Saint Peter Parish



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

- Mt 18:21-22

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor

39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446, Northbridge, MA 01534

New to our Parish Family and would like to join? Please contact the Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 am

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am

Rosary 7:35 am

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
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Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

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



SATURDAY September 16th 4:30PM **Lisa Cote** by Mom & Dad

noon in **Lieu Coto** by Homa bo

SUNDAY September 17th
8:30AM Ray Blette by Judy & Gary Morvan

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

MONDAY September 18th

8:00AM Normand & Florence Lussier

by the Lavallees

TUESDAY September 19th

8:00AM Jan Arcieri by Louise Forget

WEDNESDAY September 20th

8:00AM Peter Guilliana Jr. by the Sawyer Family

THURSDAY September 21st

8:00AM Patricia Patnode by the Patnode Family

SATURDAY September 23rd

4:30PM Raymond Renault by his Wife

SUNDAY September 24th

8:30AM **Joseph Flamand** by Lorraine & Family

11:00AM **Marjorie White** by Family



John Letscher, 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.



<u>September 10, 2023</u>

Envelopes Weekly	67	\$ 1541.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	6	240.00
Music Ministry	12	120.00
Winter Envelopes	3	215.00
St. Vincent DePaul		10.00
Parish Religious Ed		460.00
Religious Ed. Registrations		300.00
Home School Rental		650.00
Ready Refresh Refund		18.79
Collection Basket Dona	tion	50.00
Total		\$ 4198.29

<u>September 10, 2023</u>

Special Collection (This collection does not stay in our parish)

Catholic School Appeal	\$ 35.00
Total	\$ 35.00



Parish Renovation - September 17th Annual Catholic School Appeal - September 24th Music Ministry-October 1st Winter Expenses-October 1st



Donations Needed for the Northbridge Food Pantry!

We are collecting non-perishable & toiletries donations on an on-going basis.
Please place your donations in the gray containers in the gathering area in the back of the Church.

Thank you for continued generosity!



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus' Parable of The Unforgiving Servant is perhaps one of the most powerful of His teachings in the New Testament. In this parable, a debtor who is shown incredible mercy and compassion by his king and forgiven his debt refuses someone in debt to him the same goodness. As a result, he is punished severely.

In order to understand this parable, we need to consider who we are. Fundamentally, we are children of God, precious in the sight of our Father who created us. Yet, we are also sinners with a fallen human nature, often in need of forgiveness. God, whom Scripture tells us is Love itself, is ready to forgive us for our transgressions mercifully and abundantly. He gives us the Sacrament of Penance so that through it He may grant us healing and new life after our sin.

However, as much as God readily forgives our sins when we seek reconciliation with Him, He asks us to likewise show mercy and clemency towards those who sin against us. This is the message of the Parable of The Unforgiving Servant. The parable also warns us that our failure to be merciful to others will lead to us condemning ourselves.

This weekend, we welcome back students in our Religious Education program to weekly classes. This year, much prayer has preceded their return and we are looking forward to next week's Mass for prayer sponsors and students. Through prayer, our students, families, parishioners and parish will know God's abundant grace and see the Lord at work in them and in our community. As a new year of faith formation begins, we ask God to bless our parish with new life and renewed desire for growth in friendship with God.

May the good St. Peter continue to bless us with his holy intercession and protection.

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 Lavallee, 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.



Calling all Pet Owners....
Please join us for the Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 7th
11:00am on the parish lawn

Join us for the blessing, prayer and light refreshments as we honor the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

All pets are welcome!
Please have all animals on a leash or in a carrier.



Religious Education classes are starting September 17th!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-6 & Grades 2nd-4th

Sunday, Sept. 17th 9:30-10:45am Sunday, Sept. 24th 9:30-10:45am Sunday, October 1st 9:30-10:45am -Family Mass at 11:00

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, Sept. 17th 6:30-8:00pm Sunday, Sept. 24th 6:30-8:00pm Sunday, October 1st 6:30-8:00pm

Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 1st 5:00pm-Parent & Student Meeting Sunday, October 15th 5:00pm



Calling all Cursillistas!

Join us on Monday, September 18th at 6:00pm in the church for Mass and a small gathering.

If you are interested in making your Cursillo or have questions on what Cursillo is, please join us on September 18th.



We are currently looking for another person to help represent our parish with the Northbridge Association of Churches.

The Northbridge Association of Churches (NAC) was formed in 1978 to create opportunities for all of the Churches in Northbridge & Whitinsville who work together in ministry to serve our community in a variety of different programs & services.

If you are interested in helping please contact Fr. Michael or the parish office for more information.



Sunday, Sept. 17th Sunday, Sept. 17th Monday, Sept. 18th Wednesday, Sept. 20th Saturday, Sept. 23rd Saturday, Sept. 23rd Sunday, Sept. 24th Sunday, Sept. 24th Religious Ed Classes Start 11:00am Catechetical Sunday 6:00pm Cursillo Mass 7:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm K of C 125th Anniv. 5:30pm Pork Roast Dinner 11:00am Prayer Partner Mass

2:00pm

125th Anniversary K of C Mass of Thanksgiving St. Denis Church

Tuesday, Sept. 26th Wednesday, Sept. 27th

6:00pm Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm Bible Study



A BIG Thank You to John & Rhonda Lavallee for donating our new collection baskets!



Pork Roast Dinner

Saturday, September 23rd

Tickets are \$17 per person.

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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