

Saint Peter's Parish



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 am
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am
Rosary 7:35 am

New to our parish family
and would like to join?
Please contact the parish office.

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,
Peter Sabourin,
Thomas Heney,
Jeff Roy, Kim Poudrier,
Mary Sheehan

Rev. Michael Lavallee, Pastor
Rev. Mr. John McManamon, Deacon

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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Joshua King: Religious Education Coordinator

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr. Michael Lavallee, Deacon John McManamon,
Barbara Ramian, Chris Hall, Christine Fung-A-Fat
Louise Forget, Joshua King

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm
Anytime by request.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

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.



SATURDAY January 10th

4:30PM **Bea Sabourin** by the Patnode Family

SUNDAY January 11th

8:30AM **Barbara Lavallee** by Judy & Gary Morvan

11:00AM **Frank Szerlag 11th Anniv.**

by his wife Lynette

MONDAY January 12th

8:00AM **Barbara LaMountain**

by Susan & John Letscher

TUESDAY January 13th

8:00AM **For the Deceased in Need of Prayers**

by a Friend

WEDNESDAY January 14th

8:00AM **Leo & Mark Jo McCann & Terry Morris**

by Mary Eisner

THURSDAY January 15th

8:00AM **Fr. Michael Sheridan** by the Dupre Family

SATURDAY January 17th

4:30PM **Emmanuel & Alexandrina Lussier**

by David Gautreau

SUNDAY January 18th

8:30AM **Paul & Helen Rosborough**

by Judy & Gary Morvan

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



Joseph Avolese, 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, Jeanne Weldon,
Logan Bernard Rich, Robin Warwick,
Charles Giambusso, Rhonda Lavallee
and all those in our parish book of prayers.

December 24 & 25, 2025

Weekly Envelopes	7	\$ 110.00
Donations		255.00
Christmas Flowers		40.00
Christmas		2,407.00
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Total		\$ 2,812.00

December 28, 2025

Weekly Envelopes	39	\$ 990.00
Electronic Giving	17	467.50
Maintenance	7	210.00
Music Ministry	2	20.00
Winter Envelopes	5	95.00
Candles		54.00
Donations		321.00
Christmas Flowers		5.00
Christmas Offering		320.00
Solemnity of Mary		35.00
Memorial Donation		100.00
Luminaries		560.00
In Your Time of Need		13.00
(Stays in Our Parish)		
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Total		\$ 3,177.50

Total Weekly Collected: \$ 3,177.50

Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00

Year To Date Surplus: \$ 17,881.24



A Note From Father Michael

The Baptism of The Lord, which we celebrate this Sunday, marks the end of the Christmas Season. When Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist at the River Jordan, the years of His childhood and hidden life at Nazareth completed and He began His public ministry.

In St. Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism, in this Sunday's gospel, God speaks clearly about Jesus' identity, telling us Jesus is His "beloved Son, with whom He is "well pleased."

When Jesus was baptized, He did not receive a Sacrament. At that time, Jesus had yet to establish the seven Sacraments of the Church and the baptism St. John offered Him was symbolic of repentance. Jesus, being sinless, had no reason to repent, but His baptism showed that He willingly numbered Himself among sinful humanity whom He had come to save.

Jesus' baptism reminds us of the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and how it makes us beloved sons and daughters of God. When Jesus created Baptism, He filled it with grace, giving it power to cleanse us from original and personal sin, make us members of the Church and give us the promise of eternal life. When Jesus was baptized, He left us an example to follow as we seek to grow in our friendship with God.

Baptism is about becoming a beloved child of God and knowing God's personal love as Our Father. When Jesus taught us to pray, He gave us the Lord's Prayer to teach us that God is our Father who loves us and wants us to depend upon Him, in trust, for all of our needs. The Church rejoices each time she celebrates Baptism for one of its new members. Each of the Baptized make up the living stones that build the Church. This reminds us that the Church is a dynamic, living reality with the Holy Spirit as it's Soul and guide.

In this new year 2026, let's more charitably encourage Baptism for our young family members as well as for children, teens and adults who have not received this Sacrament so that they may know the joy of the Christian faith and the promise of eternal life.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collections

Winter Expense
In Your Time of Need-January 11th
Maintenance

January 4, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	52	\$ 1,485.00
Electronic Giving	38	2,924.50
Maintenance	6	60.00
Music Ministry	26	269.00
Winter Envelopes	10	167.00
Candles		74.00
Donations		677.00
Christmas Offering		5.00
Solemnity of Mary		364.00
Fairbanks Basketball		125.00
Hall Rental		100.00
In Your Time of Need		52.00
<small>(Stays in Our Parish)</small>		
Catholic University		177.00
<small>(Does Not Stay in Our Parish)</small>		
Total		\$ 6,427.50

Total Weekly Collected: \$ 6,427.50

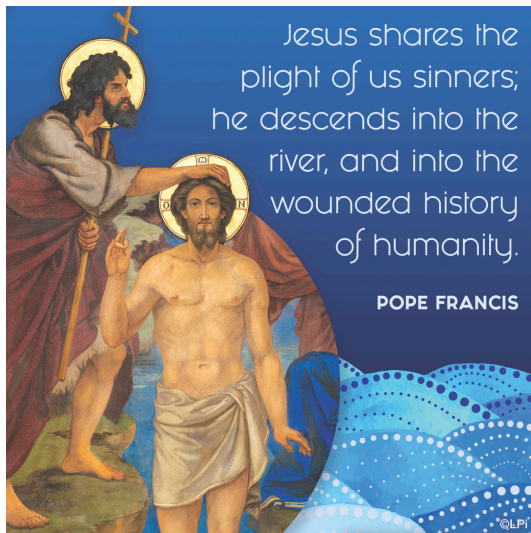
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00

Year To Date Surplus: \$ 19,018.74



Our final winners ...
December 29th: J. Vincent
December 30th: D. Menard
December 31st: H. Rajotte

Congratulations to all of our winners during the month of December!



**Join us 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.

If you are new to bible study or haven't been in a while, you are welcome to join at anytime.

**If you would like to join us on Zoom,
please contact the parish office.**

Calendar of **E****V****E****N****T****S**

Sunday, January 10th

5:30pm Chicken Florentine Dinner-Parish Hall

Monday, January 12th

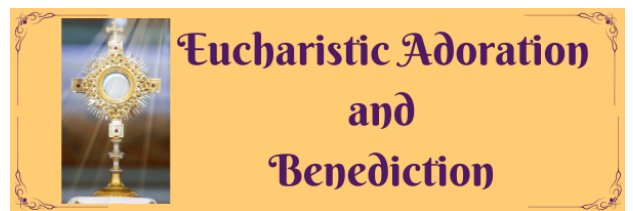
12:30pm Prayer Group-Church

Tuesday, January 13th

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting-Rectory

Wednesday, January 14th

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall



Sunday, January 25th

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.



Our Prayer Group prays for our parish, parishioners, our community, the world and all prayer requests.

Have a prayer request...
please submit it in the prayer box located in the back of the church or on our web site.

New members are always welcome!
If you would like to join our Prayer Group, please contact the parish office for more information.



**Join us for our next meeting on
Tuesday, January 20th
6:30-7:30pm in the parish hall.
(Please note new start time.)**

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.

Everyone is welcome!



Welcome David Guertin, our Deacon Intern!
If you did not have a chance to meet David or
his wife Julie last week, please say "Hello" to him
after Mass. David is in preparation for the
permanent diaconate and we are happy to have
him learning with us through his internship.

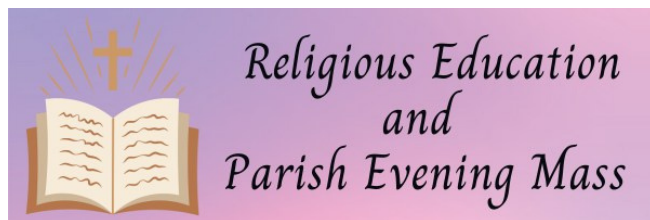


Grades 2nd-10th

Sunday, January 11th 6:30pm-7:30pm
Sunday, January 18th - No Classes
Sunday, January 25th 6:30pm-7:30pm
Sunday, February 1st 6:30pm-7:30pm

Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 25th 5:15pm-6:15pm



**Join us for our next
Religious Ed/Parish Evening Mass
Sunday, January 25th at 6:30pm.
Everyone is welcome!**



The 2026 Mass Intentions book
has Masses open.

Donations for all Masses are \$10.00.

If you would like a Mass to pray for the
repose of the soul of a loved one,
please contact the parish office.