

Saint Peter's Parish



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
"No one has gone up to
heaven except the one who
has come down from heaven,
the Son of Man." For God
did not send his Son into the
world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be
saved through him.
- Jn 3:13, 17

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

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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
Website: www.stpeterrockdale.org

Christine Fung-A-Fat: Administrative Assistant
George Murray: Business Manager

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please visit our web site with your intentions and
let us pray for you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Joshua King: Religious Education Coordinator
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 September 13th

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

SUNDAY September 14th

8:30AM **The Deceased Members of the
Heney Family** by Ida Haley

11:00AM **Suzanne & Richard Cronin** by Family

MONDAY September 15th

8:00AM **For a Special Intention** by Fr. Michael

TUESDAY September 16th

8:00AM **For People Who Need Prayers**
by a Friend

WEDNESDAY September 17th

8:00AM **Richard & Suzanne Cronin**
by George & Arlene Murray

THURSDAY September 18th

8:00AM **For the Health & Well-Being of
Eva Lavallee** by Mary Army

SATURDAY September 20th

4:30PM **William & Katherine Murray**
by George & Arlene Murray

SUNDAY September 21st

8:30AM **Terry & Leo Hetu** by Judy & Gary Morvan
11:00AM **Shirley Heney** by Debra Leno



Barbara Lavallee, Lisa Saari, Eva Lavallee,
Chris Szerlag, Mary Renault, Terry Gaul, Nancy
Stanovich, James Heney, Gail Arnold, Bill Lavallee,
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.



August 31, 2025

Envelopes Weekly	54	\$ 1,898.00
Electronic Giving	38	2,924.50
Maintenance	4	130.00
Music Ministry	3	15.00
Candles		64.00
Winter Envelopes	1	20.00
Donations		10.00
Hospital Stipend		600.00
Parish Religious Ed		20.00
In Your Time of Need		496.00
(Stays in our parish)		

Total \$ 5,681.50
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Total Weekly Collected: 5,681.50
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00
Year To Date Surplus: \$391.50

September 7, 2025

Envelopes Weekly	60	\$ 4,569.00
Electronic Giving	17	467.50
Maintenance	6	240.00
Music Ministry	31	355.00
Winter Envelopes	3	35.00
Candles		80.00
Donations		10.00
Hall Rental 1-24-26		125.00
Home School Rental		85.00
Home School Sept. Rental		850.00
Annual Catholic School		125.00
Parish Religious Ed		220.00
Chicken Parm 50/50		208.00
Chicken Parm Dinner		2,343.00
In Your Time of Need		482.00
(Stays in our parish)		

Total \$ 9,712.50
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Total Weekly Collected: 9,712.50
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00
Year To Date Surplus: \$4,814.00

Please note: The Year to Date Surplus has
changed, as it is a new fiscal year.

Welcome

**Propagation of The Faith Mission
visiting Sister Chisom Azogu.
on the weekend of September 20th & 21st
at all Masses.**

St. Peter's will warmly welcome
Sister Chisom Asogu, of the
Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy as this year's
Propagation of The Faith Mission visiting speaker.

Sister Chisom will be speaking to us about the
missionary activities of her Religious community.

The Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy Sisters
have established orphanages. The sisters shelter,
feed, clothe, educate, evangelize and protect
these poor and most vulnerable orphans,
motherless babies and some handicapped children
and train them to be self-reliant. They also seek to
have adequate and clean water for most of their
facilities. By the grace of God and through
generous donations, their community has been
able to help many of their vulnerable population.

**There will be a second collection next weekend
September 20th & 21st
to help support their mission in Nigeria .**



It has often been said, "Little children, little problems, big children, big problems." How true! Although little children can be exhausting, parents have a great deal of control over their safety and well-being. When children become adults, parents have to let go of that control.

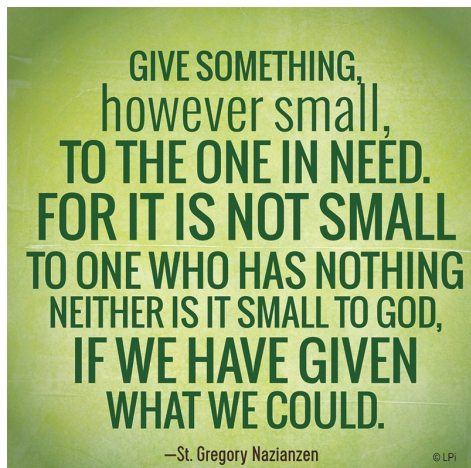
A parent's job often becomes more difficult as their adult children face major decisions – what work to pursue, to marry or not, who to marry, how to raise their own children, whether to continue to practice the faith in which they were raised.

The book *Praying for Our Adult Sons and Daughters*, written by local authors John and Therese Boucher, will be the inspiration for a new group that we will soon be starting at St. Peter's.

Together we will share conversation and prayer for our adult sons and daughters.

If you are interested in joining us, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church and we will be in touch with you.

We look forward to this opportunity to join together in prayer to place our sons and daughters in the heart of God.



**Saturday, September 20th and
Sunday, September 21st
after all Masses.**

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

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collections

Parish Religious Education-September 14th
Maintenance-September 21st

Second Collection

Propagation of Faith- September 20th & 21st



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.

*To request a house blessing,
please call the parish office or
sign up on the sheet in the gathering area.*

Fr. Michael looks forward to seeing you soon as he continues this beautiful tradition of house blessings!



Recently, the name of
"Saint Peter's Bereavement Committee"
was changed to

"Saint Peter's Hospitality Committee"
as those on this committee now assist parish staff in hosting events besides traditional bereavement luncheons. **Currently, we are seeking volunteers for this committee to help us with hosting, clean up and especially baking or donating desserts.** This is an important ministry at Saint Peter's as we seek to live out our parish mission statement which includes being an enthusiastic, welcoming parish.

Interested volunteers are asked to contact Chris, our Administrative Assistant at the parish office.

Calendar of EVENTS

Monday, September 15th

12:30pm Prayer Group-Church

Wednesday, September 17th

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

Saturday, September 20th

Sacrament of the Sick after the 4:30pm Mass
Propagation of Faith Speaker –Sister Chisom Azogu

Sunday, September 21st

Sacrament of the Sick after both Masses
Propagation of Faith Speaker - Sister Chisom Azogu

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Saturday, September 27th

**St. Joseph School
47 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570**

**For more information and to register please go
their web site: wcwconference.com**

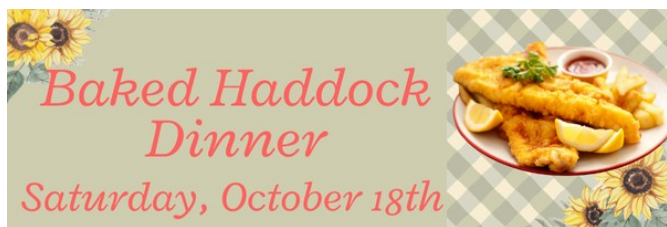


The 2026 Mass book is now open.

To ensure that all parishioners have the opportunity to book a Mass at 4:30 pm on Saturdays, we ask that each parishioner book no more than 4 Masses at 4:30 pm per calendar year.

Sunday and daily Masses do not have a limit on number of Masses requested.

Thank you for your understanding.



Tickets will be on sale soon!

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, October 17th.



Parent & Student Meetings Sunday, September 21st

Religious education classes start soon!

Our first meeting of the semester will be our **Parent & Student Meeting**, which will take place on September 21st in the parish hall. If your child is enrolled in religious education, we ask that you attend this meeting so that we can go over the program and address any questions that you might have. The meeting times are as follows:

If your child is in grades 2-4,
the meeting will take place at **10:00 AM.**

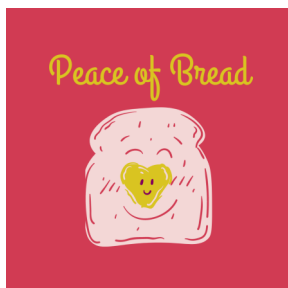
If your child is in grades 5-10,
the meeting will take place at **6:30 PM.**

If your child is preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, the meeting will take place at **5:15 PM.**

For students enrolled in the Catechism of the Good Shepherd (grades PreK-1), the Parent & Student meeting will take place on October 5th at 10:00am.

Please bring your registration forms and payment to the meeting, if you have not already sent it in.

If you have any questions, please email Joshua King at religioused@stpeterrockdale.org.



**Saint Peter's turn is
Wednesday,
September 24th.**

**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, September 21st.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

