

# Saint Peter's Parish



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd,  
and I know mine and mine  
know me, just as the  
Father knows me and I  
know the Father; and I will  
lay down my life for the  
sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

### 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

Thomas Heney,  
Jeffrey Thibeault,  
George Murray,  
Bob Dziekiewicz,  
James Archibald-ex officio

# Saint Peter's Parish

Northbridge, MA



## SATURDAY April 20th

4:30PM **Lucien & Patricia Dupre**

by the Dupre Family

## SUNDAY April 21st-Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM **Lucien & Helen Lavallee** by the Lavalles

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

## MONDAY April 22nd

8:00AM **William Noel Jr.**

by Fr. Michael & Barbara Lavallee

## TUESDAY April 23rd

8:00AM **Norman & Madeleine Landry**

by Rose Boulanger

## WEDNESDAY April 24th

8:00AM **Olga Keris & Family** by R.J.

## THURSDAY April 25th

8:00AM **For a Special Intention** by Fr. Michael

## SATURDAY April 27th

4:30PM **Andy Williamson 8yr. Anniv. &**

**Lorraine Williamson 7yr Annv.**

by the Williamsons

## SUNDAY April 28th-Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM **Terry & Leo Hutu** by Family

11:00AM **Emmanuel & Alexandrina Lussier**

by David Gautreau

6:30PM **Lucille Blair** by John & Barbara Ramian



Alice Bucca, Norman Benoit, Carole Neville,  
Lois Menard, Elaine Nowlan, 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.

## April 14, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	65	\$ 1977.00
Electronic Giving	17	468.50
Renovation	5	90.00
Music Ministry	9	90.00
Winter Envelopes	1	50.00
Donations		440.00
Bottles & Cans		7.00
Home School Hall Rental		65.00
Hospital Stipend		500.00
Total		\$ 3687.50

## April 14, 2024

### Special Parish Collections

In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 10.00

## Upcoming Collections

### Parish Collections

Renovation-April 21st

Music Ministry-May 5th



Do you always forget your envelopes at home?  
Can't make it to Mass sometimes?

Sign up for our parish electronic giving.

It's safe and very easy to do!

You can have your donations sent to us on a  
weekly or monthly basis.

Contact the parish office for more information and  
how to sign up.



## *A Note From Father Michael*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue on in the Easter Season, we reflect upon Jesus as The Good Shepherd. This Sunday's gospel presents Our Lord in this way and invites us to grow in our understanding of His friendship with us.

Jesus tells us, in the Scriptures, that He is "the Good Shepherd." But, what exactly does this mean?

At Jesus' time, some in the religious leadership had become confused concerning what it meant to please God. While they focused on keeping the Law, Jesus observed that they failed to love God and their neighbor. They also were blind to their sin and refused to hear Jesus' call to repentance and conversion. This is why, in John's Gospel, Jesus identifies them as "blind." These leaders were, in fact, "bad" shepherds of the flock of God's people.

Jesus identified Himself in contrast to them. He explained that He would give His life for them rather than acting selfishly. He also explained that He knew His sheep personally and that He wanted them to know Him personally. Jesus would prove that He was the Good Shepherd through His sacrifice on Calvary.

Jesus has given everything for us. He chose to embrace His Father's will for Him so that He could save us. He had the freedom and power to stop the Crucifixion from happening but lovingly accepted torture and death for our sake. This is why He is The Good Shepherd.

We learn from Jesus' example that it is often in dying to ourselves that others come to know the love of God. Our sacrifices, shown towards others in charity, introduce them to a God who is present to them in love and mercy. The authenticity of our care for others shows others that God is real and helps them to want to get to know God. It is more convincing than theological jargon or textbook knowledge.

May our meditation upon Jesus as the Good Shepherd inspire and guide us now and always.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



## **In Pew Weekend April 20th & 21st**

Our parish is currently conducting its Partners in Charity Appeal.

If you have already made a pledge or gift, please accept our sincere appreciation for the impact you are having on people's lives.

**Our Parish Goal: \$33,300.00**

**Total gifts towards our parish goal:  
\$18,190.00  
(As of 4-9-24)**

**Amount needed to reach our parish goal:  
\$15,110.00**

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](https://partners-charity.net)

***You may also make your gift online at  
[partners-charity.net](https://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!

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

## **Saturday, April 20th**

10:00am-1:00pm Yard Sale Drop Off -Parish Garage

## **Tuesday, April 23rd**

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

## **Wednesday, April 24th**

7:00-8:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

## **Saturday, April 27th**

10:00am-1:00pm Yard Sale Drop Off -Parish Garage

Sacrament of the Sick after 4:30pm Mass

## **Sunday, April 28th**

Sacrament of the Sick after the

8:30am & 11:00am Masses

6:30pm Religious Ed/Parish Evening Mass



*Chicken Parm Dinner  
Saturday, May 4th*

## ***Tickets are on sale this weekend!***

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.



## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-6**

### **& Grades 2nd-4th**

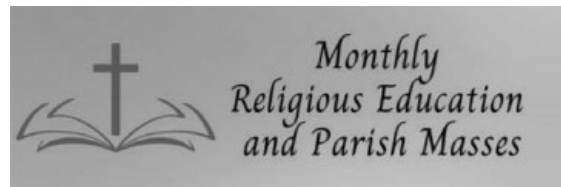
Sunday, April 21st 9:30am-10:45am

Sunday, April 28th 9:30am-10:45am

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

Sunday, April 21st 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday, April 28th 6:30pm-8:00pm



Join us for our last  
Religious Education Mass  
of the year.

## **Sunday, April 28th 6:30pm in the Church.**

Everyone is welcome to attend!



## **Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th after all Masses.**

Parishioners who would like to receive the  
sacrament are asked to move to the front pews  
after Mass concludes.

After greeting people,  
Father Michael will hold the brief anointing  
service and anoint the parishioners.





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

We are accepting items for the yard sale every Saturday, 10:00-1:00pm, through April and May, at the parish garage.

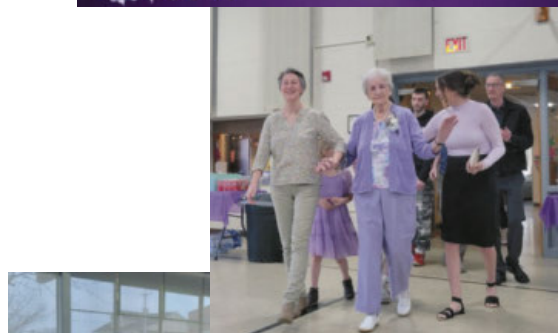
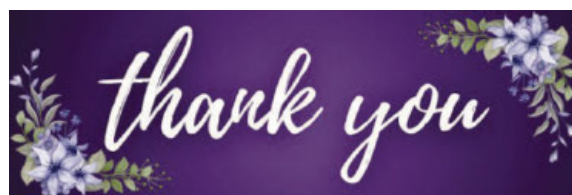
**Please note that this year, we are not accepting large pieces of furniture.**

A complete list of items accepted for the yard sale listed below, on our website or please call the parish office if you have any questions.

**Volunteers are needed to clean and sort items on Saturdays from 10:00am-1:00pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area.**

We will be having a gift basket raffle this year and are looking for donations of gift baskets. Please bring these to the parish office or during the Saturday drop off.

We appreciate your help and participation in this important parish fundraiser!



We had a busy weekend with Elaine Nowlan's retirement party Sunday and our Ham Dinner on Saturday.

Thank you to everyone one who came and everyone who worked behind the scenes getting everything ready.  
We have a very blessed parish family!



Accepted:	Not Accepted:
<p>New and Unused Items</p> <p><u>Lawn Equipment and Hardware Items</u></p> <p>Tools/Lawn Mowers/ Gardening Items</p> <p>Snow Blowers that are working</p> <p>Small Outdoor Furniture</p> <p><u>Accessories</u></p> <p>Jewelry/Purses/Wallets</p> <p>Scarves/Gloves</p> <p><u>Kitchen Items</u></p> <p>Dishes/Glasses/Pots and Pans</p> <p>Utensils/Bowls</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous Items</u></p> <p>Sporting Goods/Toys/Puzzles</p> <p>Games/Bikes/Knick Knacks</p> <p>Pictures/Lamps/Books/DVDs/CDs</p> <p>Office Supplies /Decorations</p> <p>Craft Items/ Religious Items</p> <p><u>Clothing &amp; Shoes</u></p> <p>New Items Will Be Sold</p> <p>Others Donated</p> <p><u>Furniture</u></p> <p>Small Items Only!</p> <p>Wood/Metal/Plastic Only</p>	<p>Electronics</p> <p>TVs/ Computers/Monitors</p> <p>Printers</p> <p>Big Exercise Equipment</p> <p>Weights</p> <p>Kitchen Appliances</p> <p>Christmas Trees</p> <p>Christmas Lights</p> <p>Luggage</p> <p>Perfume/ Make-Up</p> <p>Toiletries</p> <p>Pillows/ Mattresses</p> <p>Paint</p> <p>Cleaners</p> <p>Oil of Any Kind</p> <p>Silk Flowers</p> <p>Rugs</p> <p>Dolls</p> <p>Cassette Tapes/VHS Tapes</p> <p>Cordless Phones</p> <p>Camcorders</p> <p>Baby Car Seats</p> <p>Bike Helmets</p> <p><u>No</u></p> <p>Dining Room Sets</p> <p>Bedroom Sets or Bed Frames</p> <p>Large Furniture</p> <p>Stuffed Material Items (Couches/Chairs etc.)</p>

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