

Saint Peter's Parish



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
- Mk 1:44-45b

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

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

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

Victoria Neville, Barbara Ramian,
Audra Gaul, Louise Forget
Christine Fung-A-Fat

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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
Email: Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org
FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org
Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

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 February 10th

4:30PM **Leo Lubas 14th Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY February 11th

8:30AM **Anna Czebotar** by St. Peter's Parish Family

11:00AM **Joseph Gallant** by Fr. Michael

MONDAY February 12th

8:00AM **Mary Lajoie** by Fr. Michael

TUESDAY February 13th

8:00AM **For a Special Intention** by Rose

WEDNESDAY February 14th—Ash Wednesday

8:00AM **Michael Rivera** by Sue Letscher

6:00PM **Labby & Grace Massicotte** by John Lavallee

THURSDAY February 15th

8:00AM **J. Archer Ballou 13th Anniv.**

by the Ballou Family

SATURDAY February 17th

4:30PM **Barbara LaMountain 2nd Anniv.**

by Susan & John Letscher

SUNDAY February 18th

8:30AM **Fr. Connell 9th Anniv.**

by Judy & Gary Morvan

11:00AM **Louis Caccia** by the Neville Family



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.



February 4, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	81	\$ 1748.00
Electronic Giving	39	2995.50
Renovation	7	110.00
Music Ministry	41	486.00
Winter Envelopes	28	390.00
Donations		984.00
Homeschool Rental-February		650.00
Homeschool Rental-1-26-24		65.00
Homeschool Rental-4-17-24		65.00
AA Wednesday Rental		30.00
Catholic Free Press		117.00

Total	\$ 7640.50
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February 4, 2024

Special Parish Collections

(These collections do not stay in our parish unless noted)

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 55.00
Church in Latin America	30.00

In Your Time of Need	85.00
<i>(Stays in our parish)</i>	

Total	\$ 170.00
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Upcoming Collections

Ash Wednesday—Priest Retirement—Feb. 14th

Parish Collection—Renovation—Feb. 25th
Second Collection—Latin America Feb. 25th
Catholic Free Press—All Month of February



Ash Wednesday

Priest Retirement Collection

February 14th

There will be a collection at all Masses for the support
of our 49 priests who are retired. These retired priests
have served with dedication, fidelity, and love.
Please help support them in their retirement years.



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week at Mass, I noted the cards in the pews which provide parishioners with tips to follow so that we can be more welcoming and helpful to newcomers to our parish. Some of these tips may seem like common sense but, if we follow them, we will help others to feel our friendliness and concern. As Lent begins this Wednesday, let us consider that making an effort to warmly welcome newcomers is an essential part of growing in the Lord, both for us and the others we welcome.

In this Sunday's gospel, a leper comes to Jesus and begs Him to heal him. In his sick condition, the leper was ostracized and prevented from participating in the life of the community. When Jesus healed the leper, he not only took care of His physical condition. Jesus, in effect, gave him a new life.

Sadly, the leper was ungrateful and disobedient to Jesus after he received his life-altering miracle. Jesus healed many people but not all expressed thanksgiving to Him in return for His love. Some, like the leper, also were directly disobedient to His instructions, seemingly thumbing their noses at the Lord. Simply put, they had gotten what they wanted and when they had they returned to their former way of life which did not include faith in Jesus.

How did Jesus respond to this ingratitude, disobedience and selfishness? He kept going in ministry, offering God's love and mercy to new people and caring for those on the margins of society. In His prayer, Jesus prayed for those who followed Him that they might continue His mission in hope and faith. I also believe He frequently prayed for those who did not love Him in return, asking God to save them and make them ready for eternal life.

Lent is a time for us to offer to Jesus our gratitude, love and care anew. Through our increased prayer, works of self-denial and showing charity to the needy, we express this to the Lord.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 14th
8:00am & 6:00pm

ALPHA

Tuesdays, February 13th-May 7th
6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall

Bible Study

Every Wednesday
7:00pm in the Parish Hall

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, February 21st
6:20pm in the Church

Saint Anne's Shrine—Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 10th
1:00pm Leave Church to Shrine
(More Information to Come)

Easter Confessions

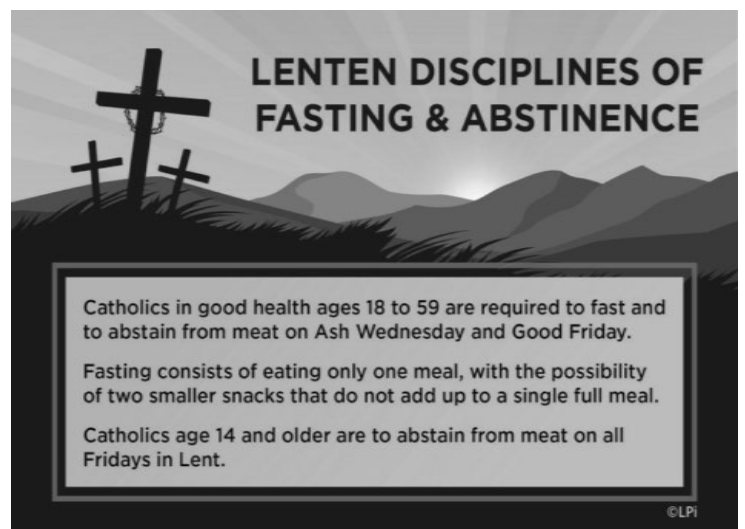
Sunday, March 17th
9:30am-10:30am in the Church

Tenebrae Service

Sunday, March 24th
7:00pm in the Church

Children's Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 29th
3:00pm in the Church



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, February 10th

5:30pm Parish Lasagna Dinner

Sunday, February 11th

No Religious Education Classes

9:30am *In Your Time of Need Meeting*-Church

Monday, February 12th

6:00pm Parish Council/Fundraising Meeting-Hall

Tuesday, February 13th

6-8pm ALPHA-Parish Hall

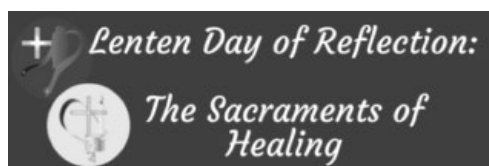
Wednesday, February 14th

8:00am & 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Masses

7:00pm Bible Study

Saturday, February 17th

10-2pm Lenten Day of Reflection—Parish Hall



Saturday, February 17th
10:00am-2:00pm in the parish hall

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

All are welcome to attend!

Please register by Thursday, February 15th.

There is no registration fee
but donations will be accepted.

Join us on this Lenten Day of
prayer and faith formation!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please call the parish office or place this in collection



Funeral Offering for Parishioners and Non-Parishioners

\$400

(parish \$115, organist \$125, cantor \$125, priest \$35)

Wedding Offering for Parishioners

\$350

(parish \$200, marriage preparation \$75, priest \$75)

Wedding Offering for Non-Parishioners

\$450

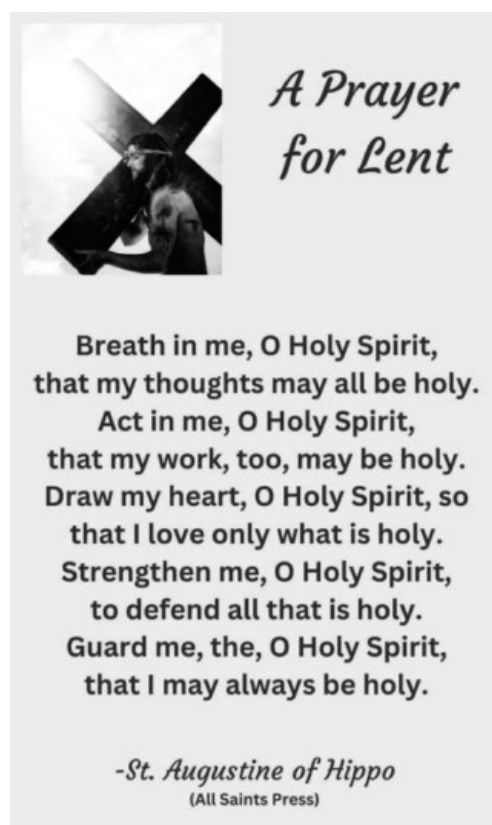
(parish \$300, marriage preparation \$75, priest \$75)

***These new offerings will be effective starting on
February 18, 2024.***

*Recently, the Diocese of Worcester revised it's
offering schedule for Weddings and Funerals,
throughout the whole diocese.*

*We are publishing these revised figures in the event
that you or a family member are in need.*

*Pastoral concern will be shown to those in financial
hardship.*





What is ALPHA?

Alpha is a parish tool for evangelization where everyone is welcome.

It is a series of interactive sessions to help people freely explore the basics of Christian faith.

Sign up information is available in the gathering area in the back of the church.

If this is your first time or have done ALPHA before, come again and bring a friend!

***The first session starts on
Tuesday, February 13th 6:30pm
in the parish hall.
All are welcome!***



The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

DCU Center in Worcester
Saturday, March 16th

Adult tickets are \$50 until March 4th;
afterwards \$60.

Student tickets are always \$30

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference.

Visit the conference website at
www.catholicmenworc.com
for information and to purchase tickets online.



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

Sunday, February 11th No Classes

Sunday, February 18th No Classes-School Vacation

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, February 11th No Classes

Sunday, February 18th No Classes-School Vacation

Confirmation

Sunday, February 25th 5:00pm-6:30pm

Monthly Religious Ed/Parish Mass

Sunday, February 28th 6:30pm



Congratulations to,
Kelsey Denn, a member of
our parish family.
She received the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on Sunday, February 4th at
the Adult Confirmation
ceremony at
St. Paul's Cathedral.
As she continues on her
journey of faith,
may she give witness to
God's love.

Thank you to
Amanda Lavalley &
Benjamin Stone who made a
Memorial Donation for this
vestment in the memory of
the
Lavalley & Stone Families.

If there is a family member or
friend that you would like to
remember through donating
a liturgical item to
St. Peter's?

If you would like to do this
please contact Fr. Michael.





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