

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
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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 March 16th

4:30PM **Marianna & Edward Brouillard**

by the Dupre 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

MONDAY March 18th

8:00AM **Sandra Robbins**

by Barbara & Fr. Michael Lavallee

TUESDAY March 19th

8:00AM **James Aquino** by R.J.

WEDNESDAY March 20th

8:00AM **John Berkowitz** by the Lavalles

THURSDAY March 21st

8:00AM **Alfred Venincasa** by Alice Bucca

SATURDAY March 23rd

4:30PM **Mrs. Elinor Leland**

by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

SUNDAY March 24th-Palm Sunday

8:30AM **Joseph Flamand** by Lorriane & Family

11:00AM **Megann Paul** by the Heney Family



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 10, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	73	\$ 2767.00
Electronic Giving	38	508.50
Renovation	28	815.00
Music Ministry		102.00
Winter Envelopes	7	295.00
Donations		535.00
Wednesday AA Rental		30.00
Homeschool Rental		650.00
Fairbanks Basketball Rental		100.00
Sabourin Hall Rental		150.00
School Lease		100.00
Catholic Free Press		78.00
Easter Flowers		205.00

Total		\$ 6335.50
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March 10, 2024

Special Parish Collections

In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	\$ 101.00
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Total	\$ 101.00
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Upcoming Collections

Second Collection

Catholic Relief Services- March 17th

Parish Collection- Winter Expenses- March 17th



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

Join us for this unique and
special Holy Week
liturgy that takes place in
darkness.

Come, pray and reflect on the last few days
of Jesus' life on earth in our Tenebrae Service.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the Fifth Week of Lent, we are aware of the closeness of Holy Week in which we celebrate the central mysteries of our Catholic Faith. Soon, we, together with the whole Church, will enter deeply into the liturgies of this sacred time. All of these offer us special graces. Let us pray that we are open to receiving them and sharing the Holy Week Masses and services with our parish family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks about his "hour." He knows that the time for Good Friday is near and admits that He is "troubled" contemplating the torture He will soon endure. Interestingly, it seems that Jesus' sacrifice was meant to happen at a specific time in human history. Some theologians have referred to this as "the center of time." This means that all events before and after the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross are less important than the event itself. Jesus' sacrificial death for us changed the whole universe. It broke the power of the devil over the world and gained for us God's forgiveness. In faith, we contemplate the Cross of Jesus as the greatest manifestation of God's love.

Even though Jesus knew the Father's will and wanted to carry it out perfectly, it was not easy. We remember the events of Gethsemane where Jesus, in mental anguish, prayerfully asked God to allow His cup of suffering to pass Him by. Yet, at that time, He also made it clear to God that it should be God's will, not His, that should be done. Jesus' willingness to submit His will to the Father's will is a model for all Christian disciples.

May the gospel inspire us as we learn from Our Lord and seek to carry out what He teaches us.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



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



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24th
8:30am & 11:00am Mass

Tenebrae Service

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

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 28th
7:00pm

Children's Stations of the Cross

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

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29th
7:00pm

Easter Vigil

The Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday, March 30th
7:30pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st
Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, March 16th

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

Sunday, March 17th

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

5:30pm Cursillo Meeting-Church

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

Tuesday, March 19th

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

Wednesday, March 20th

6:00pm Building & Grounds Meeting-Rectory

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

Sunday, March 24th

9:30-11:00am Easter Basket Drop Off-Parish Hall

7:00pm Tenebrae Service-Church



***Tickets go on sale at our dinner on
Saturday March 16th &
at Masses on Sunday, March 17th.***

Saturday, April 13th

Tickets are \$17 per person

Dinner includes salad and dessert.

To Go orders will be available for pickup starting
at 5:00pm.

Sit down meal will be at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.
All meals must be purchased in advance.

Pay it Forward

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



Our Parish Goal: \$33,300.00

Total gifts to our parish goal: \$4,315.00
(As of 3-12-24)

**Amount needed to reach our parish goal:
\$28,985.00**

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 on our website.

*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.*



St. Peter's Church is a beautiful building filled with
wonderful light and architecture. It is a treasure we
have inherited from our ancestors who left us a
legacy which is meant to inspire us in the
generations to come.

Help us to take care of the church by joining
St. Peter's Cleaning Angels!

"Angels" go beyond surface cleaning and use their
time and talent to "deep clean" the church and
liturgical items. Some tasks needed of "Angels"
include cleaning the Stations of the Cross, washing all
visible wood in the church, dusting window sills,
cleaning name plates below the Stations of the Cross,
cleaning the gathering area, etc. Although we hope
that "Angels" will help us prepare for the main feasts
in the Church year (Christmas, Easter), we need their
help all year round.

If you would like to be an "Angel",
please contact the parish office.



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

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

Sunday, March 24th 9:30am-10:45am

Sunday, March 31st No Classes-Happy Easter

Grades 5th-10th

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

Sunday, March 24th 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday, March 31st No Classes-Happy Easter

Confirmation

Saturday, March 17th 10:00am-2:00pm

Monthly Religious Ed/Parish Mass

Sunday, March 17th 6:30pm



There are still a few families left!

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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