

Saint Peter's Parish



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

Saint Peter's Parish

Northbridge, MA



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

MONDAY December 4th

8:00AM **Norman, Doris & Dean Richards**

by the Lavalles

TUESDAY December 5th

8:00AM **Helena Morrisette** by Family

WEDNESDAY December 6th

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

by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

THURSDAY December 7th

8:00AM **For a Special Intention** by Leo Lussier

FRIDAY December 8th- Immaculate Conception

8:00AM **Timothy & Steven Small** by Family

6:00PM **For the Health and Well-Being of
Ave Leonard and Alice Coffin** by Kelly

SATURDAY December 9th

4:30PM **Kathy Reed** by Family

SUNDAY December 10th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30AM **Joseph Flamand** by Lorraine & Family

11:00AM **Connie, Heney & David Dion** by Susan



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 20, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	47	\$ 1682.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	5	52.00
Music Ministry	1	10.00
Winter Envelopes	1	5.00
Hospital Stipend		500.00
Home School Rental		65.00

Total		\$ 2907.50
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November 20, 2023

Special Collection

(This collection does not stay in our parish)

Human Development		\$ 138.00
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Total		\$ 138.00
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November 26, 2023

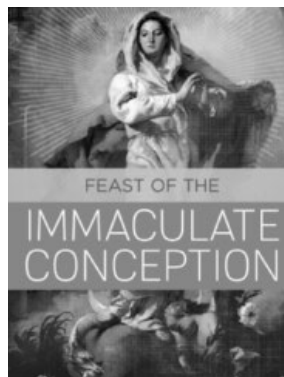
Envelopes Weekly	65	\$ 1634.00
Electronic Giving	20	593.50
Renovation	5	40.00
Music Ministry	6	50.00
Winter Envelopes	5	60.00
Calendars		305.00
Turkey Dinner		794.39
Oxford Basketball Rental		100.00
Can Collection		41.00
Holiday Fair		1912.00

Total		\$ 5529.89
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***Please join us for Mass for the
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.***

***Masses will be held on:
Friday, December 8th at
8:00am and 6:00pm***

***This is a holy day of
obligation.***





A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent we recognize that a new Church year has begun.

Advent invites us to reflect upon new beginnings.

These beginnings start with consideration of the focus of the season which is getting ready for the coming of the Lord. During Advent we remember the Lord in His 3 comings: The first, in the flesh, born among us at Christmas; The second, on the last day in human history, at the end of time, as judge of the world; The third, mysteriously, now, in the people and events of our daily lives.

Am I ready for the coming of the Lord? What does it mean to be ready?

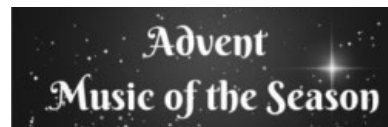
In the gospel for this Sunday, Jesus compares the need of disciples to be ready for His coming to a man going on a journey who leaves his "servants in charge" of his estate. In this comparison, Jesus states "you do not know when the time will come" for the man to return home. He adds "may he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

Clearly being ready for the coming of the Lord means being alert. This alertness is compared to complacency or a false sense of security. Spiritual alertness involves a regular life of prayer, participation in the sacramental life of the Church, learning about the Faith and study of it, putting faith into action through charitable efforts and ongoing self-examination. If the Lord may come at any time, we must be ready at any time for His arrival.

The "third coming" of the Lord is His mysterious presence in the people and events of daily life. How aware am I of Jesus visiting me each day? How do I respond to the Lord when I discern His presence in my life?

As we begin Advent, let us rejoice in the grace of new beginnings that God offers us. May we prayerfully focus on preparing ourselves for the Lord's coming during this holy season of preparation.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



Join us for two Music Concerts during the Season of Advent in the Church.

**Sunday, December 10th
3:00pm**

**Waiting in Hope:
An Afternoon of Contemplative
Advent Music**

Our organist Alice Bucca and vocalists Chris Harris and Melissa Turner will perform beautiful selections for Advent.

**Sunday, December 17th
3:00pm
Tidings of Comfort and Joy**

Members of the Alto Vista String Ensemble will perform classic works celebrating the Christmas season.

The concerts are free and donations will be accepted.

For our December 17th concert we are looking for donations of Christmas treats to sell, such as cookies, candy. Please make sure they are pre-packaged and please no nuts in the treats. Donations may be dropped off to the parish office by Thursday, December 14th or bring them on the day of the concert.

Thank you in advance for your help!



Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Amen

-Henri Nouwen
(All Saints Press)



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

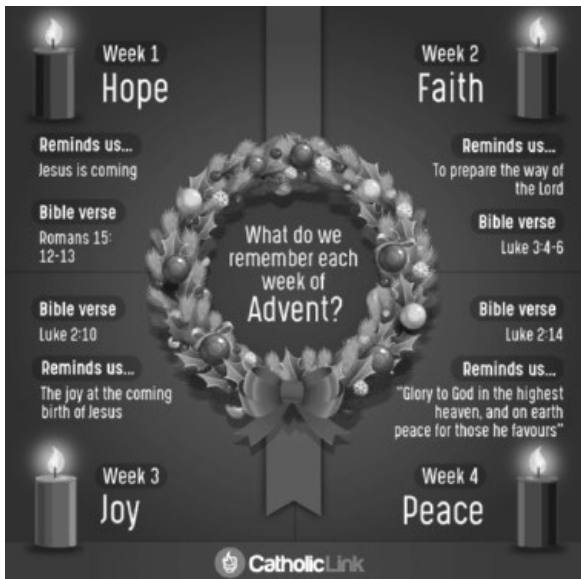
Pick Up will be on Sunday, December 10th
9:30am-12:00pm in the Parish Hall.



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**

Sunday, Dec. 3rd	9:30am In Your Time of Need
Monday, Dec. 4th	7:00pm Catechist Training
Tuesday, Dec. 5th	6:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 6th	7:00pm Bible Study
Friday, Dec. 8th	8:00am & 6:00pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Saturday, Dec. 9th	10-2pm Advent Day of Reflection



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

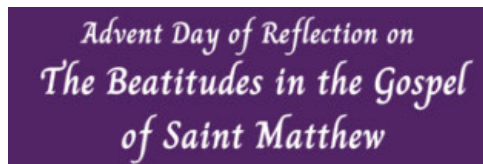
Sunday, December 3rd 9:30-10:45am
Sunday, December 10th 9:30-10:45am

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, December 3rd 6:30-8:00pm
Sunday, December 10th 6:30-8:00pm

Confirmation

Sunday, December 3rd 5:00pm



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: _____

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