

# Saint Peter's Parish



## **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

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Sharon Dupre & Mary Sheehan

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Barbara Ramian,  
Pete Sabourin,  
Thomas Heney,  
Jeff Roy, Kim Poudrier,  
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)**  
**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: [religious@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:religious@stpeterrockdale.org)  
Phone: 508-234-6355

Elementary: PreK to 4th  
Middle School: 5th-8th  
High School: 9th-10th Confirmation: 11th

## **OFFICE OF HEALING AND PREVENTION**

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.

*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.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Thomas Heney,  
Jeffrey Thibeault,  
George Murray ,  
Bob Dziekiewicz,  
James Archibald-ex officio

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Alice Bucca, Chris Harris,  
Jim LeClaire, Maria Cotoia

# Saint Peter's Parish

Northbridge, MA



## SATURDAY June 7th

4:30PM **Patricia Patnode** by her Sisters

## SUNDAY June 8th

8:30AM **Bill Ballou 5th Anniv. & Doris Rondeau**

by the Ballou Family

11:00AM **John Wolski** by his sister Patricia Stoico

## MONDAY June 9th

8:00AM **Patricia Osorno** by David Dumais

## TUESDAY June 10th

8:00AM **Paul C. Brouillard** by the Lavalles

## WEDNESDAY June 11th

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

by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

## THURSDAY June 12th

8:00AM **Mary Camilleri** by Fr. Michael

## SATURDAY June 14th

4:30PM **Barbara LaMountain**

by Susane & John Letscher

## SUNDAY June 15th

8:30AM **Deceased Members of the**

**Brouillard Family** by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

11:00AM **Peter Davidson** by Aline Desjardin

## June 1, 2025

Envelopes Weekly	64	\$ 1,749.00
Electronic Giving	37	2,895.50
Maintenance	8	240.00
Music Ministry	29	384.00
Candles		64.00
Ascension Offering		352.00
Donations		1,375.00
AA Wednesday Rental		30.00
Ascension		352.00
Lasagna Dinner Donation		281.36
Hall Rental		100.00

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Total		\$ 7,631.86
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## June 1, 2025

In Your Time of Need	\$ 62.00
(Stays in our parish)	
Communication Campaign	161.00
(Does not stay in our parish)	

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Total	\$ 223.00
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Total Weekly Collected: 7,631.86  
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00  
Year To Date Surplus: \$38,900.48



Terry Gaul, 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, Robin Warwick,  
Charles Giambusso, Rhonda Lavallee  
and all those in our parish book of prayers.

## Upcoming Collections

### **Parish Collection**

Renovation- June 15th

### **Second Collection**

Peter's Pence-June 29th



## *A Note From Father Michael*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the "Birthday of The Church," the great feast of Pentecost. It is the Church's birthday because, on this day, the Apostles were given the strength of the Holy Spirit to move beyond their fears and begin to boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the world. Though Jesus had already founded the Church on the rock of St. Peter's faith, Pentecost marked the moment when the evangelizing activity of the Apostles, strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, successfully reached many people and caused the Church great growth.

We received the Holy Spirit first at Baptism and then, again, at Confirmation. One of the main reasons we are Confirmed is to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Christ in the world. In other words, we cannot do it successfully merely on our own power. We need God's grace and gifts to remain faithful to the Lord in a society which, increasingly, is secularized and hostile to Christian faith.

A close study of the events leading up to Pentecost, as found in Scripture, shows us that the Apostles were controlled by fear and timidity prior to their reception of the Holy Spirit. It was only after they received the Spirit that they overcame their fears and were able to carry out the mission Jesus had entrusted them with.

What are our fears and how do they control us? How can faith help us to overcome them? How often do we pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance, wisdom and strength? On this Pentecost, we recognize that the Holy Spirit is the way in which we will grow in our friendship with Christ and is the means by which the renewal of our parish community will be accomplished. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit today and each day that He will complete the good work of God, which He has already begun in us, and inspire us as we seek His grace and wisdom as a parish community.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*



The Church enjoys a long tradition of blessing the homes of the faithful. We learn, from *The Catechism*, that a blessing is "a prayer invoking God's power and care upon a person, place, thing or undertaking." Blessings also "acknowledge God as the source" of all good.

Fr. Michael and Deacon John are now beginning to bless the homes of people in the community. To request a house blessing, call the rectory or sign up for a blessing on the sheet in the church gathering area. We look forward to seeing you soon as we continue with these home visitations.



**Saturday, June 21st  
after the 4:30pm Mass.**

**Sunday, June 22nd  
after both Masses.**

Parishioners who would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to move to the front pews after Mass concludes.



St. Mary's in Uxbridge has invited the children of St Peter's Parish who will be entering grades 1-6 in fall 2025 to join them for Totus Tuus Summer Youth Camp.

This program will be held July 21-25 from 9am-3pm.

The cost of the program is \$40 per child, with a family cap of \$110.

Registration forms are on the table at the back of the church, as well as by the side entrance.

Families can register multiple children on one form.

Completed registrations may be placed into an envelope marked "Totus Tuus Registration" and dropped in the collection basket.

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

## **Wednesday, June 11th**

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

## **Sunday, June 15th**

Father's Day

## **Monday, June 16th**

6:00pm Parish Council Meeting-Rectory

## **Wednesday, June 18th**

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

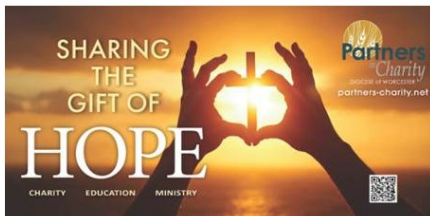
## **Saturday, June 21st**

Sacrament of the Sick after Mass

5:30pm Stuffed Chicken Dinner-Parish Hall

## **Sunday, June 22nd**

Sacrament of the Sick after Both Masses



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

**Total gifts towards our parish goal: \$25,335.00**

(As of 5-30-25)

**Amount needed to reach our parish goal:  
\$7,965.00**

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!

Peace of Bread



**Saint Peter's turn is  
Wednesday, June 25th.**

***We can't do this without you!  
We will need people to help  
serve and prep meals.***

Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church so we have an idea of how many volunteers we will have.

***We are also collecting  
non-perishable food and toiletries items for the  
Peace of Bread food pantry.***

All donations need to be returned to the gathering area in the Church by  
**Sunday, June 22nd.**



**This will be our last dinner before  
Summer starts.  
We hope you can join us!**

**Tickets are now on sale!**

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, June 20th.*

## BASIC LIFE SUPPORT & FIRST AID TRAINING



**Saturday, June 28th**  
**Starting at 8:00am**  
**in the parish hall**  
**\$89 per person**

This class is open to everyone!  
If you need recertification or have never done this before, these are necessary lifesaving skills to have.

### **Training by the American Heart Association:**

In this class you will learn...

- Use of the AED
- Basic First Aid
- Rescue Breathing-Adult, Child and Infant.
  - One Rescuer & Two Rescuer CPR for Adult, Child and Infant.
- Choking-Care for Conscious Victim who is choking and a modification to CPR for an unconscious Victim who is choking.

**Register by Monday, June 23rd**

**Registration must be paid in advance to the start of class reserve your spot.**

**Please make checks payable to "Scott Inglis".**

Please bring a lunch.

To register for the class please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area or contact the parish office.



**Last weeks winners...**

**May 27th: M. Walker**

**May 28th: C. Quaranta**

**May 29th: J. Nealon**

**May 30th: A. Nalwanga**

**May 31st: K. Mancini**

**Congratulations to our winners!**



## Ministry of the Month

### **Music Ministry:**



### **Organist**

**by Jim LeClaire**

From the time I was about 6 years old and heard the organ in church for the first time, I knew I wanted to play one someday. It was so cool to hear all the different sounds one instrument could make.

I grew up in a musical household, and I gravitated to music quickly. I started playing at the age of 13 in my home parish of St. Mark in Sutton. After several years of gaining more experience, I began playing in other parishes in the Worcester diocese, and with God's hand, He led me here to St. Peter's- twice. It's become my second home. I was thrilled to lead the parishioners of both St. Mark and St. Peter's with the organ and piano as they've sung some of my favorite hymns. It's a great joy when I hear the voices raised to God in a well-loved hymn such as *Amazing Grace* or *How Great Thou Art*. I get more excited which leads me to really be full of the spirit and more creative musically with the instrument.

Attending any Mass without music is dead to me. There's no life to it. Even a *capella* singing without the accompaniment of some kind of instrument is better than nothing. So, I strive my best to provide the best possible music to augment your spiritual journey as you experience the Mass each week. Using the gift of music that God gave me is my way of giving back to Him, and to use that gift to enrich your experience. This year marks my 50<sup>th</sup> year as a church musician. I pray God continues to bless me with my hands, feet, heart and soul to put all I have into every note and chord I play for as long as I can.

In honor of God and both parishes, I have recently composed a Mass setting for both parishes:  
Mass for St. Mark's and St. Peter's.

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