hurt but, it is also hard to trust those who habitually act offensively towards us. Simply put, forgiveness requires grace, humility, reflection and prayer!

Humility shows us that we are all sinners and fallen creatures who frequently make mistakes. We often do not act as we should towards one another and are inaccurate in our assessments of other people and situations. We suffer from distractions, fatigue, illness and other personal factors that keep us from seeing things clearly. In light of these truths, we should be generous in forgiving others as we know that we ourselves are often in need of forgiveness and understanding.

Jesus, who was completely sinless, freely offered His life on the Cross so that God would forgive our sins. As He died, Jesus observed the hapless nature of those who crucified Him, declaring, in Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do!" Jesus was condemned unjustly to a tortuous death He did not deserve but forgave His executioners. For all time, His example inspires the Christian people in their human relationships.

As we gather in prayer at Mass this weekend, let us bring to God's altar all in our lives in need of reconciliation and healing. Let us ask God to bring us His grace so that He may work within us and in our lives to make us whole.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



Mumford Council #365 125th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 23rd 6pm
Mumford Hall 77 Prescott Road, Northbridge

All members and their families are invited to join us for a very special dinner, dancing and fun.
Dress is semi-formal and above.

Tickets are \$35.
Please RSVP by Monday, Sept. 18th to
Grand Knight, John Oatis
joatis3@gmail.com or (508) 523-6267

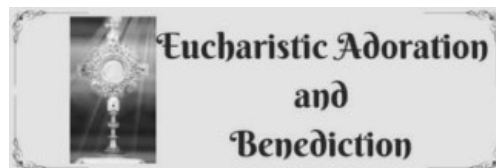


Mass of Thanksgiving and Installation of Officers

Sunday, September 24th
2pm at St. Denis Church

Fr. Michael Lavalley, pastor of St. Peter's and Father Miguel Pagan, pastor of St. Denis will be offering a special Mass of Thanksgiving followed immediately by the installation of Officers. The ceremonies will be followed by a light reception in the parish hall.

We hope that all members and their families able will join us in giving thanks and praise to God for his blessings.



*Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
Wednesday, September 13th
in the Church at 6:20pm.*

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



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

Registration forms are due back by September 10th.

Please send them by mail, drop off at the parish office
or put them in the collection basket with the envelope
marked "Religious Education."

**All parents and children should attend the first day of
classes on Sunday, September 17th.**

**Fr. Michael will do opening prayer for the year, the
children will meet and greet Catechists and
do a small activity.**

Elementary:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & Grades 2-4
9:30-10:45am in the parish hall

Middle & High School:

Grades 5-10
6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday, Sept 17th

Catechists, please attend the 11:00am Mass, as
Fr. Michael will be giving a special blessing for the year.

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT &
FIRST AID TRAINING**

Sponsored by the:
Knights of
Columbus



**Tuesday, October 17th & Thursday, October 19th
6:00pm**

Knights of Columbus Hall

(This is a 2 day class-you must attend both classes)
or

**Saturday, October 21st starting at 9:00am
St. Peter's Parish Hall**

**Please bring a lunch for the October 21st class*

\$79 per person

Register by Thursday, October 12th

Registration will be paid on the day of
Please, no walk-ins

Training by the

American Heart Association:

Rescue Breathing-Adult, Child and Infant

One Rescuer & Two Rescuer CPR for Adult, Child and Infant

Basic First Aid

Choking-Care for Conscious Victim who is choking and a
modification to CPR for an unconscious Victim who is
choking

Use of the AED

Please contact the parish office to register for either class.

Calendar of

EVENTS

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
Sunday, Sept. 17th	11:00am Catechetical Sunday
Monday, Sept. 18th	6:00pm Cursillo Mass
Wednesday, Sept. 20th	7:00pm Bible Study
Saturday, Sept. 23rd	6:00pm K of C 125th Anniv.
Saturday, Sept. 23rd	5:30pm Pork Roast Dinner
Sunday, Sept. 24th	11:00am Prayer Partner Mass
Sunday, Sept. 24th	2:00pm K of C Mass of Thanksgiving - St. Denis Church
Wednesday, Sept. 27th	7:00pm Bible Study



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,
please contact the Parish Office

508-234-2156 or

email: parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org

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