

Saint Peter's Parish



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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
Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Education Coordinator
Email: religioused@stpeterrockdale.org
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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 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 Hute** by Family

11:00AM **Emmanuel & Alexandrina Lussier**
by David Gautreau

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

MONDAY April 29th

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

TUESDAY April 30th

8:00AM **Mr. & Mrs. Valmore Dube**
By Fr. Michael & Barbra Lavallee

WEDNESDAY May 1st

8:00AM **John Ryan** by Fr. Michael

THURSDAY May 2nd

8:00AM **Alfred Lemoine 8th Anniv.** by Family

SATURDAY May 4th

4:30PM **Edward Nowlan 19th Anniv.**
by Elaine & Family

SUNDAY May 5th-Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM **Barbara Charbonneau** by Fr. Michael

11:00AM **Annie Mae Whitcomb** by her Husband



Michael Sliwoski, 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 21, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	46	\$ 966.00
Electronic Giving	17	468.50
Renovation	22	557.00
Music Ministry	2	20.00
ALPHA		77.00
Fairbanks Basketball		100.00
New Vestment		370.00
Ham Dinner		1594.00
50/50 Raffle		137.00
Total		\$ 4289.50

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collections

Renovation-April 21st

Music Ministry-May 5th

Ascension Offering- May 9th

In Your Time of Need-May 12th

Renovation-May 12th



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,

A simple definition of prayer is conversation with God. Through prayer, we speak, with our minds, hearts and souls, to our Creator, presenting to Him our love, thanksgiving, praise and needs. Prayer is an essential part of our Christian lives. Imagine being close to someone but never speaking with them. Indeed, without communication, our closeness and relationship would not last long. The same is true in our lives of faith. When we pray, we stay connected with God and He with us. Our friendship remains solid and relevant. Without prayer, we become distant and our friendship grows apart.

We pray individually and as a community of faith. Mass is the greatest prayer. At it, we come together to worship God and join our prayers with those of the parish and whole Church. *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* tells us "Through the ministry of the ordained priest, the Holy Spirit makes present at Mass Christ's Paschal Mystery, His dying and rising in which Christ is offered to the Father to give Him adoration and praise, to save us from our sins and bring us divine life."

I would like to invite you to participate in preparing for a **Mass for All Parish Prayer Petitions**, to held on Wednesday, June 19 at 8:00 AM. At this Mass, your prayer petitions will be prayed for and together we will join in intercessory prayer trusting that God's love and mercy will be poured out. Cards for these intentions are available in the pews and you are free to fill them out and return them to the parish office or place them in the collection basket. ALL parishioners are encouraged to participate.

We trust in prayer's power and in God's love as we present our intentions and needs to the Lord.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



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:
\$19,290.00
(As of 4-17-24)**

**Amount Needed:
\$14,010.00**

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.*

Calendar of **EVENTS**

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

Tuesday, April 30th

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

Wednesday, May 1st

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

Saturday, May 4th

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

5:30pm Chicken Parm Dinner



*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

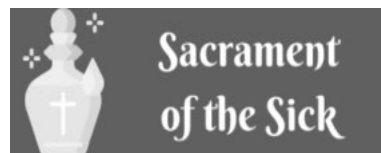
Sunday, April 28th 9:30am-10:45am

Grades 5th-10th

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

Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, May 5th 6:15pm at St. Peter's



**Saturday, April 27th
and
Sunday, April 28th**

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.



*Knights of Columbus
Baby Shower
May 11th & 12th*

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting baby items
to help the mothers and their babies at
PROBLEM PREGNANCY in Worcester.

These women made the choice to keep their children.

Let's help support them in their decision.

Please place your donations in the gathering area.
*Please do not donate large items.
No car seats or furniture.*

Below is a list of items most needed:
Diapers size 4 and 5 (most needed but all sizes welcome)
Baby bath items/toiletries / Swaddlers / Towels/ Tubs/
Burp Cloths/ Pacifiers/ Pack & Plays & Sheets/
Sleep Sacks/Baby Wipes/ Summer clothes all sizes
Winter clothes 9-12months most needed

Monetary donations are accepted.

Please make checks payable to:
Problem Pregnancy of Worcester. Inc.



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!

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



Four Parishes in the Blackstone Valley :

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have collaborated to bring a totally new way of doing Vacation Bible School!

Totus Tuus Summer Youth Camp
Monday, July 29th thru Friday, August 2nd
from 9am until 3pm each day
at St. Mary's Parish/OLV School
75 Mendon St. Street, Uxbridge MA

Totus Tuus, which means Totally Yours! Is a fun and energetic parish-based summer week long catechetical program. It is led by young Catholic adults, Seminarians, and adults from each of the four parishes.

It is designed to bring our youth closer to Jesus through daily Mass, skits, song, games, and a whole-lot-of-fun!

This Year's Theme:
The Apostles' Creed & The Glorious Mysteries

Who can register?
Students entering Grades 1-6 in the fall of 2024

Registration fee:
\$25 per child or
\$60 for 3 or more per family.

Student must bring a packed lunch and water bottle each day.
*Snacks and Drinks will be supplied by us!

To register, contact our
Religious Ed Coordinator, Louise Forget
508-234-6355
religioused@stpeterrockdale.org



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