

# Saint Peter Parish



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

"The stone that the  
builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone."  
- Mt 21:42ab

### Rev. Michael Lavalley, 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  
FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org  
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 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

MONDAY October 9th

8:00AM **Paul Jordan** by the Sawyer Family

TUESDAY October 10th

8:00AM **Joseph Flamand** by Lorraine & Family

WEDNESDAY October 11th

8:00AM **Doris Rondeau 6th Anniv.**

by Bill & Deb Ballou & Family

THURSDAY October 12th

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

SATURDAY October 14th

4:30PM **Christopher Lambert 8th Anniv.**

by Aunt Elaine Nowlan & Family

SUNDAY October 15th

8:30AM **Patricia Patnode** by Family

11:00AM **Patricia Prevost** by Fr. Michael



*Pray For...*

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.

**October 2, 2023**

Envelopes Weekly	60	\$ 1086.00
Electronic Giving	40	2820.50
Renovation	7	75.00
Music Ministry	29	541.00
Winter Envelopes	15	193.00
Donations		412.00
St. Vincent DePaul		10.00
Parish Religious Ed		25.00
Religious Ed Registrations		150.00
Pork Roast Dinner		1381.00
50/50 Religious Ed Raffle		135.00
Wed. Night AA Rental		30.00
Restitution		40.00
Baptismal Donation		60.00

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Total \$ 6958.50

## Upcoming Collections

Parish Renovation-October 8th  
Winter Expenses-October 15th  
World Mission Sunday-October 22nd



**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, there is a container in the gathering area.



## *A Note From Father Michael*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

This weekend we celebrate Columbus Day. As we enjoy this long holiday weekend, let us take time to reflect upon its meaning and its relevance in our lives of faith today.

The Spanish were the first Europeans to come to the New World. When they came, they did not leave their Catholic faith in Europe. Rather, they brought it here and introduced it to native peoples. Certainly, this experience of encounter was less than ideal for both Natives and Europeans, but faith was part of that encounter. In time, Catholicism came to be a fundamental part of the life of the Spanish colonies as well as those founded by the French in Canada. Even among the English, who were largely Protestant, some Catholics found a home, especially in "Mary's Land," now known as Maryland.

It is worth remembering that the foundations of our nation are inseparable from the existence of Christian faith among the first settlers. They and their descendants accomplished incredible things as they worked and acted in faith to build all that they did. As we think about the meaning of Columbus Day, we must consider that Christian faith, put into action, remains an important force for our present development, growth and prosperity.

Though we, as Americans, emphasize the need to separate Church and state, our identity as children of God through Baptism is that which we must operate out of in all spheres of our lives. Our Catholic faith must inform our personal, moral lives as well as our public and political action. Through learning the teachings of our Faith and applying them, we learn the best way for human life to flourish.

Let us ask God to guide, direct and help our country during these challenging times, praying frequently for His grace and inspiration.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



It Is An Honor To Serve God at His Altar...

Christian life is a daily invitation by God to come closer to Him in prayer and friendship. We respond to this invitation by living out of our hearts. If we love God, we want to embrace the intimacy He offers us.

God's great love for us is immeasurable. As we reflect upon our lives and our experiences in faith, we see how much God has given us. In gratitude for God's love and many gifts, we seek to serve Him.

Becoming an adult altar server gives you the opportunity to participate more meaningfully and actively at Mass. It also helps and inspires the community.

Currently, St. Peter's is in need of several adult servers for the 4:30 Mass on Saturdays and for daily Mass, Monday-Thursday, at 8 am. Fr. Michael is ready to train those whom God is calling to this service.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this message.

Fr. Michael and St. Peter's Parish Staff



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*

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



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

Sunday, October 8th No Class-Columbus Day Holiday

Sunday, October 15th 9:30-10:45am

Sunday, October 22nd 9:30-10:45am

**Grades 5th-10th**

Sunday, October 8th No Class-Columbus Day Holiday

Sunday, October 15th 9:30-10:45am

Sunday, October 22nd 9:30-10:45am

**Confirmation Class**

Sunday, October 15th 5:00pm

Sunday, October 29th 5:00pm

**Join us for a Rosary Walk at St. Patrick's Cemetery,  
Sunday, October 22nd starting at 1:00pm.**

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**Saint Peter's Parish  
Holiday Fair**

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**Our Parish Holiday Fair will be held this year on  
Saturday, November 4th from 9am-3pm.**

*Start going through your closets!*

We are again accepting used clothing and any soft goods for donations. Please separate these from other donations by placing them in a 13 gallon bag.

You may bring in your items on  
Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00am-1:00pm to the parish hall. Volunteers will be there sorting and pricing items. We ask that you do not leave items outside by the door at the parish hall or rectory. Kindly call the parish office if you would like to donate items at another time.

*Please do not donate electronics, furniture, computers, monitors, fitness equipment and luggage*

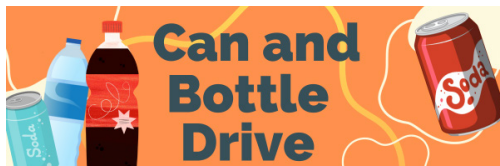
We are looking for items for the White Elephant Table and Holiday Table. We also need new items and gift cards for the Raffle Tables and Silent Auction and donations of Gift Baskets for our Gift Basket Raffle Table.

We will be having the baked goods table this year and will need donations of your favorite treats!



# Calendar of **EVEN**TS

<b>Sunday, Oct. 8th</b>	No Religious Education Classes
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 11th</b>	7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Friday, Oct. 13th</b>	9am-1pm Holiday Fair Drop Off
<b>Saturday, Oct. 14th</b>	9am-1pm Holiday Fair Drop Off
<b>Saturday, Oct. 14th</b>	7:00pm Autumn Concert
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 18th</b>	7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Saturday, Oct. 20th</b>	9am-1pm Holiday Fair Drop Off
<b>Saturday, Oct. 21st</b>	9am-1pm Holiday Fair Drop Off
<b>Saturday, Oct. 21st</b>	9:00am CPR Class
<b>Saturday, Oct. 21st</b>	5:30pm Parish Pasta Dinner
<b>Sunday, Oct. 22nd</b>	1:00pm Rosary Walk



Donate your empty, clean and returnable cans and bottles to help support our parish!

Please put your donations in the bins in the gathering area. 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 area.

Thank you for your help with this new project!



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

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.

