

# Saint Peter's Parish



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

### 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,  
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](mailto:Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org)**  
**FrMichael@stpeterrockdale.org**  
**Website: [www.stpeterrockdale.org](http://www.stpeterrockdale.org)**

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Louise Forget: Religious Education Coordinator  
Email: [religioused@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto: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 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

MONDAY September 2nd

8:00AM **Health & Well-Being of Michael & Brittany Johnston** by C. Johnston

TUESDAY September 3rd

8:00AM **A Special Intention** by Alice Bucca

WEDNESDAY September 4th

8:00AM **Health & Well-Being of Leanne Donnelly**  
by C. Johnston

THURSDAY September 5th

8:00AM **Health & Well-Being of Greg & Kevin Donnelly** by C. Johnston

SATURDAY September 7th

4:30PM **Lucien Dupre 50th Anniv.**  
by the Dupre Family

SUNDAY September 8th

8:30AM **Anthony & Rita Borelli** by Chris Szerlag  
11:00AM **Ron & David Greenwood** by 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 25, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	56	\$ 1667.00
Electronic Giving	17	501.50
Renovation	1	20.00
Music Ministry	7	65.00
Monday AA Rental		100.00
K of C Reimbursement		300.00
Total		\$ 2653.50

August 25, 2024

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



**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,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' opponents observe Him carefully trying to find a reason to denounce Him to the authorities. Jesus had just walked on water and healed many sick people. But, these wonders were not enough for Jesus' opponents. They refused faith in Him and sought to denounce Him as a fraud.

Jesus' response to His opponents gives us a lot to think about. He quotes the words of the Prophet Isaiah against them telling them that they were worshipping God in vain. Why would Jesus say this?

It was because they were focused on the wrong things!

As the people were overly concerned with external observances, Jesus tried to redirect them toward what was truly important, namely conversion of heart. In Mark 7:21, Jesus gave His listeners a warning about not staying in touch with their hearts, telling them that if they failed to recognize their sinfulness that they would contribute to the overall evil in the world.

Let's think about the people we observe. What are we looking for in them? The right things or the wrong things? Do we focus on the good they have within them or in the good they do or are we apt to find fault with them, being critical and judgmental? As we observe others, do we see ourselves? Are we aware of our own sinfulness and need for conversion?

As we celebrate Labor Day this Monday, we reflect upon our journey with the Lord this year. How do we need to grow in our friendship with Jesus and in our relationships with others? How can we train ourselves to look for the right things in others so that we are more likely to see Jesus alive within them? May this upcoming Fall be a special time of grace for us all.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



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

**Total gifts towards our parish goal:  
\$29,658.00  
(As of 8-21-24)**

**Amount Needed:  
\$3,642.00**

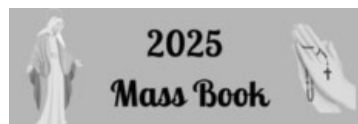
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*Please make sure to specify our parish and town when  
making your donation online or mailed.*

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.

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

## **Wednesday, September 4th**

7:00pm Bible Study in the Rectory

## **Friday, September 6th**

9:00am Daytime ALPHA-Parish Hall

## **Saturday, September 7th**

Fr. Augustine Owusu from the Propagation of Faith speaking at the 4:30pm Mass.

## **Sunday, September 8th**

Fr. Augustine Owusu from the Propagation of Faith speaking at both Masses.

## **Monday, September 9th**

6:00pm Building & Grounds Meeting-Rectory

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting-Rectory

# 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 "Bushman". 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.**



***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](mailto:religioused@stpeterrockdale.org)

# Baptism

*We warmly welcome  
Juliana Layne English  
into our parish family.*

Juliana received the  
Sacrament of Baptism on  
Saturday, August 24th

We extend our congratulations to the English family and ask God to bless, protect and preserve Juliana and her family always.



**Religious Education classes will be starting in September.**

**Please send in your registration forms by September 10th.**

The program is for children in grades K-10.

The Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist are for all in Grade 2.

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](mailto: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.



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

**Please contact Louise Forget at 508-234-6355 or email: [religioused@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:religioused@stpeterrockdale.org)**



**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  
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