

# Saint Peter's Parish



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are  
blessed by my Father.  
Inherit the kingdom  
prepared for you from the  
foundation of the world.”  
- Mt 25:34

### Rev. Michael Lavalley, Pastor

39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446,  
Northbridge, MA 01534

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

#### 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

#### IN YOUR TIME OF NEED

Peter Sabourin, George Murray,  
William Ballou, Ron Rej,  
Rebecca Siegle, Sharon Dupre

#### FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

Victoria Neville, Barbara Ramian,  
Audra Gaul, Rosa Orazine,  
Christine Fung-A-Fat, Craig Consigli,  
Louise Forget

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

Alice Bucca, Chris Harris,  
Kevin Burokas

#### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Elaine Nowlan

#### 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 Ed 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.

#### 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 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

MONDAY November 27th

8:00AM **Deceased Members of  
Good Shepherd Parish** by Joyce Paquette

TUESDAY November 28th

8:00AM **Deceased Patients of St. Camillus**  
by Rose Gallagher

WEDNESDAY November 29th

8:00AM **Fr. Richard Jakubauskas** by Fr. Michael

THURSDAY November 30th

9:00AM **For a Special Intention** by C. Johnston

SATURDAY December 2nd

4:30PM **Janice Lemoine by Family**

SUNDAY December 3rd - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30AM **Christine Menard 7th Anniv.**  
by Donald Menard & Family

11:00AM **Annie Mae Whitcomb 5yr Anniv.**  
by her Husband



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.



**November 5, 2023**

Envelopes Weekly	63	\$ 1929.00
Electronic Giving	40	2820.50
Renovation	6	84.00
Music Ministry	30	284.00
Winter Envelopes	7	77.00
In Your Time of Need		10.00
Holy Days	16	275.00
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Total		\$ 5479.50

**November 13, 2023**

Envelopes Weekly	57	\$ 1423.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	18	572.00
Music Ministry	10	177.00
Winter Envelopes	3	15.00
In Your Time of Need		10.00
Home School Rent		650.00
Home School Rental		100.00
Cans & Bottles Return		20.00
AA Rental		30.00
All Souls		30.00
All Saints		35.00
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Total		\$ 3655.50

**November 13, 2023**

*Special Collection*

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

Cycle of Poverty	\$ 129.00
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Total	\$ 129.00



Parish Collection- Music Ministry- December 3rd  
Parish Collection-Winter Expenses-December 3rd



*A Note From  
Father Michael*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

This Sunday we observe the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe. This feast was instituted by the Church in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to combat the emergence of "dictatorial regimes" in Europe which included facism and socialism (*Through the Church Year*, Kelly.) Pope Pius wanted to "reassert the ultimate, universal sovereignty of Jesus Christ and His law of truth and love" over these regimes and affirm to all Christians that God is the ultimate ruler over the universe.

What are the forces in our modern world which seek to replace God and His universal power with their own? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Last Judgment when Jesus will return to earth to judge the living and the dead. Matthew 25:31-46 is clear that at that time, we will all be judged on love.

As this church year draws to a close and another begins next Sunday with the beginning of Advent, we reflect upon how love is action rather than feeling. With biblical understanding, we demonstrate love for God through charitable actions shown towards our neighbor.

How do we want to improve our love of God and neighbor in the new church year? How do we desire to allow God to reign over us and our lives more completely so that His Kingdom governs all that we do? How may our prayer change to reflect our new understandings of faith that we have gained?

In the gospel, the goats learn at their judgment that they have not recognized God present and alive within those in need. For their selfishness and self-absorption, the Son of Man prevents the goats from entering the new "kingdom" prepared for the righteous. Conversion involves seeing the world with new eyes, so that we recognize God present within others and within the whole of life.

Let us pray for one another this Advent that we may all prepare well for the coming of the Lord.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



***Upcoming Men's  
Cursillo!  
December 7-10th***

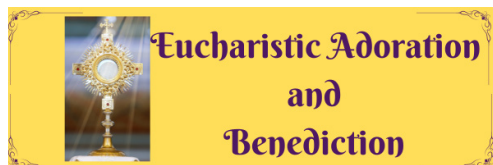
Have you every truly thought about your spiritual life, how it has been, where it is now and where it can go?

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 reacquaint 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.*



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, December 3rd

\$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 and  
they may be taken home either day.



# Calendar of **EVENTS**

- Monday, Nov. 27th** 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting  
**Wednesday, Nov. 29th** 6:20pm Adoration & Benediction  
**Wednesday, Nov. 29th** 7:00pm Bible Study  
**Monday, Dec. 4th** 7:00pm Catechist Training  
**Tuesday, Dec. 5th** 6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting  
**Wednesday, Dec. 6th** 7:00pm Bible Study



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

Sunday, November 26th 9:30-10:45am  
Sunday, December 3 9:30-10:45am

## **Grades 5th-10th**

Sunday, November 26th 6:30-8:00pm  
Sunday, December 3rd 6:30-8:00pm

## **Confirmation**

Sunday, December 3rd 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 on this Advent Day of  
prayer and faith formation!

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

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

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

