

# 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

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Alice Bucca, Chris Harris,  
Kevin Burokas

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Sharon Dupre & Mary Sheehan

## **Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor**

39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446,  
Northbridge, MA 01534

## **Parish Office Hours**

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

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](mailto: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 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**

MONDAY February 26th

8:00AM **For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory**  
by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

TUESDAY February 27th

8:00AM **Marty Shagogue**  
by St. Peter's Cursillo Group

WEDNESDAY February 28th

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

THURSDAY February 29th

8:00AM **Rev. Michael Sheridan** by the Dupre Family

SATURDAY March 2nd

4:30PM **Doris Gosselin 1yr Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY March 3rd—The Third Sunday of Lent

8:30AM **For a Special Intention** by Rose

11:00AM **Ray Blette** by the Heney Family



Elaine Nowlan, John Wright, 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 18, 2024**

Envelopes Weekly	58	\$ 1316.00
Electronic Giving	18	508.50
Renovation	2	25.00
Music Ministry	2	10.00
Winter Envelopes	3	135.00
Donations		500.00
Hospital Stipend		500.00
Lasagna Dinner		1873.00
50/50 Religious Ed Raffle		118.00
Catholic Free Press		39.00
Total		\$ 5024.50

**February 18, 2024**  
**Special Parish Collections**

Priest Retirement Fund (Does not stay in our parish)	\$ 190.00
In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	30.00
Total	\$ 220.00

## Upcoming Collections

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

Catholic Free Press—All Month of February

Parish Collection—Music Ministry—March 3rd  
Parish Collection—Easter Flowers—March 3rd



## *A Note From Father Michael*

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Second Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to reflect upon the Transfiguration gospel. In it, Jesus invites His closest friends to travel up the mountain with Him so that they may experience a great revelation from God concerning Jesus' true identity.

Jesus had just told His friends that to follow Him meant taking up one's own cross and being willing to suffer and die like He would. This must have shocked them and they perhaps wondered if they should continue to follow the Lord. Probably, carrying their crosses was not something they expected as part of discipleship.

Then, the Transfiguration happened! Unexpectedly, Jesus showed Peter, James and John that there was another part of discipleship that went along with suffering and dying. This was resurrection. In the Transfiguration, Jesus showed His friends that if they suffered and died with Him they would also share in His final victory over death itself. It is the promise of eternal life that makes Christian discipleship worth it.

At the Transfiguration, while showing the disciples the hope of eternal life, God also showed them that Jesus was the Second Person of The Blessed Trinity. As God, Jesus was worthy of the disciples' faith and obedience.

It is through the Sacrament of Baptism that we share in Jesus' sufferings and death and also receive from the Lord the promise of future resurrection. This Sacrament unites us with Christ, makes us members of the Church, washes away original and personal sin and makes us God's adopted sons and daughters. As we seek to apply the lessons of the Transfiguration in our own faith-lives we remember that when we bring a family member to Baptism, we are giving them the greatest gift ever...the hope of eternal life and salvation.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



### *ALPHA*

Tuesdays, February 20th-May 7th  
6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall

### *Bible Study*

Every Wednesday  
7:00pm in the Parish Hall

### *Saint Anne's Shrine—Stations of the Cross*

Sunday, March 10th

1:00pm Leave St. Peter's to Shrine  
or meet us at  
St. Anne-St Patrick Parish  
16 Church St.  
Fiskdale, MA 01518

Fr. Michael will lead us through the Stations of the Cross and we will visit the Church.  
Please contact the parish office or  
sign up in the gathering area.

### *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 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

## **Tuesday, February 27th**

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

## **Wednesday, February 28th**

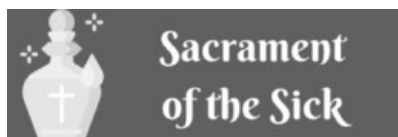
7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

## **Monday, March 4th**

7:00-8:30pm Catechist Training-Parish Hall

## **Tuesday, March 5th**

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



***This weekend  
February 24th & 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.

*To live your true calling is a life of joy, but you will only hear His voice if you take the time to listen.*

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## **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.

Sign-up sheets are located in the church gathering area.

Visit the conference website at  
[www.catholicmenworc.com](http://www.catholicmenworc.com)  
for information and to purchase tickets online.



## ***Upcoming Women's Cursillo! April 18th-21st***

Have you every truly thought about your spiritual life, how it has been, where it is now and where it can go? Are you wondering how the Spirit of Christ can work through you?

The Cursillo is a weekend (Thursday night thru Sunday afternoon) where you will reacquaint yourself with your faith and meet others like you. You will learn about the Catholic Church through various talks from laity and priests involved in helping make this weekend a meaningful spiritual awakening experience for you. You will find out, in depth, about the Sacraments of our Church and how truly special they are. No matter where you are in your faith journey, beginning or long-term, Cursillo offers you the opportunity to be more in touch with God. Cursillo is about God's love for us, the community and sharing God's love with others. You will leave your Cursillo weekend a new person!

***We do have a few women from our parish attending. Join them by taking a registration form in the gathering area in the back of the church or contact the parish office to register today!***

***All Cursillistas are welcome to join our Ultreya group that meets once a month at Saint Peter's Parish. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 17th 5:30pm in the Church.***



## 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!

You can join us for ALPHA at any time.

**Every Tuesday 6:30pm  
in the parish hall.  
All are welcome!**



**Tickets are on sale this 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!**

In addition to Corned Beef & Cabbage, dinner includes potatoes, carrots, and dessert.

To Go 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!*

*Pay it Forward*  
Buy an extra dinner and  
we will deliver it to someone in need in our  
local community.

*50/50 Raffle to Benefit Religious Education*



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

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

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

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

## **Grades 5th-10th**

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

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

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

## **Confirmation**

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

## **Monthly Religious Ed/Parish Mass**

Sunday, February 25th 6:30pm



If you are able to help a family in need prepare their Easter dinner this year by providing a Easter basket of food, please take a card in the back of the church.

Completed baskets need to be returned on  
**Sunday, March 24th between 9:30am and 11:00am  
to the Parish Center.**

*Please make sure to attach the family tag  
to your basket.*

*Can't do a basket?*

We are also accepting gift cards to  
local grocery stores to add to the baskets.  
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