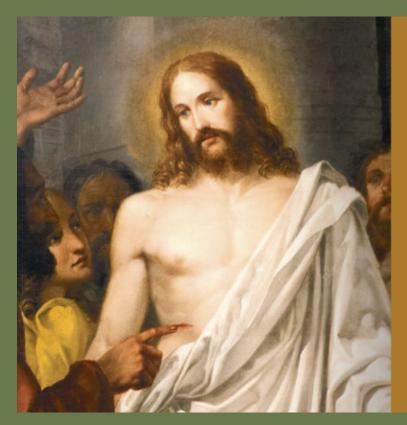
Saint Peter Parish



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

- Mt 21:32

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor

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New to our Parish Family and would like to join?

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,
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George Murray,
Bob Dziekiewicz,
James Archibald-ex officio

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

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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



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

MONDAY October 2nd

8:00AM Julie Pierce by Fr. Michael

TUESDAY October 3rd

8:00AM Margaret Robillard by St. Peter's Parish Family

WEDNESDAY October 4th

8:00AM For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

THURSDAY October 5th

8:00AM Nancy White by the Lavallees

SATURDAY October 7th

4:30PM Lucien Dupre 49th Anniv. by the Dupre Family

SUNDAY October 8th

8:30AM Isabel & Edmund Sheehan

by Ned & Mary Sheehan

11:00AM Brayden Szerlag by Fr. Michael



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 24, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	49	\$1229.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	6	280.00
Music Ministry	1	5.00
Winter Envelopes	2	30.00
St. Vincent DePaul		10.00
Parish Religious Ed		341.00
Religious Ed Registratio	ns	840.00
Total		\$ 3328.50

<u>September 24, 2023</u>

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

Catholic School Appeal-OLV \$ 571.00

Total \$ 571.00



Music Ministry-October 1st Winter Expenses-October 1st Parish Renovation-October 8th



Jaxson received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 24th.

We extend our congratulations to Jaxson's family and ask God to bless, protect and preserve Jaxson and his family always.



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

Integrity is defined by The Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition, as "The quality or state of being complete or undivided; firm adherence to a code...especially

(of) moral values." Integrity is a virtue we cultivate after practicing and welcoming other moral and theological virtues in our lives.

This Sunday's gospel contains an important teaching of Jesus on integrity. In it, a man who needs work done in his vineyard approaches his two sons and tells them to do this work. One says that he will but does not. The other refuses to go but goes. Neither did what he said and only one was justified in the eyes of God because he eventually did the right thing.

Integrity means being whole, morally and spiritually. As children of God, we live out of this identity and act, informed by our faith, in all situations. If we are God's children we must act like a child of God, wanting holiness, choosing the good and acting in integrity.

One area that we must show integrity is in the way we speak. Do we take the Lord's Name in vain? Do we mean what we say? Are we honest? Do we follow through on promises we have made, concerned for the welfare of those depending on us? Do we recognize that prayer is our "primary" form of speech?

In this Sunday's parable, neither of the two sons showed integrity in the way they responded to their father. However, one reflected on his answer and chose to do the right thing after he had answered wrongly. This son came to integrity after some consideration of himself.

As we reflect upon this gospel, let us ask for the grace to be children of God who act in integrity always.

In Christ, Fr. Michael



Calling all Pet Owners....
Please join us for the Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 7th
11:00am on the parish lawn
(If it rains we will have it in the parish hall!)

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.

Featuring works from genres such as: Broadway/Organ Classics/ Film Music and more!

Tickets are \$10 per person All proceeds benefit St. Peter's Parish

Tickets are available at all Masses, the parish office and at the door.



Blackstone Valley CROP Hunger Walk Saturday, October 21st

Registration begins at 8:30am The walk begins at 9:00am

Starts at the Village Congregational Church 5 Church Street, Whitinsville.

Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area to join the walk. If you can't make the walk, please make a donation to this great community event.



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

Sunday, October 1st 9:30-10:45am
Family Mass at 11:00
Sunday, October 8th No Class-Columbus Day Holiday
Sunday, October 15th 9:30-10:45am

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, October 1st 6:30-8:00pm Sunday, October 8th No Class-Columbus Day Holiday Sunday, October 15th 9:30-10:45am

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 and put them in bags, 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 are. As people sign up, we will create a schedule so that this is a shared task for volunteers.

Thank you for you help with this new project!

Calendar of EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 4th Saturday, Oct. 7th Sunday, Oct. 8th Wednesday, Oct. 4th Saturday, Oct. 14th Wednesday, Oct. 4th Saturday, Oct. 21st Saturday, Oct. 21st 7:00pm Bible Study 11:00am Blessing of the Animals No Religious Education Classes 7:00pm Bible Study

7:00pm Autumn Concert 7:00pm Bible Study 9:00am CPR Class

5:30pm Parish Pasta Dinner



Tickets are \$15 per person on sale at all Masses & the parish office.

Saturday, October 21st 5:30pm

Dinner includes salad and dessert To Go orders will be available for pickup starting at 5:00pm.

Sit down meal will be at 5:30pm in the parish hall.
All meals must be purchased in advance.

50/50 Raffle to benefit our Religious Education.

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



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