

Saint Peter's Parish



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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 24th

4:30PM **Marguerite & Raymond Filor**
by Drina & Linda

SUNDAY August 25th

8:30AM **Helen Bodruk** by Ned & Mary Sheehan
11:00AM **Louis & Laura Caccia**
by the Neville Family

MONDAY August 26th

8:00AM **Brandon** by St. Peter's Parish Family

TUESDAY August 27th

8:00AM **Nancy Tauras** by Erica Tauras

WEDNESDAY August 28th

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

THURSDAY August 29th

8:00AM **Sr. Lucille Martel**
by Fr. Michael & Barbara Lavallee

SATURDAY August 31st

4:30PM **Richard LaMountain 33rd Anniv.**
by Susan & John Letscher

SUNDAY September 1st

8:30AM **Henry Heney** by Rose Boulanger
11:00AM **Annie Mae Whitcomb** by her Husband



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 18, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	57	\$ 1751.00
Electronic Giving	17	501.50
Renovation	8	110.00
Music Ministry	7	170.00
Winter Envelopes	1	100.00
Donations		105.00
Parish Religious Ed		5.00
Assumption of Mary		449.00
Total		\$ 3191.50

August 18, 2024

In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	\$ 10.00
Partners in Charity (Does not stay in our parish)	443.00
Total	\$ 453.00

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection

Music Ministry—September 1st
Parish Religious Education—September 8th

Second Collection

Propagation of Faith—September 7th & 8th



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yearly, Summer's end brings with it thoughts of vacations ending and students of all ages returning to school. Such change is part of the annual cycle of time we have come to know well. As change happens, God gives us new opportunities and graces which, if we follow them, lead us to greater depth in our friendship with Him. What changes are you facing at this time in your life? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus and His disciples face an important moment. After Jesus has taught earnestly about the Eucharist, His disciples must make a decision to have faith or to walk away from it, doubting that Jesus is speaking the truth.

The decision that Jesus' disciples make has far-reaching implications for them and for the Church. It is the most important choice that they will ever make. Sadly, the gospel tells us, that many of Jesus' followers "returned to their former way of life" because they could not accept His teachings. What happened to all these people?

In our present society, many view church as something that they do not need. Family commitments, employment, social life, athletics and other activities seem more important than participation in the life of the Church. Yet, what are the long-term, practical implications of living without faith? Is life better with God or without God?

Sometimes we do things without considering the consequences of them. Faith in Christ leads to eternal life but it also gives our lives today something that our brothers and sisters in the world do not have. This is hope in the Lord who is always at work, doing out of love that which is most beneficial. The virtue of hope helps us to deal with life in a different way than those who do not have it.

May the changes in our lives afford us new opportunities to consider the importance of faith and how we live it.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



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**

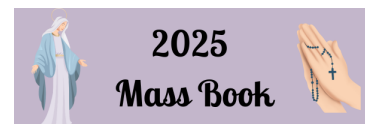
Gift envelopes are available in the pews.

***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.



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.

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 at both Masses
9:30am Catechist Meeting-Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 28th

7:00pm Bible Study in the Rectory

Friday, August 30th

9:00am Daytime ALPHA-Parish Hall

Welcome

***Propagation of The Faith Mission
Co-Operative Visiting Priest.***

***On the weekend of September 7th & 8th
at all Masses.***

St. Peter's will warmly welcome
Fr. Augustine Owusu, of the Diocese of Gaborone
as this year's Propagation of The Faith Mission
Co-Operative visiting priest.

Fr. Owusu will be speaking to us about the
missionary activities of his Religious community.
Their efforts of evangelization involve many
humanitarian activities, namely, care for Remote
Area Dwellers, commonly known as "Bushmen". They
also care for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC),
and a number of pre-schools for children and the
disadvantaged. They run two clinics for the
disadvantaged and continue to provide social
services to people. They operate five primary
schools in addition to one senior secondary school.

***There will be a second collection the weekend
of September 7th & 8th to help support the
people of Botswana, Africa.***

***This weekend
August 24th & 25th
at all Masses!***

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

At all Masses this 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 and take a look at the
carvings that will be available and help support
this self-help project to keep Christians living in
the Holy Land.



***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: religiously@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 have been sent out.

If your child was *not* in the program last year, please contact our Religious Education Office and a packet will be sent out to you.

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 are on sale 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

THANK YOU
for your generosity



Thank you for all of our parishioners for their donations of backpacks and school supplies! Thank you also to our *In Your Time of Need* group for putting all of the backpacks together and for their donations of supplies.

We were able to donate 41 backpacks to DCF!