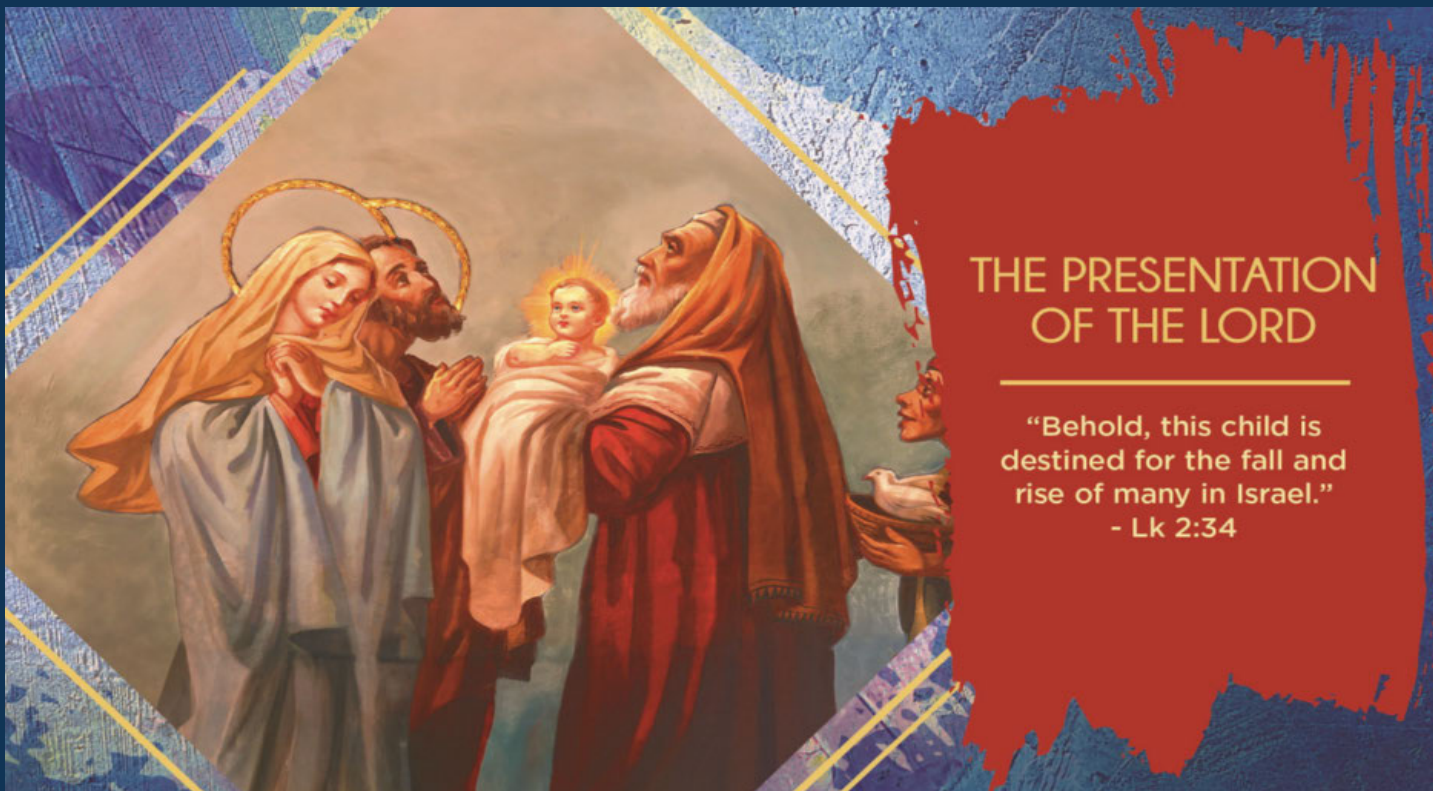


Saint Peter's Parish



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

"Behold, this child is
destined for the fall and
rise of many in Israel."
- Lk 2:34

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,
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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Email: Parishoffice@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 February 1st

4:30PM **Mathew Thompson** by St. Peter's Parish

SUNDAY February 2nd

8:30AM **Joffre P. Lavallee Sr.**

by the Lavallee Family

11:00AM **Annie Mae Whitcomb** by her Husband

MONDAY February 3rd

8:00AM **Dale Mahota** by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Viel

TUESDAY February 4th

8:00AM **For a Special Intention** by Tom & Tina

WEDNESDAY February 5th

8:00AM **Nancy Lussier** by the Lavalles

THURSDAY February 6th

8:00AM **Joffre Lavallee** by Janice Searles

SATURDAY February 8th

4:30PM **Michelle Small** by St. Peter's Clergy & Staff

SUNDAY February 9th

8:30AM **Kevin Duffy** by the Paine Family

11:00AM **Barbara Melone** by Family



Christine Metcalf, Nancy Stanovich, James Heney,
Beth Trifero-Clark, Gail Arnold, Bill Lavallee,
Michael Sliwoski, Alice Bucca, Carole Neville,
Lois Menard, Elaine Nowlan, 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.

January 26, 2024

Envelopes Weekly	66	\$ 1,783.00
Electronic Giving	18	467.50
Maintenance	5	55.00
Music Ministry	5	40.00
Winter Envelopes	7	93.00
Candles		174.00
Donations		1,420.00
Catholic Charities Rent		400.00
Pork Dinner Donation		200.00
Pack 150 Hall Rental		100.00
Fairbanks Basketball		100.00
K of C Donation		100.00
Organ Fund Donation		220.00
K of C Donation		300.00
Catholic Free Press		39.00
Grocery Reimbursement		40.14

Total \$ 5,678.50

January 19, 2024

In Your Time of Need	\$ 40.00
(Stays in our parish)	
Catholic Home Missions	5.00
(Does not stay in our parish)	

Total \$ 45.00

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Total Weekly Collected: \$5,678.50
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00
Year To Date Surplus: \$30,401.81

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection

Music Ministry- February 2nd
Winter Expenses

Second Collection

Catholic Home Missions- February 9th



A Note From Father Michael

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last weekend at all Masses, we began our 'Ministry of The Month' series which will highlight a different parish ministry monthly for parishioners to learn about. We began the series inviting parishioners to ask the Holy Spirit in prayer how God might be calling them to get more actively involved in the life of our parish.

What gifts and abilities has God given you? What things do you enjoy doing? What skills have you learned through your employment that you can use at St. Peter's? What parts of parish life most interest you? Considering these questions in prayer is the first step towards actively helping and supporting your parish as a good steward.

How would the practice of your Catholic Faith be different if you were involved in a ministry of our parish community? Over time, several people who recently have gotten involved in ministry have observed that their perspective has changed on their faith. Rather than simply sitting in a pew week after week, they have changed positions, enjoying being directly involved in what they once only viewed remotely. Those observing this have also stated that their active involvement has strengthened their faith as they have new opportunities to learn and do something concrete to help the church.

Throughout this year, we will all be reintroduced to the many ministries of St. Peter's Parish. Though we are a small community we are a very active one with lots going on in our regular parish life. It is our hope that in being reintroduced to the ministries of our parish that we will all ask ourselves what we can do to support the church in some way. An active, involved parish is one that is strong and attractive to newcomers seeking a spiritual home. Let's all do our part to make St. Peter's the best it can be.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



**Join Fr. Michael for Bible Study!
Wednesdays, 7:00pm in the parish hall.**

We will reflect upon the gospel for the upcoming Sunday, learn more about our Catholic Faith and pray for various intentions.

Please bring a New American Bible if you have one. We do have some available.

If you are new to bible study or haven't been in a while, you are welcome to join at anytime.

*If you would like to join us on Zoom,
please contact the parish office.*



The 2025 Mass Intentions book
has Masses open.

Donations for all Masses are \$10.00.

If you would like a Mass to pray for the repose of
the soul of a loved one,
please contact the parish office.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, February 1st

Blessing of the Throats after the 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, February 2nd

Blessing of the Throats after both Masses
9:30am In Your Time of Need Meeting-Rectory

Monday, February 3rd

7:00pm Catechist Training-Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 5th

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

Saturday, February 8th

5:30pm Pork Roast Dinner-Parish Hall



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Ages 3-6 and Grades 2-4

Sunday, February 2nd 9:30am-10:45am

Sunday, February 9th No Classes

Sunday, February 16th No Classes

Sunday, February 23rd No Classes

Grades 5th-10th

Sunday, February 2nd 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday, February 9th No Classes

Sunday, February 16th No Classes

Sunday, February 23rd No Classes

Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 2nd at 5:00pm

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, February, 8th 10:00-3:00pm



*We warmly welcome
Benjamin Arno Streeter
into our parish family.*

Benjamin received the
Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, January 26th.

We extend our congratulations to the
Streeter family and ask God to bless,
protect and preserve Benjamin
and his family always.



If you or someone you know has been abused or
victimized by someone representing the Catholic
Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and
healing. We encourage you to come forward and
report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester.

Call the Office of Healing and Prevention at
508-929-4383

or Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator at
508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line.



This is the last weekend to get your tickets!

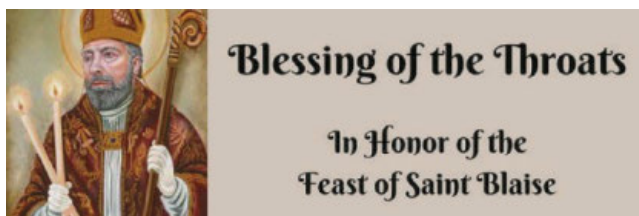
Tickets are \$17 per person.
All meals must be purchased in advance.

"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.
 To help, sign up on the sheet in the gathering area.**

*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, February 7th.
 Thank you in advance!*



Join us this weekend after all Masses
 February 1st & 2nd
 for the Blessing of the Throats
 in Honor of the Feast of Saint Blaise.



Liturgical Ministries:



Greeter by **Audra Gaul**

About 2 years ago, I volunteered to serve as a parish greeter. In my time as a member of St. Peter's, this ministry had not existed, but I thought it was wonderful that Father Michael was implementing it. When I initially volunteered, I did not think much of it. I envisioned a simple job of opening doors, greeting the members of our parish when they came to Mass, and passing out weekly bulletins. Over time, however, I saw that this simple job has a much deeper meaning to the members of our parish. It's not just opening doors; it's a chance to be the first warm "hello" a person may have that morning. It's not just greeting people who come through the door, it's about connecting with our long-time community members and welcoming people who might be new. It's not just handing out bulletins, it's about being willing to share bits of information about why our parish is so special. Several times each month, I get up and make the drive to church extra early to be ready to serve as a parish greeter. It's a modest ministry that has hidden, unseen value, but one I have come to truly treasure in the years I have been part of it.

*If you would like to become a Greeter or
 join any of our ministries, please speak to
 Fr. Michael after Mass or contact the parish office
 for more information.*

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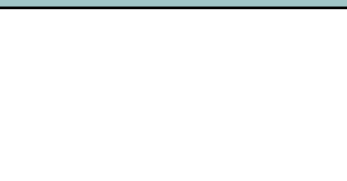
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