

Saint Peter's Parish



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

Parish Office: 508-234-2156

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Northbridge, MA 01534

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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,
Patrick McManamon
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 24th

4:30PM **Ralph Porzio** by Rose Boulanger

SUNDAY January 25th

8:30AM **Bea Sabourin** by Judy & Gary Morvan

11:00AM **Beverly Marmorstein** by Friends

6:30PM **Deceased Parishioners of St. Peter's Parish**

MONDAY January 26th

8:00AM **Renee & Doris Hebert** by Fr. Michael

TUESDAY January 27th

8:00AM **Chester & Mary Chase** by the Lavalles

WEDNESDAY January 28th

8:00AM **Marion & Anthony Clark** by Fr. Michael

THURSDAY January 29th

8:00AM **Jeanne Lavallee** by Fr. Michael

SATURDAY January 31st

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

SUNDAY February 1st

8:30AM **Joffre P. Lavallee Sr.** by his Loving Family

11:00AM **Lorraine Bisner** by Rose Boulanger



Larry Hall, 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.

January 18, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	44	\$ 1,262.00
Electronic Giving	17	467.50
Maintenance	17	195.00
Music Ministry	4	65.00
Winter Envelopes	8	165.00
Candles		65.00
Donations		2,630.00
Fairbanks Basketball		125.00
Chicken Florentine Dinner		1,842.00
Chicken Dinner 50/50		243.00
In Your Time of Need		98.00
<small>(Stays in Our Parish)</small>		
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Total		\$ 7,059.50

Total Weekly Collected: \$ 7,059.50
 Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00
 Year To Date Surplus: \$ 20,012.74



Parish Collections

Winter Expense
 Maintenance
 Music Ministry-February 1st

Second Collection

Catholic Home Missions-February 1st



A Note From Father Michael

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Prophet Isaiah tells us that Christ is the "great light" that frees us from darkness. In these cold, dreary days of Winter, the Prophet's words seem especially relevant!

Why does Scripture tell us that Jesus is "light"? In order to understand this we have to consider the properties of light which we experience each day.

First, light allows us to be able to see. In the pitch darkness, we are blind, disoriented and in danger of harming ourselves by hitting unseen objects. Jesus is our Light because faith in Him allows us to perceive the world with clarity and hope. In Jesus we are safe from harm.

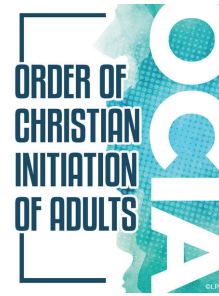
Second, light is brilliant and warm, piercing our awareness with striking power. Jesus is our Light because He comforts us with His presence, giving us His grace to overcome obstacles and strength to fight against temptation and sin.

Third, light contrasts dramatically with dark to bring dramatic beauty to the world. Jesus is our Light because He shines His love into the dark places in our lives and brings us hope. He shows us that while there is sorrow and pain in human life there is also joy, peace and goodness.

Fourth, forms of light give us the ability to heal, to perform technical tasks, to operate electronic equipment and to sanitize surfaces. Jesus is our Light because His love and grace heal us, inspire us, cleanse us and make our lives work with purpose and direction.

As this New Year begins, may Jesus, The Light of The World, give us new hope and comfort.

*In Christ,
Fr. Michael*



This Sunday at the Religious Ed/ Parish Evening Mass Luke Warren will be participating in the Rite of Acceptance.

Luke is a student at St. Johns High School and will receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Luke in your prayers as he prepares for his journey of faith.



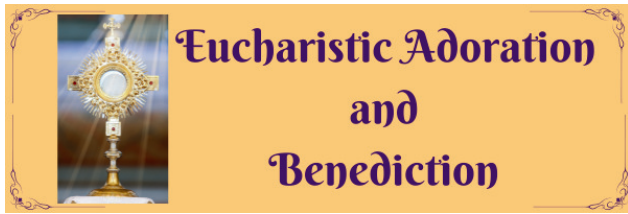
It's a new year and many of us are cleaning out our closets and getting organized.

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 local residents 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.



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.



The winter season is upon us and that requires plowing to clear the parking areas and spreading ice melt to insure that no one falls on the slippery walks. Unfortunately, the cost of diesel fuel and salt has increased significantly over the last years. We have tried to adjust the budget to cover these added expenses but no one can predict what the weather will deliver. Even a mild season will easily exceed our budget.

Thank you for your continued help in supporting the monthly collection for Winter Expenses in our parish!



Saturday, January 31st and
Sunday, February 1st
after all Masses.

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

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

Sunday, January 25th

Adoration & Benediction after the 11:00am Mass

Monday, January 26th

6:30pm Prayer Group-Church

Wednesday, January 28th

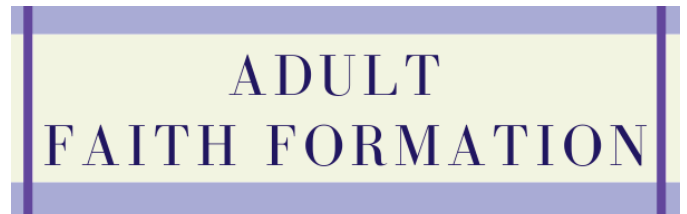
7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

Saturday, January 31st

Sacrament of the Sick after Mass
Blessing of the Throats after Mass

Sunday, February 1st

Sacrament of the Sick after both Masses
Blessing of the Throats after both Masses
9:30am-In Your Time of Need Meeting-Rectory



Tuesday, February 3rd
7:00pm in the parish hall.

Come and explore the New Testament, through teaching, conversation and hands on learning once a month.

Everyone is welcome!



Tax Contribution Statement
It's that time of year!

If you would like a copy of your 2025 Contribution Statement please contact the parish office to request it.

Email: parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org
or call 508-234-2156



Blessing of the Throats

In Honor of the Feast of Saint Blaise

Join us the weekend of
January 31st and February 1st
after all Masses
for the Blessing of the Throats
in Honor of the Feast of Saint Blaise.



Our Lady of the Valley Regional School Open House on

**Sunday, January 25th from
12:00pm until 2:00pm
Phone: 508-278-5851**

Our Lady of the Valley is an outstanding, faith based elementary school and middle school academy educating students in grades PreK3 through 8th.

Located at 75 Mendon Street in Uxbridge, Our Lady of the Valley is a growing Catholic school featuring new and improved facilities, outstanding academic, athletic and artistic programs and an atmosphere of excellence firmly rooted in Catholic tradition and aspiring to peace, love and justice.

At our school, every student learns that they are:
Loved at home. Loved at school. Loved by God.

All interested students and families are welcome on January 25th to tour our school buildings, to meet our faculty and students and to learn more about our wonderful school community.

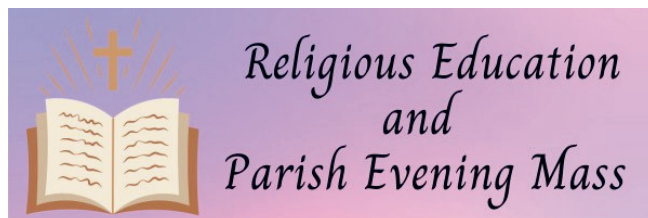


Grades 2nd-10th

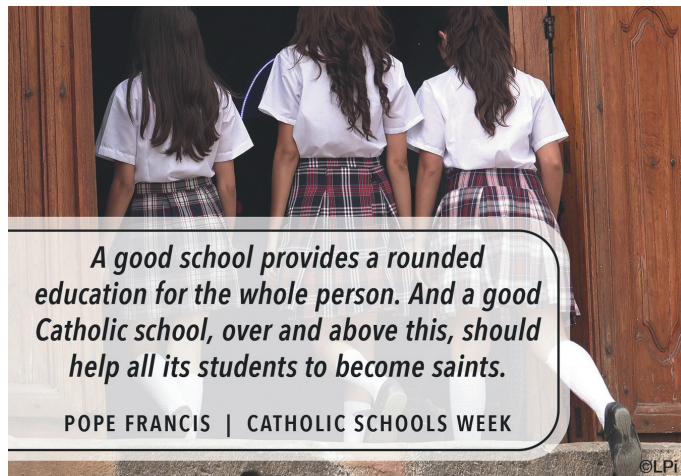
Sunday, January 25th 6:30pm-7:30pm
Sunday, February 1st 6:30pm-7:30pm
Sunday, February 8th - No Classes
Sunday, February 15th - No Classes
Sunday, February 22nd - No Classes

Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 25th 5:15pm-6:15pm
Sunday, February 1st 5:15pm-6:15pm



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



A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

POPE FRANCIS | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK