

# Saint Peter's Parish



## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the nether-world shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

### 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,  
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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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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

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Northbridge, MA



SATURDAY June 28th

4:30PM **Aimee Bouvier**

by Linda, Charlene, Elaine & Family

SUNDAY June 29th

8:30AM **Fr. John Connell** by Judy & Gary Morvan

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

MONDAY June 30th

8:00AM **Alphege & Ida Losier**

by St. Peter's Parish Family

TUESDAY July 1st

8:00AM **Norman, Doris & Dean Richards**

by the Lavalles

WEDNESDAY July 2nd

8:00AM **Henry Bagley** by the O'Briens

THURSDAY July 3rd

8:00AM **Ruth McHugh 10th Anniv.** by Peter McHugh

SATURDAY July 5th

4:30PM **Richard Menard & Beavregard Menard**

by Donald Menard & Family

SUNDAY July 6th

8:30AM **Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Montville**

by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

11:00AM **Nancy Lussier** by the Lussier Family



Mary Renault, 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.



*The numbers for this week were not available at the time of printing.*

*They will be posted in our next bulletin.*

*Thank you for your patience.*

## Upcoming Collections

### Parish Collection

Music Ministry-July 6th

In Your Time of Need-July 13th

Maintenance Fund- July 20th

### Second Collection

Peter's Pence-June 29th



## Stewardship Reminder

As we embark upon the season of vacations and other wonderful opportunities for travel, please remember that our financial commitments as a parish don't "take a vacation".

To those who provide your financial support through electronic giving weekly or monthly,  
Thank You!

To those who use envelopes or participate in meeting our financial needs in some other fashion, please remember to contribute as you do regularly by anticipating or making up your contributions. Everyone's participation helps keep us on track!



## *A Note From Father Michael*

Dear Friends in Christ,

*The Catholic Bible Dictionary* tells us that the Greek word *apostolos* means "send" and that this implies that "an apostle is one who is sent." This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of St. Peter and Paul, Apostles. This feast seems especially relevant as we belong to St. Peter's Parish!

We know from Holy Scripture that when St. Peter made a confession of faith in Jesus at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus knew that God had chosen him to be the first Pope and declared that upon the rock of St. Peter's faith He would build His Church. Yet, throughout the gospels, we see that Peter was a human being like us all, prone to error, failure and sin. Still, Jesus never changed His mind about Peter. Despite his faults and his fallen humanity, Jesus still chose Him to be the Church's earthly shepherd after His death and Resurrection.

Also from Scripture, we know that St. Paul was formerly Saul, a zealous Jew who persecuted the Church prior to him meeting the Risen Christ on the Damascus Road. This meeting changed his life profoundly and made Paul an apostle. Though he had mistakenly persecuted Christians and was responsible for their deaths prior to his conversion, Jesus saw Paul's potential and entrusted to him a great mission of evangelization after he became Christian. Notably, both St. Peter and St. Paul were successful in their missions, becoming great saints and giving their lives in witness to Christ.

Through our Baptism, we are all *apostolos*, sent by God into the world to courageously spread the Good News of Jesus. May the example of Sts. Peter and Paul inspire and direct us. Let us reflect upon the fact that despite their faults and failings, Jesus used these men to accomplish great things. May this fact give us hope in our attempts to live the Christian life.

*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 any time!



### **Donations needed for the Northbridge Food Pantry!**

The most needed items are:  
Diapers, Baby Wipes  
Shampoo/Conditioner Combos  
Deodorant (both men and ladies)  
Body Wash, Hand Soap/Hand Sanitizer  
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste  
Q-Tips, Disposal Razors, Shaving Cream  
Feminine Hygiene Products

Please place your donations in the gray containers in the gathering area in the back of the Church.  
Thank you for helping our local neighbors!

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 21st-25th  
from 9:00am-3:00pm.**

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

Registration forms are in the gathering area. 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**

## **Saturday, June 28th**

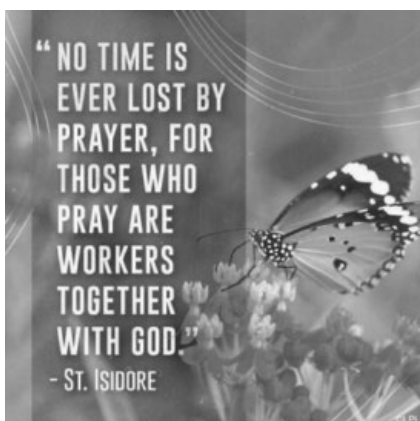
8:00am CPR Class-Parish Hall

## **Sunday, June 29th**

Adoration after the 11:00am Mass

## **Wednesday, July 2nd**

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall



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

**Total gifts towards our parish goal: \$29,835.00**

(As of 6-19-25)

**Amount needed to reach our parish goal:  
\$3,465.00**

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!

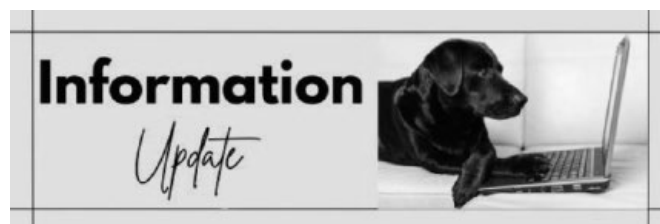


**We are very excited to announce we are starting  
an Prayer Group in our parish!**

This group will pray for  
our parish, parishioners, our community  
and the world.

Members will be contacted soon for our  
first meeting.

If you would like to join,  
please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area  
or contact the parish office.



Have you moved lately ,  
gotten a new email address or phone number?

Are you a registered member of our parish family?  
If not, would you like to be?

Are you receiving our parish emails?

Are you receiving envelopes or  
would like to use electronic giving?

Please contact the parish office to update your  
information or to join our parish family!



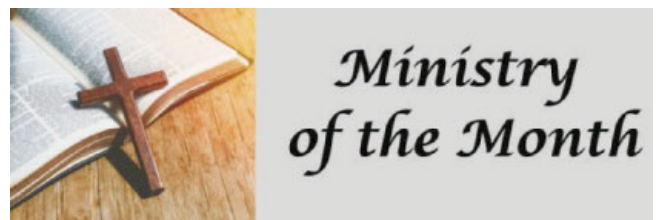
St. Peter's Parish is seeking a creative and energetic **Catechetical Leader** to direct the program serving the young people of the parish in grades pre-school through high school.

This individual will oversee all aspects of the program, including resourcing the catechists, working with them directly during program hours, and meeting with the pastor.

Other pastoral responsibilities may be included depending on the applicant's background, experience, and skills. As this is a small religious education program, this is a part-time position.

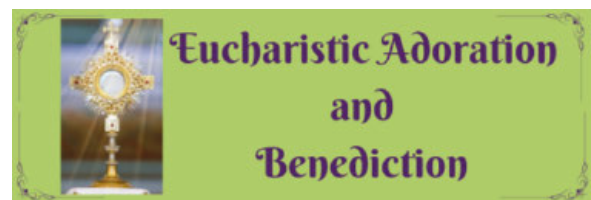
Interested applicants should have some experience in parish religious education.

To apply, please submit a resume and three references from experiences in ministry or from those responsible for your education/formation to: [parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org)



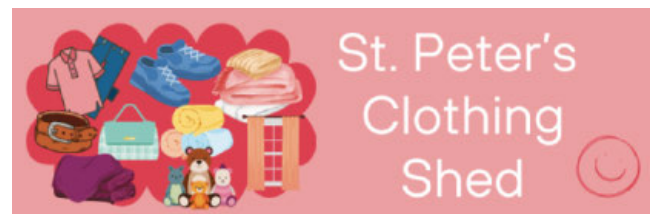
We hope you enjoyed learning about our ministries and the parishioners who are part of them. Hopefully they lit a spark in you or inspired you to join a ministry!

We will be taking the Summer off and will be back in the Fall!



**Sunday, June 29th  
immediately following the 11:00am Mass.**

Join us as we prayerfully spend time with Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, presenting to Him what is in our hearts.



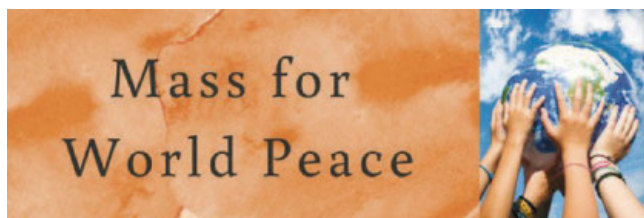
It's the summer and many of us are cleaning out our closets and getting organized.

Don't forget... we have a St. Pauly Textile shed in the back parking lot behind the Church!

This shed is meant to be a collection location for textiles and provides everyone with the opportunity to donate unwanted clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and stuffed toys to a worthy cause.

It is important that used clothing be wearable, and not stained or otherwise damaged. All items should be placed in a plastic bag and no hangers, please.

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



**Join us on Monday, July 7th for a  
Mass for World Peace  
7:00pm in the church.**

We will be praying the Rosary also after Mass.

*"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world,  
and in each of our hearts."  
-Pope Francis-*





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