

Saint Peter's Parish



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 RECONCILATION

Saturday 3:30 pm
Anytime by request

IN YOUR TIME OF NEED

Fr. Michael, 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

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor
39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446,
Northbridge, MA 01534

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
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FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Education Coordinator
Email: religioused@stpeterrockdale.org
Phone: 508-234-6355

Elementary: PreK to 4th
Middle School: 5th-8th
High School: 9th-10th Confirmation: 11th

*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.

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 9th

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

SUNDAY December 10th– 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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

MONDAY December 11th

8:00AM **Stephen Clement** by Joyce Paquette

TUESDAY December 12th

8:00AM **James Laren** by Fr. Michael

WEDNESDAY December 13th

8:00AM **For Shawn & Brianna Leonard & Mathew Coffin** by Kelly

THURSDAY December 14th

8:00AM **Lucien & Helen Lavallee**
by the Lavalles

SATURDAY December 16th

4:30PM **Raymond Lussier 4th Anniv.**
by his Sons & Family

SUNDAY December 17th– 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30AM **Tim Cronin 5th Anniv.**
by the Lambert Family

11:00AM **Helen J. Gilroy** by her Son

6:30PM **Theresa Azaravich** by her Family

December 3, 2023

Envelopes Weekly	56	\$ 1995.00
Electronic Giving	40	2820.50
Renovation	7	89.00
Music Ministry	35	382.00
Winter Envelopes	25	316.00
Donations		200.00
In Memory of Oscar Goulas		100.00
Christmas Offering		34.00
Immaculate Conception		15.00
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Total		\$ 5951.50



Second Collection– Share in the Care– December 10th
Parish Collection–Renovation–December 10th/17th



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

—LUKE 3:4-5



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah calling us to conversion "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." Where is the 'way' that we must 'prepare' for the Lord? As Christians, we recognize that it is within us, in our hearts.

How do we do this? A prayerful, closer reading of the gospel tells us clearly. In Mark 1:8, St. John the Baptist says "I have baptized you with water; He will Baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Through these words, St. John identifies Jesus as the One who will establish the Seven Sacraments of the Church and make them grace-bearing. It would be Jesus' saving death that would give the sacraments their power to heal, cleanse and restore the souls of God's faithful.

Advent is a time for introspection, reflection, examination of conscience and repentance. Amidst the busyness of the "holiday season," God calls us to quiet, asking us to be still in His presence. It is in this stillness that God speaks to our hearts, making us aware of His love for us and inviting us to remove any obstacles that keep us from a closer friendship with Him. As we listen to God's voice, speaking to us through our consciences, we recognize our need to seek out God's grace, available to us through the Sacrament of Penance.

Through penance and absolution, we prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts. Sin, which separates us from God, is removed from us and we can experience the joy of the children of God. In this new freedom, God's mercy is poured out upon us and we know the love of God for us more amazingly.

I will be holding Confessions in preparation for Christmas between the Sunday Masses on December 17th from 9:30am-10:30am. I invite all parishioners to take advantage of the grace available through the Sacrament at this time. If you need Confession but cannot come on December 17th, we can make an appointment or meet at the regular Saturday Confession time, at 3:30pm, prior to the 4:30pm Mass.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

*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!



Prepare your heart for Christ is coming..

Christmas Confessions will be held on
Sunday, December 17th
from 9:30-10:30am
in the Church between the Sunday Masses.



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.



It's our turn at Peace of Bread
and we need your help!!!

**Saint Peter's turn is
Wednesday, December 13th.**

***We can't do this without you!
We will need people to help serve and
prep meals.***

Please email, call the parish office, or sign up on
the sheet in the gathering area so we have an
idea of how many volunteers we will have.

***We are also collecting
non-perishable food and toiletries items for the
Peace of Bread food pantry.***

All donations need to be returned to the
gathering area in the Church by
Sunday, December 10th.



*All wrapped gifts need to be returned by
Sunday, December 17th by 11:00am to the gathering
area in the back of the Church.*

*All cards for the Seminarians should be mailed to
the address on the envelope.*

Please make sure to attach the tag onto the
outside of the gift.

You may bring your gifts to Mass and place them in
the container in the gathering area or drop them
off at the parish office
Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm

Thank you in advance for your help!



Don't forget to pick up your Holiday Baskets
on Sunday, December 10th
9:30am-12:00pm in the Parish Hall.



The holidays are here!
Don't forget to....

Donate your empty & clean returnable cans and
bottles to help support our parish.

Bring in your full, closed bags of rinsed, redeemable
bottles and cans. Redemption of these bottles and
cans will help us to defray costs and supplement our
regular income.

Bins are located in the gathering area, in the back of
the church. Please separate your cans and bottles
before bringing them.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, December 10th

9:30-12pm Basket Pick Up-Parish Hall

3:00pm Advent Concert: Waiting In Hope-Church

Tuesday, December 12th

6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting -Rectory

Wednesday, December 13th

4:00pm Peace of Bread-Presbyterian Church

7:00pm Bible Study- Parish Hall

Sunday, December 17th

9:30-10:30am Christmas Confessions-Church

3:00pm Advent Concert:

Tidings of Comfort & Joy- Church

6:30pm Religious Ed/Parish Evening Mass

Wednesday, December 20th

6:20pm Adoration & Benediction-Church

7:00pm Bible Study- Parish Hall



***Join Fr. Michael for Bible Study!
Wednesdays 7:00pm
in the Parish Hall.***

We will reflect upon the gospel for the upcoming Sunday, learn more about our Catholic Faith and pray for various intentions. Please bring a New American Bible if you have one. We do have some available.

*If you would like to join us on Zoom,
please contact the parish office.*

Everyone is welcome to join!



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

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

Sunday, December 17th 9:30-10:45am

Sunday, December 24th Merry Christmas!

Grades 5th-10th

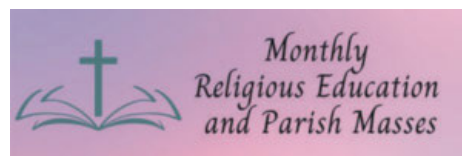
Sunday, December 10th 6:30-8:00pm

Sunday, December 17th 6:30-8:00pm

Sunday, December 24th Merry Christmas!

Confirmation

Sunday, December 17th 5:00pm



***Join us on Sunday, December 17th
at 6:30pm
for our monthly evening Mass.***

These monthly Masses are open to all parishioners and will include a teaching for religious education students within the Mass.

We hope you can join us!



If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and healing. We encourage you to come forward and report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester.

Call the Office of Healing and Prevention at
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Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator
at 508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line.



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