

Saint Peter's Parish



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood remains in me
and I in him. Just as the living
Father sent me and I have life
because of the Father, so also
the one who feeds on me will
have life because of me."
- Jn 6:56-57

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,
Jim LeClaire

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Sharon Dupre & Mary Sheehan

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor
Rev. Mr. John McManamon, Deacon
39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446,
Northbridge, MA 01534

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

Parish Office: 508-234-2156
Email: Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org
FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org
Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

Christine Fung-A-Fat: Administrative Assistant
George Murray: Business Manager

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Education Coordinator
Email: religioused@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

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

Saint Peter's Parish

Northbridge, MA



SATURDAY August 17th

4:30PM **Richard LaMountain**

by Susan & John Letscher

SUNDAY August 18th

8:30AM **Michael Sawyer** by Family

11:00AM **Robert Lussier Anniv. Mass** by Family

MONDAY August 19th

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

by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

TUESDAY August 20th

8:00AM **Carmen Richard** by Ruth Coady

WEDNESDAY August 21st

8:00AM **Sr. Lucille Martel**

by Fr. Michael & Barbara Lavallee

THURSDAY August 22nd

8:00AM **Eddie Defudis** by Friends at St. Peter's

SATURDAY August 24th

4:30PM **Marguerite & Raymond Filor**

by Drina & Linda

SUNDAY August 25th

8:30AM **Helen Bodruk** by Ned & Mary Sheehan

11:00AM **Louis & Laurie Caccia**

by the Neville Family



Gail Arnold, Bill Lavallee, Michael Sliwoski,
Alice Bucca, Carole Neville, Lois Menard,
Elaine Nowlan, Michele Small, Christine Brouillard,
John Letscher, Jeff Thibeault, George Murray,
Norman Gauthier, Scarlett Hubsch, Kyle Osterman,
Jeanne Weldon, Logan Bernard Rich, Lori Alves,
Robin Warwick, Charles Giambusso,
Rhonda Lavallee
and all those in our parish book of prayers.

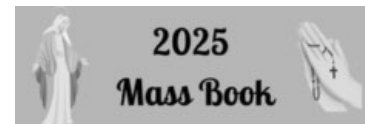


August 11, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	62	\$ 3294.00
Electronic Giving	17	501.50
Renovation	10	310.00
Music Ministry	9	105.00
Landscaping		61.00
Hospital Stipend		500.00
Wed Nite AA Rental		30.00
Assumption of Mary		57.00
Total		\$ 4858.50

August 11, 2024

In Your Time of Need	\$ 30.00
<i>(Stays in our parish)</i>	
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	159.00
<i>(Does not stay in our parish)</i>	
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Total	\$ 189.00



The new 2025 Mass book will be open and
available to parishioners as of
Tuesday, September 3rd.

This year, to ensure that all parishioners have
the opportunity to book a Mass at 4:30 pm on
Saturdays, we ask that each parishioner book
no more than 4 Masses at 4:30 pm
per calendar year.

Sunday and daily Masses do not have a limit on
number of Masses requested.

Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Collections

Second Collection
August 17th & 18th
Partners in Charity



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' opponents "murmur" against Him, declaring that they consider it impossible that Jesus could give them His flesh to eat in the Holy Eucharist. Their negativity and hardness of heart blocks their ability to receive the gift of faith. This faith would have allowed them to accept Jesus' teachings. As Catholics living in modern society, we hear plenty of "murmuring" against what Christ and the Church teach us. Our opponents are many and they cite plenty of reasons why people should reject faith and embrace a secular worldview.

How do we handle such opposition? In a document entitled *Norms for The Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion...* the USCCB states "The Eucharist constitutes the Church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread..." The USCCB goes on to explain "the eyes of faith enable the believer to recognize the ineffable depths of the mystery that is the Holy Eucharist... This spiritual food has been the daily bread and sustenance of... disciples throughout the ages... It is the strength for those who journey in hope through this life and who desire to dwell with God in the life to come."

Thus, we handle the negative murmurings of our opponents through the grace the Eucharist gives us. It is this strength that empowers us, through the Holy Spirit, to effectively respond to those who criticize us.

Some murmuring may come from those outside the Church living in the world. Other murmuring may come from members of various churches who seek to convert us away from what they perceive is the 'foolishness' and superstition of Catholic belief. Still other murmuring may come from Catholics who have fallen away and no longer practice the Faith, perhaps those who live in our community or are members of our family. As Jesus faced jeering and ridicule for His saving message, so we must expect some of the same throughout our lives. As we lean on God's graces at these times, we discover that God is present to us in power and love.

Jesus, Bread of Life, strengthen us for life's journey!

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



This year's Partners in Charity Appeal, diocesan-wide, is 92% away from their goal. All parishes in our diocese who have yet to make their individual goals have been asked to take up a special collection for Partners:

**St. Peter's Parish collection to benefit
Partners in Charity will be held this
weekend on August 17th and 18th.**

Our Parish Goal: \$33,300.00

**Total gifts towards our parish goal:
\$28,305.00
(As of 8-12-24)**

**Amount Needed:
\$4,995.00**

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.**

**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.*

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

Calendar of **EVENTS**



Sunday, August 18th

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

Wednesday, August 21st

7:00pm Bible Study in the Rectory

Friday, August 23rd

9:00am Daytime ALPHA-Parish Hall

Saturday, August 24th

Sacrament of the Sick after Mass
Star of Bethlehem Handicrafts on Sale

Sunday, August 25th

Sacrament of the Sick after both Masses
Star of Bethlehem Handicrafts
on Sale Both Masses
9:30am Catechist Meeting-Parish Hall

Next weekend

August 24th & 25th
at all Masses

Maysoon Khair will be at our parish on the weekend of August 24th & 25th.

She represents over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all Masses that weekend there will be a display of beautiful hand carved religious items; such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, and many other beautiful religious items.

Please stop by that weekend and look at the carvings that will be available and help support this self-help project to keep Christians living in the Holy Land.



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

August 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

The summer months are passing quickly and soon we will be concluding our annual *Partners in Charity Appeal* on August 31.

As we all know, the weekly parish offertory is the foundation for your parish to operate. Every Catholic household should feel a desire to support the parish offertory as a tangible expression of Catholic stewardship, giving back to God in a spirit of profound gratitude for all the graces which He has bestowed on us.

Your parish is part of a diocesan family which supports all our parishes in their mission to evangelize with critical pastoral, educational and charitable efforts that are *beyond the scope of individual parish means*. Charitable agencies dealing with the homeless, addiction, young parents in crisis, priests' retirement, seminarian education and formation, Catholic education, youth and young adult ministries, and catechist training are but a few ministries needed to support our shared mission as a diocesan family. All these, and more, rely on *Partners in Charity*. Since 1961, more than half of our active parishioner households have helped us respond in charity to tens of thousands of people in Central Massachusetts annually.

Today's request is a simple one. **If you have not yet made a pledge or gift to the annual Partners in Charity Appeal, I ask that you consider prayerfully making a gift today.** If you have made a gift, please accept my sincere thanks for responding to this appeal. Soon we expect to surpass 90% of our \$5 million goal. Yet every gift is critical to reaching our goal in order to assure that these ministries can respond to people who are seeking spiritual, educational or charitable help.

Will you respond? It is my fervent prayer that, if you are in a position to do so, you will be counted among the many thousands of fellow Catholics who have chosen once again to be *Partners in Charity*. Along with my thanks for considering this request, be assured of my prayers that God will provide for you in your own needs and challenges.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



***Are you someone or
do you know
someone who...***

Wants to have their child Baptized?
Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
As an adult, has not been Baptized?
Was Baptized but has not celebrated the
Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to learn more about our
Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and
experience of Church and prepare individuals to
celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Eucharist.

You are welcome to participate in the process with
your questions, your insights, and your faith story
in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact:

Fr. Michael or

Louise Forget, Religious Education Coordinator
508-234-6355 or

Email: religioused@stpeterrockdale.org



Religious Education classes will be starting in September.

The program is for children in grades K-10.

The Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist are for all in Grade 2, and the Sacrament of Confirmation is for all students in Grade 11. If your child is in public school, they should be attending religious education classes.

Registration packets will be sent out soon.

If your child was not in the program last year, please contact our Religious Education Office at 508-234-6355 or email at: religioused@stpeterrockdale.org

If you know of someone in private or Catholic schools and they would like the Sacraments, please have them contact St. Peter's Religious Education Office.



There will be a Catechist meeting on Sunday, August 25th at 9:30am in the parish hall.

We are also looking for anyone interested in helping with Religious Education this year.



Our parish dinners are back!

**Tickets will be on sale next weekend
August 24th & 25th at all Masses.**

Tickets \$15 per person

The dinner includes salad & dessert.

All meals must be purchased in advance.

"To Go" Orders will be available for pick up at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Sit down meal will start at 5:30pm.

"Pay it Forward"

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

**In order to make our sit down meals
successful we need your help!
We are currently looking for volunteers to help at
our monthly dinners. This is a great way to get
involved with helping our parish family.**

If you would like to help or get tickets,
please contact the Parish Office
508-234-2156 or
email: parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org



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