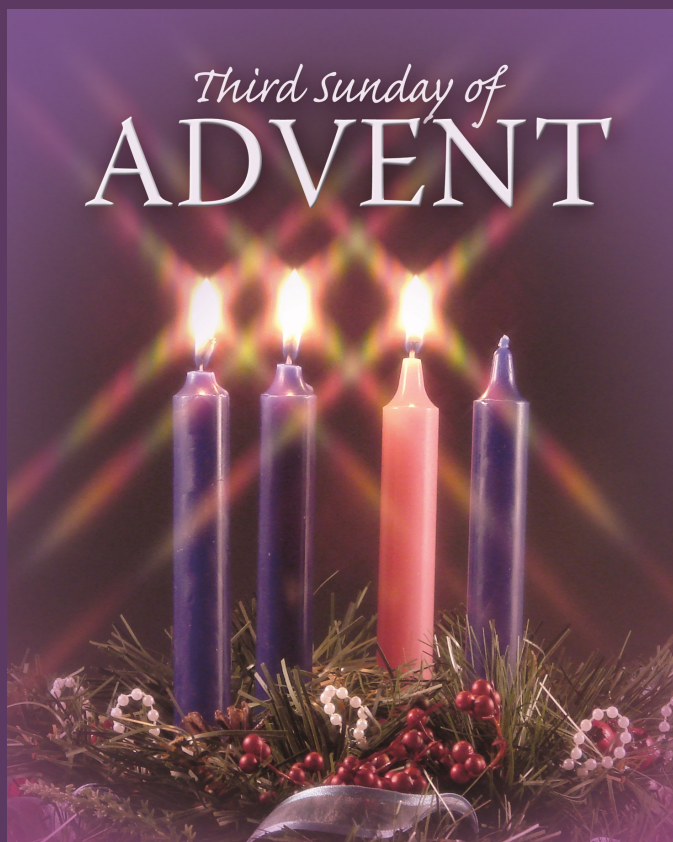


Saint Peter's Parish



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
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

*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



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 the Fung-A-Fats

MONDAY December 18th

8:00AM **Jeanne Lavallee** by Fr. Michael

TUESDAY December 19th

8:00AM **Joffre P. Lavallee Jr.** by the Lavalles

WEDNESDAY December 20th

8:00AM **Mary Tonry** by the Lavalles

THURSDAY December 21st

8:00AM **Bob Dupre** by the Lavalles

SATURDAY December 23rd

4:30PM **Helen Lubas 12yr. Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY December 24th- 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30AM **Jeannette & Joseph Lussier**

by Yvette Lussier

11:00AM **Barbara Melone** by the Fung-A-Fats

SUNDAY December 24th- Christmas Eve

4:30PM **Norman Lavallee** by Fr. Michael



Bertha Oyola Gimenez, Michele Small,
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.

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

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection-Renovation-December 17th
Parish Collection-Christmas Flowers
(Envelopes located in the Church.)
Parish Collection-Christmas Offering
December 24th/25th

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17



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 our final Music Concert during the Season of Advent in the Church.

**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 is 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.



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.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Calendar of EVENTS

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



2024 Saint Peter's Calendars are now
available in the gathering area in the
back of the Church.
Get yours today!



**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!



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.



This year the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve.

We are all invited to celebrate the fullness of the Advent Season by attending both the Fourth Sunday of Advent as well as Christmas Mass.

Below is a schedule of our Masses:
Choose one Mass for Advent and one Mass for the celebration of Christmas.

Sunday, December 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30am & 11:00am

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
4:30pm

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day
The Nativity of the Lord
10:00am

Sunday, December 31st

New Years Eve
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:30am & 11:00am

Monday, January 1st

New Years Day
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00am

*Are you looking for a place to call home this Christmas?
Consider this your invitation
to be a part of our family!*

*Contact the parish office or
speak to Fr. Michael or any greeter at Mass.*



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

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

Grades 5th-10th

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

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
All classes resume on Sunday, January 7th*

Confirmation

Sunday, December 17th 5:00pm



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Avent Day of Reflection last Saturday!
Watch the bulletin for more adult faith formation coming next year.



We recognize Cameron McCurdy as he and his sponsor Kelsey Denn participated in the RCIA Rite of Acceptance on December 3rd.



Thank you to Patty & Marilyn for their help making our holiday baskets!
They did a beautiful job!