

Saint Peter's Parish



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good and
faithful servant.”
– Mt 25:21

Rev. Michael Lavalley, Pastor

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Elaine Nowlan: Parish Secretary

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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

New to our Parish Family and
would like to join?

Please contact the Parish Office

MUSIC MINISTRY

Alice Bucca, Chris Harris,
Kevin Burokas

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Elaine Nowlan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Ed Coordinator

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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.

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



SATURDAY November 18th

4:30PM **Joseph & Rita Gautreau** by the Family

SUNDAY November 19th

8:30AM **Donna Letondress & Jo-Anne Garrett**
by the Sabourin Family

11:00AM **Mr. & Mrs. Edward "Babe" Brouillard**
by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

MONDAY November 20th

8:00AM **Allen Coffin** by His Loving Wife

TUESDAY November 21st

8:00AM **Linda A. Sharon** by Rhonda Lavallee

WEDNESDAY November 22nd

8:00AM **Brad Stevens** by St. Peter's Parish

THURSDAY November 23rd-Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM **In Thanksgiving to God** by C. Johnston

SATURDAY November 25th

4:30PM **Patricia Dupre 7th Anniv.**
by the Dupre Family

SUNDAY November 26th

8:30AM **Patricia Patnode** by Family
11:00AM **Ernest Courteau** by His Children



Bertha Oyola Gimenez, Michele Small,
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.



The numbers for this week were not available at
the time of printing.

They will be posted in our next bulletin.

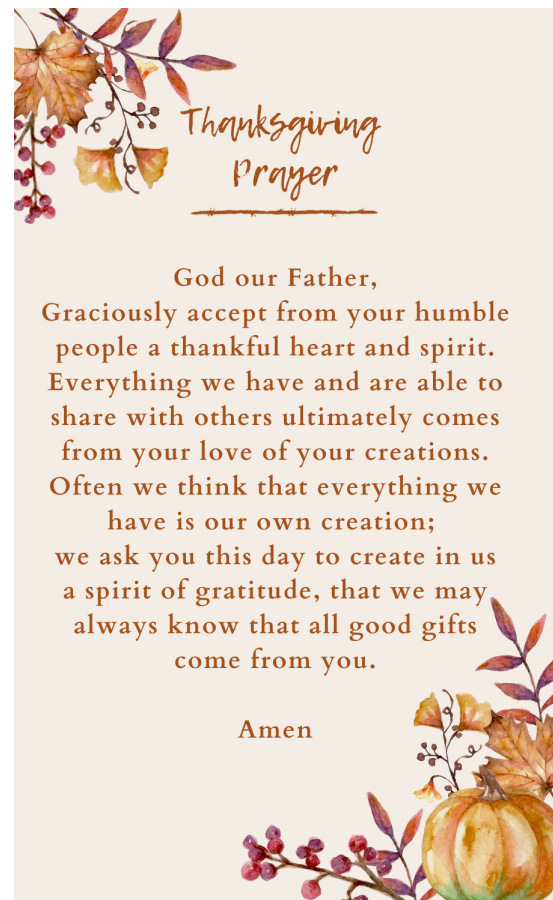
Thank you for your patience.

Upcoming Collections

Second Collection-Human Development-Nov. 19th
Parish Collection- Music Ministry- December 3rd
Parish Collection-Winter Expenses-December 3rd



Please join us for Mass on
Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am





A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with The Parable of The Talents. Key words in this gospel passage are "entrusted," "traded," "accounts" and "faithful." These words help us to understand the heart of Jesus' teaching in this parable.

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving. This holiday is an opportunity to take time for gratitude: for faith, for family, for friends, for health, for the necessities of life, for employment, and for so many other good things. These goods have been "entrusted" to us by God. He gives them to us on loan because of His love for us.

Thanksgiving also reminds us that one of the greatest gifts of God to us is life itself. As a gift, life is meant to be used, in faith, constructively. This brings to mind the word "traded" from the gospel. What are we doing with our lives to express gratitude to God? How are we using our gifts and talents to build up the Church and further the Kingdom of God?

On Thanksgiving Day, we gather with family and friends to celebrate the goodness in our lives. As we do, we cherish memories of past blessings and pray for those who have blessed our lives but who now rest with the Lord. We also praise God for His faithful and eternal love. As God is ever faithful to us in His love and mercy so He calls us to faithful stewardship and holiness in imitation of Him.

As we relish Thanksgiving joys, we remember that they are pale in comparison to the joy of Heaven which God has in store for His faithful people. This brings to mind the word "accounts" from this Sunday's gospel passage. In the parable, the master, returning from his journey, visits the servants he has entrusted his money to and seeks to settle accounts with them. This portion of the parable is symbolic of God judging each human soul particularly after death. Scripture tells us that we will be judged on love, how we have loved or not loved God and neighbor in our lives.

When God settles "accounts" with us, what will we relate we have done? How will we explain our actions of charity or lack of these? As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us allow our hearts to desire Heaven's joy above earthly goods and prepare for Heaven by the way we live each day.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



Our next Cursillo meeting
will be on
Sunday, November 19th at
5:30pm in the Church.

Upcoming Men's Cursillo! December 7-10th

Have you every truly thought about your spiritual life, how it has been, where it is now and where it can go? Are you wondering how the Spirit of Christ can work through you?

The Cursillo is a weekend (Thursday night thru Sunday afternoon) where you will reacquire yourself with your faith and meet others like you. You will learn about the Catholic Church through various talks from laity and priests involved in helping make this weekend a meaningful spiritual awakening experience for you. You will find out, in depth, about the Sacraments of our Church and how truly special they are. No matter where you are in your faith journey, beginning or long-term, Cursillo offers you the opportunity to be more in touch with God. Cursillo is about God's love for us, the community and sharing God's love with others. You will leave your Cursillo weekend a new person!

**The Women's Cursillo on April 18-21, 2024
is filling up fast!**

**If you would like to make your Cursillo for the
Men's in December or Women's in April 2024,
please contact the parish office.**



Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

*Wednesday, November 29th
6:20pm in the Church.*

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



In spite of the the mild weather that we have been experiencing, winter will soon be here with the usual snow and ice. As we all know, that will require plowing to clear the parking areas and spreading ice melt to insure that no one falls on the slippery walks.

Unfortunately, the cost of diesel fuel and salt has increased significantly over the last few years.

We have tried to adjust the budget to cover these added expenses but no one can predict what the weather will deliver. Even a mild season will easily exceed our budget.

Thank you for your continued help in supporting the monthly collection for Winter Expenses in our parish.



Order your Holiday Basket at all Masses!



Our Holiday Baskets are perfect as a centerpiece for your table or for the cemetery.

Place Your Holiday Basket Order By
Sunday, November 26th

\$30 Large/ \$20 Small

Pick Up will be on Sunday, December 10th
9:30am-12:00pm in the Parish Hall



Orders will be taken at all Masses through
Sunday, December 17th
\$10.00 each

Luminaries are a beautiful way to remember your Loved Ones at Christmas.

Luminaires will be in the Church windows on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day they may be taken home either day.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, Nov. 19th 5:30 Cursillo Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 19th 6:30pm RE Evening Mass
Wednesday, Nov. 22nd 7:00pm Bible Study
Thursday, Nov. 23rd 9:00am Thanksgiving Mass
Monday, Nov. 27th 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 29th 6:20pm Adoration & Benediction
Wednesday, Nov. 29th 7:00pm Bible Study



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

Sunday, November 19th 9:30-10:45am
Sunday, November 26th 9:30-10:45am

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, November 19th 6:30-8:00pm
Sunday, November 26th 6:30-8:00pm

Confirmation

Sunday, November 19th 5:00pm

*Advent Day of Reflection on
The Beatitudes in the Gospel
of Saint Matthew*

Saturday, December 9th
10:00am-2:00pm
in the parish hall

The day will include two reflection sessions,
Mass, lunch, and a prayer service.

All are welcome to attend!

Please register by Thursday, December 7th.
There is no registration fee but donations will
be accepted.

Join us this Advent for a morning and afternoon
of prayer with Saint Matthew and amazing fellowship.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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

