

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 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

Sharon Dupre & Mary Sheehan

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor

39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446,
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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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 17th

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

by Susan & John Letscher

SUNDAY February 18th-The First Sunday of Lent

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

by Judy & Gary Morvan

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

MONDAY February 19th

8:00AM **James Brooks** by the Lavalles

TUESDAY February 20th

8:00AM **Helen & Michael Bodruk**

by Ned & Mary Sheehan

WEDNESDAY February 21st

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

THURSDAY February 22nd

8:00AM **John Cosentino** by Fr. Michael

SATURDAY February 24th

4:30PM **Ann Adams 6th Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY February 25th-The Second Sunday of Lent

8:30AM **Anna Czebotar** by the Lavalles

11:00AM **Rosemaire Morana** by Fr. Michael

6:30PM **For the Deceased Members
of Saint Peter's Parish**



John Wright, Henry Heney, 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 11, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	61	\$ 3884.83
Electronic Giving	18	508.50
Renovation	6	185.00
Music Ministry	7	85.00
Winter Envelopes	9	148.00
Lasagna Dinner Refund		60.32
Bottles & Cans		22.85
Basketball Rental		100.00
Catholic Free Press		234.00

Total \$ 5228.50

February 11, 2024
Special Parish Collections

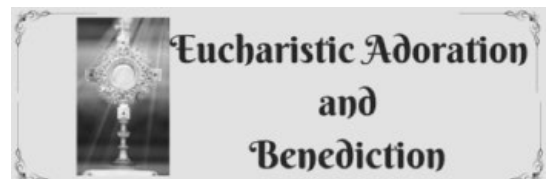
In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	\$ 30.00
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Total \$ 30.00

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection- Renovation-Feb. 25th
Second Collection- Latin America Feb. 25th

Catholic Free Press-All Month of February



Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
Wednesday, February 21st at
6:20pm in the Church.

Join us for Bible Study
after in the parish hall at 7:00pm.



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we come to the First Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to reflect upon Christ's 40 Days in the desert, struggling with evil but remaining faithful to His Father who had sent Him on a mission to proclaim the Good News of salvation to the world. St. Mark's account of Jesus' battle with temptation is brief but meaningful. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert, probably so that He could pray more easily and deeply there. Many holy people, throughout the history of Israel, who lived before Christ, had sought out the desert's silence so that there they could commune with God without the noise and distraction of urban centers.

Yet, instead of finding quiet and stillness in the desert, Jesus met Satan who attempted to get Jesus to abandon the mission the Father had given Him. However, Satan's tactic of tempting the Lord ultimately proved futile. Jesus remained faithful to the Lord, helped by God's angels. After His spiritual battle, St. Mark tells us that Jesus began His public ministry.

What are the tactics that Satan will use against us this Lent?

How will He attempt to distract us from receiving Lenten grace? What are the temptations the Enemy will thrust upon us as we seek greater holiness, deeper prayer, self-discipline and more expansive charity?

The spiritual battle of Jesus with Satan teaches us that temptation will inevitably come to us. Yet, as Jesus was victorious over it, using prayer, Scripture, faith and force of will as weapons, so He can make us sharers in this same victory in our own lives. The more we are open to grace, the more we will receive from the Lord strength against temptation, clarity of discernment and a greater desire to please God in all that we do.

Lent affords us a new opportunity to name the temptations we frequently face. What are our most frequent temptations? How do we avoid them? What are new ways that God is showing us to be victorious over them?

The lives of the saints show us that the more we try to get closer to God, the more we will be tempted to abandon that goal by the Enemy. At the beginning of Lent, we have good intentions to take seriously our penance and to welcome true conversion of heart. But, we can be sure that these good intentions will be tested. When they are, let us ask the Lord to pour out His graces upon us so that we may share in His victory over evil.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



ALPHA

Tuesdays, February 13th-May 7th
6:30-8:00pm 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 the Church to go to the Shrine
(More Information to Come)

Easter Confessions

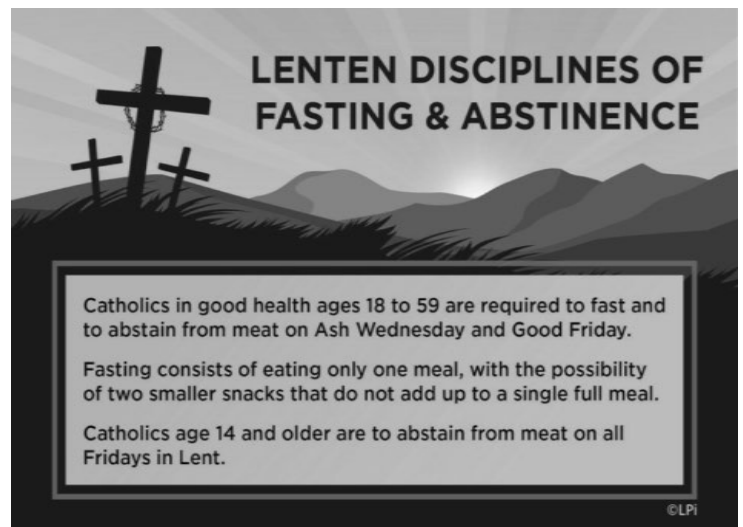
Sunday, March 17th
9:30am-10:30am in the Church

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 17th

10:00-2:00pm Lenten Day of Reflection
Parish Hall

Sunday, February 18th

5:30pm Cursillo Meeting-Church

Tuesday, February 20th

6:30-8:00pm ALPHA-Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 21st

6:20pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
7:00pm Bible Study

Saturday, February 24th

Sacrament of the Sick after the 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, February 25th

Sacrament of the Sick after all Masses
6:30pm Religious Ed/Parish Evening Mass



The sacrament will be offered on the weekend of February 24th and 25th after all Masses.

Parishioners who would like to receive the sacrament are asked to remain in their pews after Mass concludes. After greeting people, Father Michael will hold the brief anointing service and anoint the parishioners.

Saint Peter's Parish wishes to gratefully acknowledge the gift of copies of Matthew Kelly's *Beautiful Eucharist* for our Lenten reading.



The books are a donation from Ms. Rose Gallagher. We appreciate Ms. Gallagher's contribution to the spiritual growth of our parish through the provision of these adult faith formation materials. Take one home with you as you leave Mass today.



Lent 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Jesus is calling us deeper." That reminder of our three-year National Eucharistic Revival is intended to "renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist" (www.eucharisticrevival.org). That call of renewal through a deepened relationship with Christ is particularly apt in this season of Lent.

We have begun our forty-day journey of deepened prayer, more frequent penance, and greater charity. We embark on the journey because we are sinners in need of and called to repentance by Jesus Christ. Lent's annual journey also prepares us for the fruitful celebration of the Paschal Mystery—from the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and His Passion and Death on Good Friday to his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The forty penitential days of Lent derive from Jesus' forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert. They also call to mind Moses' forty days on Mount Sinai during the forty-year journey of the Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land.

During that long journey, the Israelites were sustained by the manna which each night came down from Heaven to nourish and strengthen the people. Centuries later, Jesus would say, "I am the living bread which comes down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever; and the bread that I give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6: 51). Just as the Israelites would not have made it to the Promised Land without the manna from Heaven, we cannot complete the journey of life to Heaven without the nourishment of Christ in the Holy Eucharist ("unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" [John 6: 53]).

In addition to Lenten penances and almsgiving, please consider going to weekday Masses and making visits to the Church outside of Mass to adore the Lord whether reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. Through a greater Eucharistic devotion, we will appreciate, even more, Christ's presence to us, the graces He offers at every Mass, and the peace and comfort of a prayerful visit to Church. Thus, nourished and strengthened, we will be better equipped to meet life's challenges, reflect God's love, and make progress on our journey to Him.

With every prayerful best wish,
I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



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.

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

***The first session starts on
Tuesday, February 20th 6:30pm
in the parish hall.
All are welcome!***



**Tickets will be on sale next weekend!
Saturday, March 16th
5:30pm in the Parish Hall
Tickets are \$17 per person**

***Join us for Dinner
and Irish Music by Alto Vista!***

Dinner Includes Potatoes, Carrots, and Dessert
ToGo orders will be available for pickup
starting at 5:00pm.

***All meals must be purchased in advance by
Tuesday, March 12th***

*This dinner sold out last year,
get your tickets early!*

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Buy an extra dinner and
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local community.

50/50 Raffle to Benefit Religious Education



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

Sunday, February 18th No Classes-School Vacation

Sunday, February 25th 9:30am-10:45am

Sunday, March 3rd 9:30am-10:45am

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, February 18th No Classes-School Vacation

Sunday, February 25th 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday, March 3rd 6:30pm-8:00pm

Confirmation

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

Monthly Religious Ed/Parish Mass

Sunday, February 25th 6:30pm

***Thank you to
everyone who came
to our
Lasagna Dinner
last Saturday!***





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