

Saint Peter's Parish



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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
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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

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

Saint Peter's Parish

Northbridge, MA



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

MONDAY May 6th

8:00AM **Alexander Tauras** by Friends at St. Peter's

TUESDAY May 7th

8:00AM **Michael Morrissey** by Fr. Michael

WEDNESDAY May 8th

8:00AM **Peter Guiliani Sr.** by Family

WEDNESDAY May 8th -Ascension Vigil

6:00PM **Fern Bolduc** by St. Peter's Parish

THURSDAY May 9th-Ascension of the Lord

8:00AM **Beatrice Lavallee** by Fr. Michael

SATURDAY May 11th

4:30PM **Leo & Helen Lubas & Lorraine Williamson**

by Family

SUNDAY May 12th-Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30AM **Grace H. Lavallee** by the Lavalles

11:00AM **Louis Caccia** by the Neville Family



Bill Lavallee, 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 28, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	58	\$ 4585.00
Electronic Giving	17	468.50
Renovation	7	670.00
Music Ministry	7	455.00
Winter Envelopes	1	400.00
ALPHA		51.00
Fairbanks Basketball Rental		100.00
Ham Dinner		212.00
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Chicken Parm Dinner		250.00

Total	\$ 7403.50
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April 28, 2024

In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	\$ 218.00
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Total	\$ 218.00
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Upcoming Collections

Parish Collections

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,

The Easter Season provides us with a yearly opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of Christ's Passion, death and Resurrection. On Easter, when Jesus rose from the dead, He was victorious over sin and evil and showed that the love of God was stronger than even death itself.

As we prepare to celebrate Ascension Thursday this week, we pause to consider how Christ's Resurrection has practical implications for our own lives. The Church teaches us that we share in Christ's great victory over sin, evil and death through Baptism. Baptism allows us to look forward, in joyful hope to our own future eternal life and bodily resurrection at the end of time. As we consider these truths, we remember the importance of Baptism and our Christian responsibility to encourage others to receive this Sacrament now, either as children or as adults.

Christ's Resurrection is also God's definitive answer to human hopelessness and despair. When Jesus was crucified, His disciples thought everything was over. The seeming finality of death tempted them to fall into discouragement and faithlessness. Yet, on Easter, the impossible became reality when Jesus rose and visited His friends, bidding them peace. In this miracle, Jesus' friends came to know the joy of God's love and they understood that God can do anything, not being limited to human expectations. Thus, Jesus' Resurrection provides us with hope in every human situation. This a benefit of Christian faith that only those with it experience.

When we experience grief over the loss of a loved one, Christ's Resurrection reaches into our loss and provides us with hope that some day we may be reunited. Though we must always pray for the dead, Christ's Resurrection helps us to have hope that our loved one is alive in eternity. Christian faith takes away death's finality and helps us to remember that in the mystery of the Church, we remain united with our departed loved ones in prayer and charity.

With our celebration of the Ascension, we know that the Easter Season is soon to draw to a close. Yet, may we continue to welcome Easter joy which flows from the Resurrection of Our 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:
\$22,290.00
(As of 4-29-24)**

**Amount Needed:
\$11,010.00**

Gift envelopes are available in the pews.

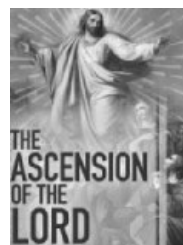
***Please make your check out to
Partners in Charity and mail your donation to the
address on the envelope.***

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.*

Holy Day of Obligation



*Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord
Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00pm*

*Ascension of the Lord
Thursday, May 9th at 8:00am*

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Monday, May 6th

7:00pm Catechist Training-Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 7th

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

Wednesday, May 8th

6:00pm Ascension of the Lord-Vigil Mass

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

Thursday, May 9th

8:00am Ascension of the Lord Mass

Saturday, May 11th

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

Knights of Columbus Baby Shower

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day

Knights of Columbus Baby Shower



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.



Confirmation Rehearsal

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

Confirmation Celebration Mass

Saturday, May 11th 11:00am

St. Paul's Cathedral

15 Chatham Street

Worcester, MA 01609

Everyone is welcome!



Upcoming Men's Cursillo! May 23rd-26th

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!

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, May 19th 5:00pm in the Church.



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 May, at the parish garage.

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

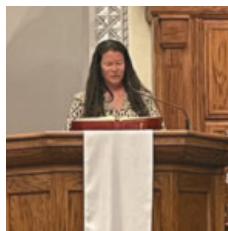
Volunteers are needed to clean and sort items on Saturdays from 10:00am-1:00pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area.

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!



Thank you to all of the families and parishioners who came to our last evening Mass of the Religious Ed year. At the Mass Fr. Michael spoke about baptism and everyone renewed their baptismal promises. Everything went great!



Four Parishes in the Blackstone Valley :

St. Mary St. Peter

St. Denis Divine Mercy

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.

Students 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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