

Saint Peter's Parish



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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

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Christine Fung-A-Fat: Administrative Assistant
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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 September 21st

4:30PM **Patricia Patnode** by the Patnode Family

SUNDAY September 22nd

8:30AM **Terry & Leo Hetu** by Family

11:00AM **Lisa Cote** by Parents & Family

MONDAY September 23rd

8:00AM **Mr. & Mrs. Cleveland Reynolds** by Bea

TUESDAY September 24th

8:00AM **Ed Pokornicki Sr.**

by Fr. Michael & St. Peter's Parish

WEDNESDAY September 25th

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

THURSDAY September 26th

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

SATURDAY September 27th

4:30PM **Raymond Renault** by his wife Mary

SUNDAY September 28th

8:30AM **Carmen Richard**

by Barbara & John Ramian

11:00AM **Madelaine Horton 7th Anniv.**

by Elaine Nowlan & Family



Nancy Lussier, Ron Rej, Becky Jean Cascio,
Gail Arnold, Bill Lavalley, 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 Lavalley
and all those in our parish book of prayers.



September 15, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	57	\$ 1072.99
Electronic Giving	17	501.50
Renovation	26	285.00
Music Ministry	6	45.00
Home School Rental		750.00
Hall Rental		75.00
Parish Religious Ed		170.00
AA Wednesday Night		30.00
Total		\$ 2929.49

September 15, 2024

In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	\$ 35.00
Annual Catholic School	10.00
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Total	\$ 45.00

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection

In Your Time of Need—September 22nd
Music Ministry—October 6th

Second Collection

Annual Catholic School Appeal— September 29th



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with a picture of the disciples' lives which is worth reflecting on.

In this gospel, Jesus travels to Galilee with His friends and the journey is marred by disagreement. Jesus notices that the disciples are arguing with each other but it is not until later that He learns what the argument is about. When He asks them about their arguing, the disciples respond that they have "been discussing among themselves...who was the greatest."

Though the disciples have faith in the Lord and have put it into action by following Him, Jesus shows them that this faith needs growth. Because they misunderstand what the Kingdom of God is about, the disciples wonder if they will be given positions of prominence in an earthly kingdom Jesus will soon set up.

Later on in their lives, the apostles became saints. Their faith became stronger and their love of God became purer. They learned and applied to their lives the important spiritual lessons Jesus had taught them. These led to their martyrdom for the faith for all except St. John. Were the apostles ready to give their lives for Jesus soon after they'd begun following Him?

Probably not.

The disciples and apostles' example shows us ourselves.

Though we have faith and are following Jesus, all of us need ongoing conversion. We need more grace from God, a deeper prayer life, more understanding of our Catholic Faith and more commitment to putting it into action through works of charity. Throughout our life-span, Christ calls us to grow with Him.

In the gospel, Jesus uses the example of a child to show the disciples how they must grow. The child's meekness, openness to others, trust and simplicity are qualities which would necessarily counteract the selfish ambition which was making the disciples quarrel. St. Therese, The Little Flower, used the same example of the child in her quest for spiritual perfection. In her Little Way, St. Therese encourages all Christians to follow Jesus in childlike simplicity, trust and humility.

As we seek to apply this Sunday's gospel to our lives, let us ask St. Therese to intercede for us so we may receive, in abundance, God's graces.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



**Starting on
Tuesday, September 24th
6:00pm
in the parish hall**

Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit Unleash the Holy Spirit in Your Life "The Wild Goose"

Each week will start with a light meal.

A free will donation will help offset the cost of food.

We will then show a video presentation,
followed by small group discussion.

Join us in a weekly series, where Fr. David Pivonka, TOR, leads us on an unforgettable journey around the world and into the heart of God. We will discover the power and beauty of the unconditional Love of God that is the Holy Spirit.

To join us please call to let us know you are interested in attending.

**Contact Louise Forget at 508-832-1311 or
email: louise.forget@charter.net.**



Why do Catholics use candles as part of prayer?

Last weekend at all Masses, I included in my homily some information for the parish on why Catholics use candles as part of their prayer tradition. To review, the tradition of using candles in prayer is very old, dating back to the first centuries of the Church. In the 3rd and 4th Centuries, early Christians used candles in funeral processions, at the tombs of martyrs and deceased loved ones and to honor the saints and their relics at prayer. Candles were used at Mass from the 7th Century onward, several centuries after the legalization of Christianity in the Roman Empire. Christians' use of candles was inspired by lights being burned in the presence of important Roman officials and personages to designate their significance in society. Christians thought that this practice should be fittingly continued in the Eucharistic presence of Jesus in the church tabernacle as He is the most important person of all. Besides candles being used on altars at Mass, two other kinds of candles are used by Catholics, these being votive and vigil candles.

Votive candles, like those available on the candle racks in church, are used by Christians seeking the help of Christ, Our Lady or the saints for their needs. These may include praying for the repose of the soul of deceased persons, for the healing of the sick or for various special intentions. Vigil candles are used by Christians praying in an attentive or waiting way, especially in situations where perseverance is required.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, September 22nd

4:00pm Sacrament of the Sick

Sunday, September 23rd

9:30am Finance Meeting-Rectory

Sacrament of the Sick after both Masses

Tuesday, September 24th

6:00pm Wild Goose Video Series

Wednesday, September 25th

7:00pm Bible Study - Parish Hall



**Our Parish Holiday Fair will be held this year on
Saturday, November 2nd from 9am-3pm.**

It time to start going through your closets!

You may start to bring in your items on

**Saturdays starting on October 1st
from 9:00am-1:00pm to the parish hall.**

Volunteers will be there sorting and pricing items. We ask that you do not leave items outside by the door at the parish hall or rectory. Please call the parish office if you would like to donate items at another time.

Please do not donate Christmas trees, electronics, computers, monitors, furniture, fitness equipment, records, VHS, cassette tapes, DVDs and luggage.

We are again accepting used clothing and any soft goods for donations. Please separate these from other donations by placing them in a 13 gallon bag.

We are looking for items for the White Elephant Table and Holiday Table. We also need new items and gift cards for the Raffle Tables and Silent Auction and donations of Gift Baskets for our Gift Basket Raffle Table.

We will be having the baked goods table this year and will need donations of your favorite treats!

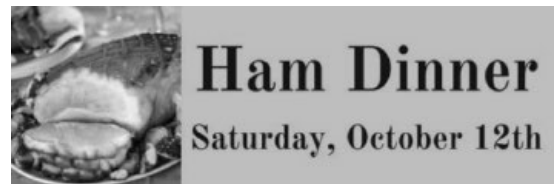


**Saturday, September 21st
at 4:00pm before Mass**

**Sunday, September 22nd
after both Masses**

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.



Tickets are on sale at all Masses.

Tickets \$17 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!

If you would like to help or get tickets, please contact the Parish Office 508-234-2156.

We know things happen and plans change, if you have to change your sit down meal to a "to go", please call Chris at 774-573-8260 by Friday, October 11th. Thank you in advance!



Religious Education classes will be starting Sunday, September 22nd.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Ages 3-6 and Grades 2-4

Sunday, September 22nd 9:30am-10:45am
Sunday, September 29th 9:30am-10:45am
Sunday, October 6th 9:30am-10:45am

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, September 22nd 6:30pm-8:00pm
Sunday, September 29th 6:30pm-8:00pm
Sunday, October 6th 6:30pm-8:00pm

Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 6th 5:00pm-6:20pm
Sunday, October 15th 5:00pm-6:20pm



Ministry Fair
Saturday, September 28th and Sunday 29th
after all Masses in the gathering area.

Join us to see what ministries, committees and programs we have and where you can share your gifts of time and talents with our parish community.

Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you have.
There is something for everyone!



Thank you to everyone that came out to our first dinner of the year.

It was a packed house and we sold out!
A huge thank you to all of our volunteers and To, of course our chef, for the delicious meal!





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