

# Saint Peter's Parish



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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, Maria Cotoia

### 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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**Email: [Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:Parishoffice@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 April 5th

4:30PM **Jeannie Patnode**

by Elaine Nowlan & Family

SUNDAY April 6th-5th Sunday of Lent

8:30AM **Theresa Azaravich**

by the Fung-A-Fat Family

11:00AM **Antoinette Covelli** by C. Johnston

MONDAY April 7th

8:00AM **For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

TUESDAY April 8th

8:00AM **Deborah Brown** by her Sister Patricia Stoico

WEDNESDAY April 9th

8:00AM **Robert Courtney III**

by St. Peter's Parish Family

THURSDAY April 10th

8:00AM **Beverly Gauthier** by the Lavalles

SATURDAY April 12th

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

SUNDAY April 13th-Palm Sunday

8:30AM **Barbara Melone**

by the Fung-A-Fat Family

11:00AM **Mae Heney** by the Family



Pauline Banfill, Nancy Stanovich, James Heney,  
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.

**March 30, 2025**

Envelopes Weekly	57	\$ 1,752.00
Electronic Giving	17	467.50
Maintenance	4	40.00
Music Ministry	4	25.00
Winter Envelopes	3	20.00
Candles		106.00
Donations		25.00
Easter Flowers		100.00
Total		\$ 2,535.50

**March 30, 2025**

In Your Time of Need (Stays in our parish)	\$ 115.00
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Total \$ 115.00  
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Total Weekly Collected: 2,535.50  
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00  
Year To Date Surplus: \$33,796.03

## Upcoming Collections

### **Parish Collection**

Music Ministry- April 6th

### **Second Collection**

Catholic Relief Services-April 6th



**Sunday, April 13th  
7:00pm in the Church**

Join us for this unique  
and special Holy Week  
liturgy that takes place in  
darkness.

Come pray and reflect on the last few days of  
Jesus' life on earth in our Tenebrae Service.



## *A Note From Father Michael*

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel, concerning Jesus' encounter with an adulterous woman and her accusers, reveals God's personal care for all human beings, even in their sinfulness. As we see this personal care shown to the woman, we reflect upon God's love for us in our individual circumstances and ask how our consideration of this truth can help us to grow in God's friendship. Although the scribes and Pharisees dragged the adulterous woman to Jesus in shame, Jesus recognized that she had an inherent dignity and worth because she was a child of God. He acknowledged her sin but also defended her from the unjust proceedings her accusers were attempting to implicate her in. Though the Law said that both partners in an adulterous relationship should be stoned to death, the Pharisees and scribes only presented the female one to Jesus for judgment, thus making the entire situation fundamentally unjust. Jesus' response to the woman's accusers was to "write on the ground with His finger." Scripture suggests that this action meant that the woman's accusers, due to their lack of faith and charity, had forsaken God as they attempted to prosecute the adulterous woman. They also did not have good intentions in bringing the woman to Jesus for judgment, as the gospel tells us that it was to "test" the Lord.

After Jesus challenged the woman's accusers and they left, Jesus interacted with the woman respectfully and with mercy. This mercy was tempered with truth and justice, however, as Jesus instructed the woman to "do not sin any more." Indeed, Jesus had saved the woman's bodily life as well as that of her eternal soul. On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel invites us to consider the personal care Jesus has for each of us in true love, justice and mercy.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



**Sunday, April 6th after the 8:30am Mass  
in the church.**



### *Stations of the Cross*

Fridays 6:30pm  
thru April 11th in the church

### *Palm Sunday*

Saturday, April 12th 4:30pm  
Sunday, April 13th 8:30am & 11:00am

### *Tenebrae Service*

Sunday, April 13th  
7:00pm in the church

### *Holy Thursday*

### *Mass of the Lords Supper*

Thursday, April 17th  
7:00pm

### *Children's Stations of the Cross*

Friday, April 18th  
3:00pm in the church

### *Good Friday Service*

Friday, April 18th  
7:00pm

### *Easter Vigil*

### *The Resurrection of the Lord*

Saturday, April 19th  
7:30pm

### *Easter Sunday*

Sunday, April 20th  
Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

## **Sunday, April 6th**

Lenten Confessions after the 8:30am Mass  
9:30am In Your Time of Need Meeting-Rectory

## **Monday, April 7th**

7:00-8:30pm Catechist Training-Parish Hall

## **Tuesday, April 8th**

6:00pm Parish Council Meeting-Rectory

## **Wednesday, April 9th**

No Bible Study

6:30pm Fr. Michael-Lenten Ecumenical Prayer  
Service-United Presbyterian Church 51 Cottage St,  
Whitinsville

## **Friday, April 11th**

6:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

## **Saturday, April 12th**

5:30pm Baked Haddock Dinner-Parish Hall



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

**Total gifts towards our parish goal: \$13,135.00**  
(As of 3-28-25)

**Amount needed to reach our parish goal:**  
**\$20,165.00**

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.***

Thank you for your continued support!  
We couldn't do it without you!

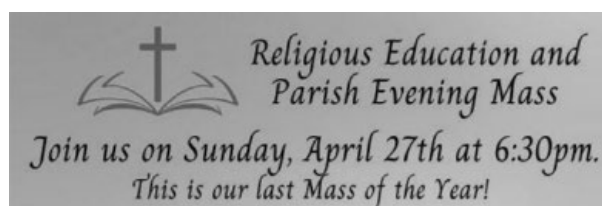


## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** **Ages 3-6 and Grades 2-4**

Sunday, April 6th 9:30am-10:45am  
Sunday, April 13th 9:30am-10:45am  
Sunday, April 20th NO Classes-Happy Easter  
Sunday, April 27th 9:30am-10:45am

## **Grades 5th-10th**

Sunday, April 6th 6:30pm-8:00pm  
Sunday, April 13th 6:30pm-8:00pm  
Sunday, April 20th NO Classes-Happy Easter  
Sunday, April 27th 6:30pm-8:00pm



## ***Confirmation***

Confirmation  
rehearsal will be right  
after the Religious Ed  
Mass on April 27th.

## **Confirmation will be held on Thursday, May 1st at 7:00pm**

St. Paul Cathedral  
15 Chatham Street  
Worcester, MA 01609



***Completed baskets need to be returned on  
Sunday, April 13th between 9:30am and 11:00am  
to the parish hall gym.***

***Please make sure to attach the family tag  
to your basket.***

***Can't do a basket?***

We are also accepting gift cards to  
local grocery stores to add to the baskets.  
(Walmart/Shaws/Hannaford)

***Gift Cards should be returned by Sunday, April 6th  
but no later than Sunday, April 13th by 11:00am.***



**This is the last weekend to get your tickets!**

Tickets are \$17 per person  
and 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!

*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, April 11th.*



**Saint Peter's is holding our first  
Cash Calendar Raffle in May!**

Tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners  
and we are already getting them back!

A winner will be drawn every day in May  
and the winners will go back in the pool.

You can WIN more than once!  
Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100

Everyone has 31 chances to WIN!!!

***We know this will be a great fundraiser for our  
parish with your help!***

***Please sell to your family, friends, co-workers  
and neighbors.***

Calendars are available in the parish office,  
in the gathering area in the back of the church,  
on our web site and at our monthly dinners.



**Faith Formation:**



**Religious  
Education**

***by Denise Avolesse***

Hello, my name is Denise Avolesse and I am a  
catechist for the Religious Education Elementary  
Program here at St. Peter's. My students are 3<sup>rd</sup>  
and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

I started teaching religious education back in  
2019 at St. Ann's Parish in Oxford when I was  
asked to help out because there was a shortage  
of volunteers. At that time, I taught the middle  
schoolers. Teaching was something I always  
wanted to do, and teaching children about Jesus  
was very important to me.

Teaching elementary children about Jesus has  
been a tremendously rewarding experience and  
has also strengthened my faith as an individual.

Jesus loves all the children, and being part of  
Religious Education brings me closer to him and  
doing his will.

Please consider volunteering your time as a  
catechist in our religious education program in  
this time when children so need to  
learn about God.

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







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