

# Saint Peter Parish



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”  
- Mt 20:15-16

### 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

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

**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  
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#### 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 23rd

4:30PM **Raymond Renault** by his Wife

SUNDAY September 24th

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

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

MONDAY September 25th

8:00AM **No Morning Mass**

TUESDAY September 26th

8:00AM **Phyllis Lekas** by St. Peter's Parish Family

WEDNESDAY September 27th

8:00AM **Patricia Patnode** by Esther & Milton Patnode

THURSDAY September 28th

8:00AM **Francis Dupre** by St. Peter's Parish Family

SATURDAY September 30th

4:30PM **Madelaine Horton 6th Anniv.**

by Elaine Nowlan & Family

SUNDAY October 1st

8:30AM **Ronald & David Greenwood** by Family

11:00AM **Jean Legere** by the Heney Family



Christine Brouillard, 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.



**September 17, 2023**

Envelopes Weekly	73	\$ 1912.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	30	930.00
Music Ministry	13	330.00
Winter Envelopes	1	20.00
St. Vincent DePaul		5.00
Parish Religious Ed		60.00
Hospital Stipend		500.00
Wednesday AA Rental		30.00
All Saints Offering		25.00

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Total		\$ 4405.50
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**September 17, 2023**

*Special Collection*

*(This collection does not stay in our parish)*

Catholic School Appeal	\$ 25.00
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Total	\$ 25.00
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Annual Catholic School Appeal - September 24th

Music Ministry-October 1st

Winter Expenses-October 1st

Parish Renovation-October 8th



***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,*

This weekend's gospel presents us with an interesting teaching of Christ on good stewardship. As we reflect upon The Parable of The Workers in The Vineyard, let us remember that time is one of our most precious resources which God invites us to use for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

In the parable, a landowner needs work done in his vineyard and he goes out seeking workers at multiple points during the day. Notably, he notices that two groups are standing idle despite the fact that they have the opportunity to work for him. Rather than ignoring this idleness, the landowner inquires of these groups why they are not already working.

The group the landowner encounters at 5 PM blames others for the fact that they are not working. This group refuses to take responsibility for the fact that they are not working because they have not taken opportunities that have been offered them. Astutely, the landowner refuses to accept the group's excuse and orders them to get to work!

In the parable, all the workers, those hired first and those hired last, all get the "usual daily wage," which, in Jesus' time, was one denarius. This small amount of money allowed day laborers to buy enough food to feed themselves and their families for one day. This was the "expected" amount they should have expected to receive. Yet, the workers hired first complained that they should have received more from the landowner because they worked longer. In response, the landowner explains that his payment of workers is both generous and just.

What is the important message of this weekend's gospel? Time is one of our most precious resources. It is a gift from God that, like our talents and finances, God expects us to use wisely and generously. How do we use our time? What are our priorities? How much time do we give to God in our daily and weekly schedule?

The Parable of The Workers in The Vineyard reminds us that we must be good stewards of time. We must use some of it to worship God and to contribute to the building up of God's Kingdom. This means actively participating in the life of the Church and parish, generously using our time to positively contribute to the well being of our community.

Like some of the day laborers in the parable, we can make excuses about why we cannot give some time to God. We can blame others for our poor stewardship of time. Yet God, who is symbolically represented by the landowner in the parable, refuses to accept our excuses and expects us to "get to work," putting our charity into action and working at evangelization. Our good stewardship of our time, talents and treasure figures into our eventual judgment. If we are faithful to the Lord, we will all receive the "usual daily wage" of eternal life's fullness.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



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

Sunday, Sept. 24th 9:30-10:45am

Sunday, October 1st 9:30-10:45am

Family Mass at 11:00

Sunday, October 8th No Class-Columbus Day Holiday

**Grades 5th-10th**

Sunday, Sept. 24th 6:30-8:00pm

Sunday, October 1st 6:30-8:00pm

Sunday, October 8th No Class-Columbus Day Holiday

**Confirmation Class**

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

Sunday, October 15th 5:00pm



**Starting in October...**

Donate your empty & clean returnable  
cans and bottles to help support our parish.

Due to rising expenses, including an increase in  
cathedraticum tax, we are inviting parishioners to  
bring in full, closed bags of rinsed, redeemable  
bottles and cans. Redemption of these bottles  
and cans will help us to defray costs and  
supplement our regular income.

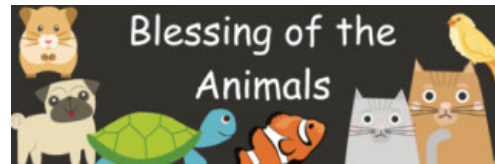
Please put your donations in the bins  
in the gathering area in the back of the church.  
Please separate your cans and bottles before  
bringing them.

*We are in need of several parishioners who are willing to  
take cans and bottles to the redemption center.  
A sign up sheet to help with bottle and can redemption is  
located on the table in the gathering area. As people sign  
up, we will create a schedule so that this is a shared task  
for volunteers.*

*Thank you for your help with this new project!*

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, Sept. 23rd</b>	6:00pm K of C 125th Anniv.
<b>Saturday, Sept. 23rd</b>	5:30pm Pork Roast Dinner
<b>Sunday, Sept. 24th</b>	11:00am Prayer Partner Mass
<b>Sunday, Sept. 24th</b>	2:00pm
	125th Anniversary K of C Mass of Thanksgiving St. Denis Church
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 26th</b>	6:00pm Parish Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 27th</b>	7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 4th</b>	7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Saturday, Oct. 7th</b>	11:00am Blessing of the Animals



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.



**Join us for an evening of music!**

**Saturday, October 14th**  
**7:00pm in the Church**

Dynamic vocal duo Casey Avalos and Kevin Burokas join the virtuosic Caleb Smith on organ/keyboard in performing iconic and popular works celebrating the arrival of Autumn.

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