

Saint Peter Parish



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God."
- Mt 22:21

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

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

BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Please call the Parish Office at
least twelve months in advance
to begin required marriage
preparation

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 Office: 508-234-2156

Email: Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org

FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org

Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Education Coordinator

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Phone: 508-234-6355

Elementary: PreK to 4th

Middle School: 5th-8th

High School: 9th-10th Confirmation: 11th

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

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 21st

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

SUNDAY October 22nd

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

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

MONDAY October 23rd

8:00AM **For a Special Intention** by C. Johnson

TUESDAY October 24th

8:00AM **Theresa Braney** by Fr. Michael

WEDNESDAY October 25th

8:00AM **Andrew Lemoine** by Fr. Michael

THURSDAY October 26th

8:00AM **Rita Brooks** by the Lavalles

SATURDAY October 28th

4:30PM **Rev. Timothy R. Rondeau**
by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

SUNDAY October 29th

8:30AM **Tim Cronin** by the Lambert Family

11:00AM **Fr. John Connell** by the Heney Family

6:30PM **For the Health & Well-Being of S. Robbins**
by Fr. Michael & Philip Dunleavy



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 Lavalley
and all those in our parish book of prayers.



October 15, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	64	\$ 1581.25
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	4	38.00
Music Ministry	2	25.00
Winter Envelopes	14	220.00
Donations		1205.00
St. Vincent DePaul		10.00
Home School Rental		650.00
Holy Day		10.00
Union Meeting Rental		100.00
Holiday Fair Donation		500.00
Hospital Stipend		500.00
Autumn Concert		180.00
Cans & Bottles		45.75

Total \$ 5658.50

Upcoming Collections

2nd Collection-World Mission Sunday-October 22nd

Parish Collection- All Saints Offering-November 1st

Parish Collection-All Souls' Day-November 2nd



**Join Fr. Michael for a Rosary Walk on
Sunday, October 22nd
starting at 1:00pm at St. Patrick's cemetery.**

We will pray for deceased members of our
families and parishioners.

Please meet at the Mary statue at the back of the
cemetery.

All Are Welcome!!



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus instructs us "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." What does our Lord mean by His instruction?

In these United States, we are used to the legal separation of church and state. Our founding fathers emphasized this arrangement to prevent one church from becoming the "established" church of the land and in a position of power over other Christians who do not belong to this church or unbelievers. Although this system has its benefits, we cannot adopt this perspective in our personal lives.

In *The Word on Fire Bible: The Gospels*, Bishop Robert Barron explains it best. Barron writes "We should not read this one-liner (Jesus' instruction) as though there is a clearly demarcated political realm that belongs to the Caesars of the world and a clearly demarcated spiritual realm that belongs to God. And we certainly shouldn't read it in the modern mode, that the public arena belongs to politics, while religion is relegated to the private dimension." Barron goes on to state that "This won't do ...because

God is God...the sheer act of being itself, which necessarily pervades, influences, grounds and has to do with everything." Therefore, as God is the basis of everything, we cannot leave him out of the public life of our nation.

Jesus' instruction teaches us that we owe God an integrated life lived in faith, with faith informing both our private choices and public participation and decisions. We cannot artificially separate these two spheres of our lives.

This Sunday, we are gathering at St. Patrick's Cemetery at 1 PM to pray the Rosary. As we walk through the cemetery, we will be praying for our deceased loved ones, friends and deceased members of St. Peter's Parish. As the month of November approaches, we are reminded by the Church about the importance of praying for the dead. In this way we exercise charity towards them and assist them in entering into Heaven.

We look forward to praying with you!

*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

Saint Peter's Parish Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 4th from 9am-3pm.

*To make our Holiday Fair successful
we need your help!*

*Please contact the parish office to let us know
you are volunteering. Please don't assume we
know you are coming to help especially on the day of.
We need volunteers to help set up on Friday
and on the day of the Holiday Fair.
Even if you can help half of the day,
please come and help.*

Don't forget...we are 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 donations on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00am-1:00pm to the parish hall. 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 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.



**Senior Thanksgiving Dinner
Pies, Turkeys & Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers to donate cooked turkeys and pies for our Senior Thanksgiving Dinner being held on Saturday, November 18th starting at 12:00pm in the Parish Hall.

This is a great way to get your family involved! Help us show how much we love the seniors of our parish family.

Pies can be any flavor, homemade or store bought. The pies and cooked turkeys will need to be dropped off the day of the dinner in the morning before 11am.

We are also in need of volunteers to carve the turkeys tableside and serve.

*To donate a cooked turkey or to help on the day of.
Please contact the Parish Office at 508-234-2156 or
email: parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org*



**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 13th.

Name: _____

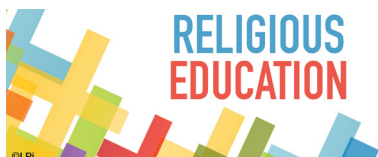
Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____

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

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, Oct. 21st	9am-1pm Holiday Fair Drop Off
Saturday, Oct. 21st	9:00am CPR Class
Saturday, Oct. 21st	9:00am Crop Walk
Saturday, Oct. 21st	5:30pm Parish Pasta Dinner
Sunday, Oct. 22nd	1:00pm Rosary Walk at St. Pat's Cemetery
Sunday, Oct. 22nd	6:00pm Cursillo Gathering
Friday, Oct. 27th	9am-1pm Holiday Fair Drop Off
Saturday, Oct. 28th	9am-1pm Holiday Fair Drop Off
Sunday, Oct. 29th	11:00am Mass of Remembrance



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

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

Sunday, October 29th 9:30-10:45am

Grades 5th-10th

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

Sunday, October 29th 9:30-10:45am

Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 29th 5:00pm



Please join us on Sunday, October 29th at the 11:00am Mass as we celebrate and remember members of our parish family who have passed away this past year. Everyone is welcome!



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 to the church.

Thank you for your help with this new project!

