

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Education Coordinator
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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 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

MONDAY March 4th

8:00AM **James Durgerian** by Theresa Topalian

TUESDAY March 5th

8:00AM **Kevin O'Brien 1st Anniv.**

by the Thibeault Family

WEDNESDAY March 6th

8:00AM **Michael Morrissey** by Theresa Topalian

THURSDAY March 7th

8:00AM **Henry Heney** by St. Peter's Parish

SATURDAY March 9th

4:30PM **Leo & Helen Lubas** by Family

SUNDAY March 10th-The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30AM **Anna Czebotar** by John & Barbara Ramian

11:00AM **Jean Legere** by the Heney Family



February 25, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	61	\$ 2468.75
Electronic Giving	18	508.50
Renovation	21	519.00
Music Ministry	3	45.00
Winter Envelopes	1	125.00
Bottles & Cans		6.25
Basketball Rental		100.00
Home School Hall Rental		65.00
Day of Reflection Donations		171.00

Total \$ 4008.50

February 25, 2024

Special Parish Collections

Church in Latin America (Does not stay in our parish)	\$ 147.00
In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	273.00

Total \$ 420.00



Elaine Nowlan, John Wright, Michele Small,
Christine Brouillard, John Letscher, 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.

Upcoming Collections

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

Parish Collection—Renovation—March 10th

Second Collection —
Catholic Relief Services—March 17th



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with an image of Jesus that we are not used to. It shows us our Lord filled with righteous anger over the presence of greed amongst the vendors in the Temple. In the Gospel, Jesus makes His displeasure clear because the vendors have turned the House of God into a marketplace!

What was wrong with the vendors in the Temple? They were selling animals that pilgrims could sacrifice to God there and appeared to be more concerned with financial profit than with true righteousness. They had lost their spiritual focus and were creating an environment which was not conducive to prayer. By throwing them out, Jesus reminded the vendors that the purpose of the Temple was for human beings to worship God within it. Jesus could not tolerate the distraction or greed. He wanted to make His Father's house holy so that those who came there would desire greater holiness.

Should it surprise us that Jesus found the vendors in the Temple so distasteful? Were His actions too extreme? The answer to both of these questions is "no." Jesus was reacting to a misuse and lack of respect for God's house and God dwelling there. God's dwelling place is sacred and should be respected. It is not like other places. In our own lives, our parish church is where we know the Lord dwells and as we come to church, we prayerfully reverence the Lord in the tabernacle by genuflecting, making the Sign of The Cross or bowing deeply if we cannot kneel.

In the gospel, Jesus also describes His Body as a temple which He would raise up after three days of death. This Sunday's account of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple reminds us that the temple of our souls must be pure and free from sin. Scripture also tells us that God dwells within us and that we are temples of God. This is why each human being has inherent worth and dignity and must be treated with respect. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we ask for the grace to avoid sin and grow in our ability to more readily see God present and alive in each other.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



ALPHA

Tuesdays, February 20th-May 14th
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 go 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



*We warmly welcome
Camron Charles McCurdy
into our parish family.*

Camron received the
Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, February 25th.

We extend our congratulations to the
McCurdy family and ask God to bless, protect
and preserve Camron and his family always.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Monday, March 4th

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

Tuesday, March 5th

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

Wednesday, March 6th

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

Sunday, March 10th

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

1:00pm Trip to Saint Anne's Shrine

Tuesday, March 12th

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

Wednesday, March 13th

6:20pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

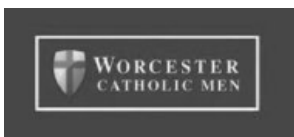
Saturday, March 16th

5:30pm Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner-Parish Hall

Sunday, March 17th

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

6:30pm Religious Ed/Parish Evening Mass-Church



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 for information and to purchase tickets online.



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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 Church. 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, March 3rd 9:30am-10:45am

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

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

Grades 5th-10th

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

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

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

Confirmation

Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate Meeting

Saturday, March 9th 10:00am-2:00pm

Class—Sunday, March 17th 5:00pm-6:30pm

Monthly Religious Ed/Parish Mass

Sunday, March 17th 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.

*Please return your gift cards by
Sunday, March 17th.*

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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