

# Saint Peter Parish



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

"Come to the feast."  
- Mt 22:4bc

### 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

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

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm  
Anytime by request

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

#### 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

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Education Coordinator  
Email: [religioused@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto: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 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

MONDAY October 16th

8:00AM **Michael DeSimone** by Maire & Jim Bastone

TUESDAY October 17th

8:00AM **For the Health & Well-Being of Mark Bourdeau**  
by T.T.

WEDNESDAY October 18th

8:00AM **For all the Souls in Purgatory**

by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

THURSDAY October 19th

8:00AM **Leah Gohlae** by Marie & Jim Bastone

SATURDAY October 21st

4:30PM **Andy Williamson** by Family

SUNDAY October 22nd

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

11:00AM **Jeannine Patnode** by Sandra Chipman

**October 8, 2023**

Envelopes Weekly	50	\$ 1188.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	21	464.00
Music Ministry	15	160.00
Winter Envelopes	10	259.00
St. Vincent DePaul		10.00
Parish Religious Ed		20.00
Religious Ed Registrations		330.00
Monday Night AA Rental		100.00

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Total \$ 3124.50

**October 8, 2023**

Special Collection

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

Catholic School Appeal \$ 20.00

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Total \$ 20.00



Parish Collection-Winter Expenses-October 15th  
2nd Collection-World Mission Sunday-October 22nd



Gary Morvan, 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.



**Blackstone Valley  
CROP Hunger Walk  
Saturday, October 21st**

Registration begins at 8:30am.

The walk begins at 9:00am.

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 for donations.



## *A Note From Father Michael*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

Everybody likes a party! Imagine being invited to the best party you could think of with the greatest food, beverages and company. Imagine being grateful for the invitation, looking forward to attending and also searching for a new outfit to wear to the event.

Yet, the invited guests in this Sunday's Gospel refused the invitation of their lives! What would make them do such a thing?

Let's think back to times in our lives that we have refused or declined invitations and remember the reasons we did not go. Perhaps we had too many other things going on and were overwhelmed. Was the expense or distance to travel too much for us? Maybe we were uncomfortable with something about the gathering or event and decided it was best to forgo it. Were we genuinely sick, tired or otherwise unable?

For whatever reason, we missed something that someone else perhaps really wanted us to go to and the experience, now passed, will not come again. Did we later regret our decision? Do we wish we could do it over again and attend or participate? Are we happy with the choice we made?

The Parable of The Wedding Feast is about God's gracious invitation to share eternal life with Him forever in the banquet of Heaven. It teaches us that although salvation is God's free gift to us, we must also choose it by the way we live. Some accept the invitation through lives of faith and others refuse it through lives of sin and selfishness. The wedding guest not properly dressed in a wedding garment but who attempts to get into the banquet shows us that we must prepare ourselves for Heaven, clothing ourselves with faith, prayer and charity. We weave the proper garment for ourselves over a lifetime and nobody can make the garment for us. We choose Heaven not just once in our lives but through the daily series of moral choices that we encounter.

Imagine if we felt excited for Heaven right now and shared that excitement with others through sharing faith and evangelization? When we do this, we encourage others to choose Christ and accept His invitation to divine friendship. May we accept God's invitation to the feast of Paradise with faith, hope and joy.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



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

**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

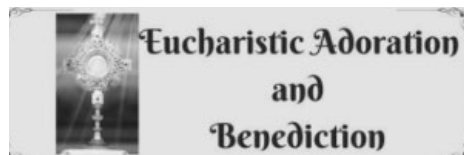


Yearly, St. Peter's receives from the Diocese a calendar of required second collections to be taken up through out the year. It is for these that collectors at the Masses will go down the aisle a second time to collect the donations.

The envelopes that you receive in your envelope packet for Music Ministry, Parish Renovation, Winter Expenses and Holy Days will be collected along with the regular collection envelopes at Mass.

The required second collections, specified by the Diocese throughout the year, will be announced by the lector at the beginning of Mass and placed in the bulletin. Collections involving parish envelopes will not be announced by the lector but will be included in the bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity to both required second collections and to envelopes dedicated to the needs of our parish.



### *Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction*

*Wednesday, October 18th  
in the Church at 6:20pm.*

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



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

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

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

**Grades 5th-10th**

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.**

**Results of last weekend In-Pew survey**

Last weekend, we conducted an in-pew survey concerning the date of our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

In reviewing the results, 34 parishioners voted for the date of Saturday, November 18th, while 19 voted for the date of Sunday, December 3rd.

Therefore, we will hold our Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 18th at 12pm.

Please fill out the invitation for the dinner found below and return to us as soon as you can.

Thank you for your help and concern!



**All Senior Members of our St. Peter's Parish family  
are cordially invited to attend the  
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.**

**Saturday, November 18, 2023  
12:00pm in the Parish Hall**

Please join us for a delicious meal and  
amazing fellowship.

RSVP by Monday, November 20th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

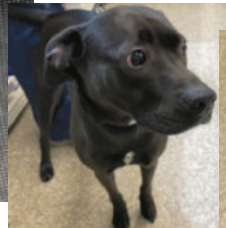
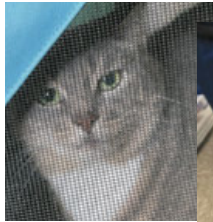
Please call the Parish office or  
place this in collection basket.

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

<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>	9:00am Crop Walk
<b>Saturday, Oct. 21st</b>	5:30pm Parish Pasta Dinner
<b>Sunday, Oct. 22nd</b>	1:00pm Rosary Walk at St. Pat's Cemetery



**Thank you to everyone who came to the Blessing of the Animals last Saturday!**



**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.

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.

*Pay it Forward*

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



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