

Saint Peter's Parish



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply,
"What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a
husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told
them, "Because of the hardness
of your hearts he wrote you this
commandment. But from the
beginning of creation, God
made them male and female."
- Mk 10:3-6

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

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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 October 5th

4:30PM **M. Jeanne & Norman Lavallee**

by David Gautreau

SUNDAY October 6th

8:30AM **Richard LaMountain**

by Sue & John Letscher

11:00AM **Marjorie White Anniv. Mass** by Family

MONDAY October 7th

8:00AM **In Thanksgiving for Graces** by a Friend

TUESDAY October 8th

8:00AM **Deceased Members of the O'Malley Family**

by a Friend

WEDNESDAY October 9th

8:00AM **St. Mary Francis** by a Family Member

THURSDAY October 10th

8:00AM **Frank Wolski** by a Family Member

SATURDAY October 12th

4:30PM **Christopher Lambert 9th Anniv.**

by Aunt Elaine Nowlan & Family

SUNDAY October 13th

8:30AM **Brayden Szerlag** by Christine Szerlag

11:00AM **Joe & Lorraine Flamand**

by Shirley & Elva Heney



Nancy Lussier, Ron Rej, Becky Jean Cascio,
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.



September 29, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	43	\$ 1,272.00
Electronic Giving	17	501.50
Renovation	1	10.00
Music Ministry	1	4.00
Winter Envelopes	2	15.00
Candles		66.00
Hall Rental		100.00
Can Deposit		10.00
Total		\$ 1,978.50

September 29, 2024

In Your Time of Need <i>(Stays in our parish)</i>	\$ 75.00
Annual Catholic School <i>(Does not stay in our parish)</i>	330.00
Total	\$ 405.00

Total Weekly Collected: \$2,308.50
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00
Year To Date Shortfall: \$4,779.51

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection

Music Ministry-October 6th
Winter Expenses

Second Collection

Propagation of the Faith-October 20th



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend's gospel presents to us an important reflection on 'hardness of heart.' Jesus tells His opponents that 'hardness of heart' is the reason why the Law was composed as it was by Moses.

But, what is 'hardness of heart'? Another way of describing it is stubbornness. The opposite of hardness of heart is openness of heart, meaning that one is ready to accept God's graces and love freely and authentically. The gospel shows us that stubbornness or selfishness is the death of human relationships. When we act selfishly and with little to no charity, we are unable to sustain the healthy connections we have with others.

Jesus came to free us from 'heart-hardness.' This condition is the result of sin and prevents us from receiving from the Lord the gifts, strength and joy He wants for us. Sometimes individual hurts we have experienced harden our hearts as well. We are afraid to trust, to enter into relationship, to reach out. Hurts also make us preoccupied by them. This leads us to losing focus on what is truly important.

This weekend, we begin again our Prayer Partners program. The goal of this program is to engage all parishioners of St. Peter's in regularly praying for students and families enrolled in our parish religious education program. Prayer is the highest form of charity we can exercise. When we pray for our students and families we show them our care and concern. We also ask God to keep them strong in faith and open to grace.

May we open our hearts to receive God's grace more abundantly in this new year of faith-formation and parish life. Last week's ministry fair showed us the variety of ministries our parish has and encouraged us to support them through our involvement. May our charity help others to know the presence of Christ with them always.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



**Tuesdays
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 a 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.



**Saturday, October 26th
Registration begins at 8:30am**

St. Peter's Parish along with other teams from the Northbridge Association of Churches, will be participating with the local Christian World Services Crop Walk.

The walk will happen rain or shine. It starts at the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville and the route is 3 miles to the Uxbridge common.

Jill Patnode will be leading the St. Peter's team and is looking for walkers to form a team. We are also looking for donations and will have a basket in the gathering area if you would like to donate. If you would like a receipt for tax purposes please write out a check made out to CWS Crop Walk, and we will make sure you receive a receipt for your donation.

If you have any questions or would like to walk please contact Jill at 508-887-6915 or jpatnodekrause@yahoo.com.
Thank you again for your support.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, October 6th

11:00am Prayer Partner Mass

Tuesday, October 8th

6:00pm Wild Goose Video Series-Parish Hall

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting-Rectory

Wednesday, October 9th

3:30pm Peace of Bread-Presbyterian Church

6:30pm Eucharistic Miracles Presentation



**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 bring in your items on

**Saturdays 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!



Ham Dinner

Saturday, October 12th

This is the last weekend to get your tickets.

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.

The 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!**



**Saint Peter's turn is on
Wednesday, October 9th**

*All volunteers, please be at the
Presbyterian Church
51 Cottage Street, Whitinsville
by 3:30pm.*

All non-perishable donations for the food pantry
need to be returned to the
gathering area in the Church by
Sunday, October 6th.



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

Sunday, October 6th 9:30am-10:45am

Sunday, October 13th No Classes—Columbus Day

Sunday, October 20th 9:30am-10:45am

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, October 6th 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday, October 13th No Classes—Columbus Day

Sunday, October 20th 6:30pm-8:00pm

Confirmation Class

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

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

Our Religious Education Masses are back!
Join us for our first Mass of the year on
Sunday, October 27th 6:30pm
Everyone is Welcome!



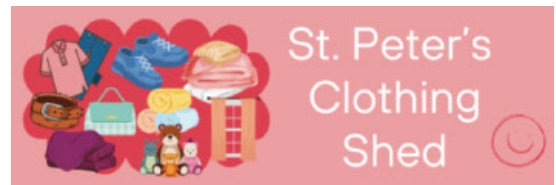
Wednesday, October 9th
6:30pm in the parish hall

Join us for an interesting and inspiring evening of learning about contemporary Eucharistic Miracles in the Church.

The evening includes prayer, a power point presentation, teaching and group discussion.

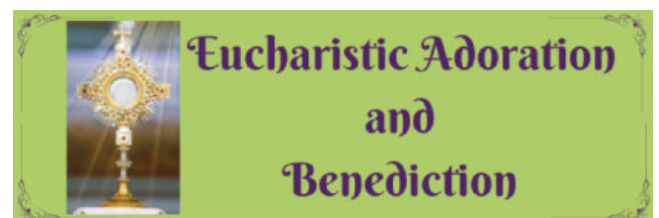
Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area to register.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



This week, St. Peter's received a St. Pauly Textile shed in the back parking lot. This shed is meant to be a collection location for textiles and provides local residents with the opportunity to donate unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and stuffed toys to a worthy cause.

We encourage parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity while helping our parish and community.



Sunday, October 13th
immediately following the 11:00am Mass,
St. Peter's will be holding
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate. Join us as we prayerfully spend time with Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist,



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