

Saint Peter's Parish



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?

Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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

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Rev. Mr. John McManamon, Deacon
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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

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Christine Fung-A-Fat: Administrative Assistant
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Joshua King: Religious Education Coordinator

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 October 18th

4:30PM **Jimmy Veglia & Eva Giambusso** by Family

SUNDAY October 19th

8:30AM **David Bergin** by Jim LeClaire

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

MONDAY October 20th

8:00AM **Joe Stanovich** by the Lavalles

TUESDAY October 21st

8:00AM **Theresa & Reginald Ouillette**
by Michael & Tammi

WEDNESDAY October 22nd

8:00AM **Leona Dona** by Rhonda Lavallee

THURSDAY October 23rd

8:00AM **Jim Winski** by Carolyn

SATURDAY October 25th

4:30PM **Andy Williamson** by Family

SUNDAY October 26th

8:30AM **Norman Armstrong**
by Pauline Malinowski

11:00AM **Michael Sliwoski** by David Gautreau

6:30PM **Normand & Barbara Lavallee**
by Fr. Michael



Chris Szerlag, Mary Renault, Terry Gaul,
Nancy Stanovich, 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.

*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 Collections

Winter Expense

Second Collection

World Mission Sunday-October 19th

Information

Update



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

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

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!



A Note From Father Michael

This Sunday's Gospel contains the Parable of The Persistent Widow which gives us some of Jesus' most important instructions on prayer. In the parable, a pesky widow keeps bothering an irreligious and unscrupulous judge for a just decision in a legal case. He puts her off, time and again, but eventually gives her a just decision due to her persistence. Through the parable, Jesus tells us that He wants us to persevere in prayer. This is because if an irreligious and unscrupulous judge can render a just judgment for a petitioner, so much more will God, who loves us and wants our best,
respond to our prayers in power.

It is often difficult to persevere in prayer because of the temptation to give up, as God may appear to not be responding to our prayer. Yet, Jesus implies in The Parable of The Persistent Widow that this is just a temptation. God only appears to not be responding to prayer. In reality, He is responding and is very aware of our needs. The Parable of The Persistent Widow suggests that God wants us to pray perseveringly so that this may expand within us a desire and capacity for prayer and give us a deeper need for relationship with God. Jesus is clear that our perseverance will yield for us God's loving response.

Suffering often can discourage us from prayer because we wonder how God can allow bad things to happen to us. Suffering can strain our friendship with God, even as we know that Jesus, God's Beloved Son, suffered greatly and died for our sake. Even Jesus and Mary, two sinless human beings, were not prevented by God from suffering! This truth reminds us that suffering, in all its forms, is part of the human condition.

Perhaps there is a need we have which we have been praying about a long time. Maybe we are frustrated praying for someone who seems closed to the gift of faith. Maybe we wonder whether God is hearing our prayer at all. Yet, Jesus' words to us are clear...keep praying and trusting that God is hearing and will respond.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



**Join us on Tuesday, October 21st, 7:00pm
in the parish hall for our first meeting.
Everyone is welcome to join!**

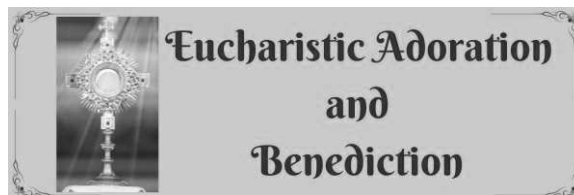
It has often been said, "Little children, little problems, big children, big problems." How true! Although little children can be exhausting, parents have a great deal of control over their safety and well-being. When children become adults, parents have to let go of that control.

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.

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



**Sunday, October 26th
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.

Saint Peter's Parish Holiday Fair

***Our Parish Holiday Fair will be held this year on
Saturday, November 1st, from 9:00am-3:00pm.***

Our Holiday Fair is quickly approaching!
To make this a successful Holiday Fair
we need your help!

We are in need new items and gift cards for the
Raffle Table and Silent Auction and donations of
Gift Baskets for our Gift Basket Raffle Table.

**The last day you may bring in your items is on
Saturday, October 25th
from 9:00am-1:00pm
to the parish hall.**

We will be having the baked goods table and will
need donations of your favorite treats!

**Please bring your prepackaged baked goods on
Thursday, October 30th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm
or Friday, October, 31st from 9:00am to 3:00pm
to the parish hall.**

The Grand Raffle and Quilt Raffle tickets have
been mailed out to all families. You may send
them in anytime to the parish office by putting
them in the collection basket, dropping them off
at the parish office or bringing them in on the
day of the Holiday Fair.

**Our Holiday Fair is one of our biggest
fundraisers of the year!**

***We need volunteers to help set up on Friday
and especially on the day of the Holiday Fair.***

***Even if you can help half of the day on Saturday,
please come and help.***

***Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area
to let us know you are volunteering.***

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, October 18th

9:00-1:00pm Holiday Fair Drop Off-Parish Hall
Sacrament of the Sick after the 4:30pm Mass
5:30pm Baked Haddock Dinner-Parish Hall

Sunday, October 19th

Sacrament of the Sick after Both Masses
6:30pm Religious Ed-Parish Hall

Monday, October 20th

6:30pm Prayer Group-Church

Tuesday, October 21st

7:00pm Praying for our Sons & Daughters-Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 22nd

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall



**Saturday, October 25th
Registration begins at
8:30am.
Walk starts at 9:00am.**

St. Peter's Parish, along with other teams from the
Northbridge Association of Churches,
will be participating in the local
Christian World Services Crop Walk.

The walk will happen rain or shine. It starts at the
Village Congregational Church in
Whitinsville and the route is 3 miles to the
Uxbridge common.

Jill Patnode will be leading the St. Peter's team
and is looking for walkers to form a team.

***If you would like to walk, please sign up on the
sheet in the gathering area.***

***We are also looking for donations and have a
container in the gathering area if you would like to
donate or use the QR Code below.***

Please contact
Jill Patnode
with any questions at
508-887-6915 or
jpatnodekrause@yahoo.com

Thank you again for your
support!





**Saint Peter's is having
Holiday Cash Calendar Raffle this December!**

Tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners.

A winner will be drawn every day in December 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, on our web site,
and will be at our Holiday Fair.



Grades 2nd-10th

Sunday, October 19th 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, October 26th 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, November 2nd 6:30pm-7:30pm

Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 26th 5:15pm-6:15pm

Sunday, November 16th 5:15pm-6:15pm

***Our Religious Education Masses are back!
Join us for our first Mass of the year on
Sunday, October 26th 6:30pm
Everyone is welcome!***

If you have any questions or would like to register,
please email

Joshua King at religiously@stpeterrockdale.org.



**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!



**Saturday, October 18th and
Sunday, October 19th
after all Masses.**

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

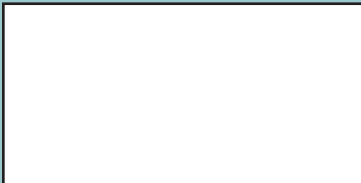
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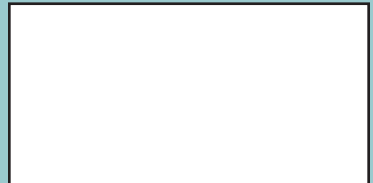
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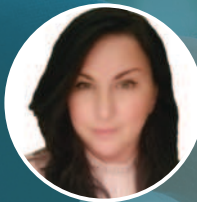
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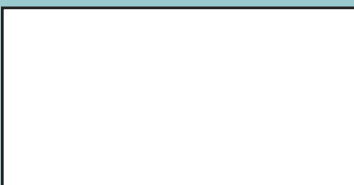
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