

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Education Coordinator
Email: religiouseduc@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 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

MONDAY March 11th

8:00AM **Roseanne Deirmen** by Theresa Topalian

TUESDAY March 12th

8:00AM **Rosemarie Morana** by Fr. Michael

WEDNESDAY March 13th

8:00AM **Frances Surmink** by the Lavalles

THURSDAY March 14th

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

SATURDAY March 16th

4:30PM **Marianna & Edward Brouillard**
by the Dube Family

SUNDAY March 17th-The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30AM **Mark Turner**
by Barbara & Fr. Michael Lavallee

11:00AM **Annette Courteau** by her Children

6:30PM **Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Clark** by their Friends



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.

March 3, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	59	\$ 1447.00
Electronic Giving	38	2860.50
Renovation	6	45.00
Music Ministry	33	299.00
Winter Envelopes	4	95.00
Donations		753.00
Hall Rental Pack 150		200.00
Bottles & Cans		9.00
Monday Night AA		100.00
Easter Flowers		301.00
Total		\$ 6509.50

March 3 2024

Special Parish Collections

In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	\$ 139.00
Total	\$ 139.00

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection— Renovation— March 10th

Second Collection
Catholic Relief Services— March 17th

Parish Collection— Winter Expenses— March 17th



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a joyful message. In it, Jesus makes it clear "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Scriptures invite us to reflect upon the depths of God's care for us and for all that He has made.

Considering this gospel, Lent is a time when we can come to know the love of God more. As we meditate upon the sacrifice of Christ for our sins, we consider that it was freely chosen. Jesus embraced His Father's will, as painful and tortuous as it was, in order to save us. The cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ is relevant at all times and to all people. Lent reminds us never to take it for granted.

In the gospel, Jesus teaches Nicodemus that God sent Jesus into the world so that "the world might be saved through Him." Jesus adds "whoever believes in Him will not be condemned." Through this teaching, Jesus makes it clear that faith in Him leads to eternal life.

During this holy season, God offers us special graces and when we receive them, our hearts are transformed. Faith in Christ is a gift from God which is the most important one we should ever receive. Perhaps, we or someone we love has refused faith or deeper faith in the past. Maybe we or they were afraid of what it would mean for us to have deeper faith. During Lent, we reflect upon our openness to stronger and deeper faith in Christ and pray for those who have not been open to receive faith. We ask the Lord, through the power of His blood shed for our sins, to bring about true conversion in the hearts of all people.

As we think more faithfully and prayerfully about God's love for us, we ask God that He touch our hearts and bring us to a deeper sense of gratitude for Christ and the gift of His life for us.

*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

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



If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and healing. We encourage you to come forward and report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester.

Call the Office of Healing and Prevention at
508-929-4383

or Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator
at 508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, March 10th

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

Monday, March 11th

6:00pm Parish Council/Fundraising Meeting-Hall

Tuesday, March 12th

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

Wednesday, March 13th

6:20pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

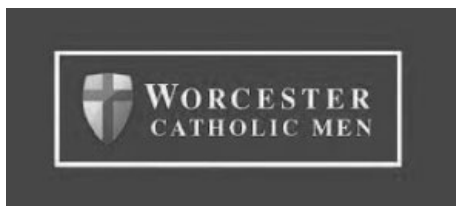
Saturday, March 16th

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.



**Our parish goal
is \$33,300**

Gift envelopes are available in the pews.

***Please make your check out to
Partners in Charity and mail your donation to the
address on the envelope.***

View the 2024 appeal video on our website
or at partners-charity.net

***You may also make your gift online at
partners-charity.net***

*Please make sure to specify our parish and town when
making your donation online or mailed.*

Thank you for your continued support!
We couldn't do it without you!



Saint Peter's turn is Wednesday, March 27th

We can't do this without you!
We will need people to help
serve and prep meals.

Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area
so we have an idea of how many
volunteers we will have.

***We are also collecting
non-perishable food and toiletries items for
the Peace of Bread food pantry.***

All donations need to be returned to the
gathering area in the Church by
Sunday, March 24th.



**Our Annual Spring Yard sale will be held on
Saturday, June 1st.**

We will begin accepting items for the yard sale on
Saturday, April 6th from 10:00-1:00pm
at the parish garage.

You may drop-off your items every Saturday from
10:00-1:00pm throughout April and May.

**Please note that this year, we are not accepting large
pieces of furniture.**

A complete list of items accepted for the yard sale is on
the flyers posted in the church and
in the bulletin.

*Volunteers are needed to clean and sort items on
Saturdays from 10:00am-1:00pm.*

*Please sign up to help on the sheet in the gathering area
in the back of the church.*

*We appreciate your help and participation in this
important parish fundraiser.*



**Tickets are on sale at all Masses!
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.***

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 10th 9:30am-10:45am

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

Grades 5th-10th

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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