

# Saint Peter's Parish



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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

39 Church Avenue, PO Box 446  
Northbridge, MA 01534

Email: [Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:Parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org)

Website: [www.stpeterrockdale.org](http://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

### OFFICE OF HEALING AND PREVENTION

### 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,  
George Murray,  
Bob Dziekiewicz,  
Patrick McManamon  
James Archibald-ex officio

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Alice Bucca, Chris Harris,  
Jim LeClaire, Maria Cotoia

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 March 21st

4:30PM **Jeannie Patnode** by Elaine Nowlan & Family

SUNDAY March 22nd-5th Sunday of Lent

8:30AM **Mrs. Elinor Leland** by Mr. & Mrs. John Brouillard

11:00AM **Annette Courteau** by her Children

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

MONDAY March 23rd

8:00AM **William Carey** by Jim & Margie O'Brien

TUESDAY March 24th

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

WEDNESDAY March 25th

8:00AM **Rose Boulanger** by the Lavalles

THURSDAY March 26th

8:00AM **For the Intentions of S. Tippit & Family**  
by Theresa Topalian

SATURDAY March 28th

4:30PM **Edward Nowlan** by Elaine & Family

SUNDAY March 29th-Palm Sunday

8:30AM **Donna Lavallee** by Bill Lavallee & Family

11:00AM **Shirley Heney** by Rose Boulanger



Marilyn Gaudette, Larry Hall, Joseph Avolese,  
Terry Gaul, Nancy Stanovich, Bill Lavallee,  
Alice Bucca, Carole Neville, Lois Menard,  
Elaine Nowlan, Christine Brouillard, John Letscher,  
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.

**March 15, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes	49	\$	985.00
Electronic Giving	17		467.50
Maintenance	6		70.00
Music Ministry	4		50.00
Winter Envelopes	13		215.00
Candles			83.00
Donation			717.00
Easter Flowers			219.00
Easter Offering			25.00
Memorial Donation			25.00
Monday AA			90.00
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Total		\$	2,946.50

In Your Time of Need 51.00  
(Stays in Our Parish)

Total Weekly Collected: \$ 2,946.50  
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00  
Year To Date Surplus: \$ 24,927.97



**Parish Collections**

In Your Time of Need-March 22nd  
Easter Offering-April 5th

**Special Collection**

Good Friday Collection-April 3rd

**Second Collection**

Catholic Relief Services - March 22nd



## *A Note From Father Michael*

This Sunday's Gospel is perhaps one of the most important in the whole New Testament. This is because we can learn so much about what it means to follow Jesus if we read and listen to it carefully.

Martha, Mary and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus whom he'd come to know through His ministry. Besides being Jesus' friends, they also were some of the earliest Christian disciples. Their Christian faith was shown when Martha and Mary requested that Jesus come to them when Lazarus became very sick. They believed that Jesus could heal Lazarus and restore him to health.

When Jesus came to Bethany, the town where Martha, Mary and Lazarus lived, Jesus showed the importance of His friendship with them when He wept at Lazarus' tomb. Despite Martha's sorrow and disappointment over losing her brother, Jesus called her to faith, declaring solemnly to her that He was the "Resurrection and The Life." Though Martha struggled with her grief, she demonstrated faith in Jesus by responding to Him that she did believe in Him. This faith was to soon bring her to perhaps the most profound moment of her life as she witnessed Jesus raise her dead brother to life four days after his burial. Before Jesus did this, He prayed to God and then called Lazarus forth from his burial cave by name, commanding him to come out.

Jesus called Lazarus by name while he was still dead. In death, Lazarus heard and recognized Jesus' voice and followed that voice. Jesus had come to know Lazarus by name through His friendship with him during Lazarus' lifetime. This turn of events shows us that Lazarus' friendship with Jesus allowed him to survive death. In faith, Lazarus had established friendship with Jesus during his lifetime, and this same friendship still existed, in a glorified form, after he died. When Jesus raised Lazarus from death, it was because of the friendship they already had.

Our human friendships teach us how we can have friendship with Jesus in faith. Friendships require communication, time spent together, shared activities, trust, mutual concern and effort. All these things we must also put into our friendship with Jesus. When we focus on trying to improve our friendship with Jesus, we are really preparing ourselves for eternal life.

As Holy Week approaches, let us prayerfully think about deepening our friendship with Christ.

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael*

## **Follow Me: Glorifying God in Our Life & Our Death**



Join us for this workshop series to learn how to start planning for life's important decisions.

*Starting at 6:30pm in the parish hall.*

### **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Praying for our Deceased Loved Ones:  
Planning the Wake, Funeral and Burial

#### Guest Speakers:

Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone  
Gerry Jackman-Jackman Funeral Home

### **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Life:  
Estate Planning is for Everyone and  
Planning a Legacy Guided by Faith

#### Guest Speakers:

Tom Wickstrom-Wickstrom Morse  
Tina Marie Anderson-Worcester Diocese

### **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mass of Remembrance and  
Questions and Answers in the Church.

***All are welcome and encouraged to attend.***

***Please register for one or all of these  
workshops by contacting the parish office or  
signing up on the sheets in the gathering area.***



***Tickets will be on sale next weekend at all Masses.***

Tickets are \$17 per person.

All meals must be purchased in advance by  
Tuesday, April 14th.

*"Pay it Forward"*

Buy an extra dinner and we will deliver it to  
someone in need in our local community!



**There are still a fair amount of cards remaining for parishioners to take.**

**The family tags are located in the back of the church.**

**Completed baskets need to be returned on Sunday, March 29th between 9:30am and 11:00am to the Parish Hall.**

**Please make sure to attach the family tag to your basket.**

*Can't do a basket?*

We are also accepting gift cards to local grocery stores to add to the baskets.  
(Walmart/Shaws)



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

Tickets have been mailed out to all parishioners and we are already getting them back!

A winner will be drawn every day in May and the winners will be reentered for even more chances to win!

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.

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

**Sunday, March 22nd**

9:45-10:30am Easter Confessions  
5:00pm Religious Ed Parent Meeting-Parish Hall

**Monday, March 23rd**

6:30pm Prayer Group-Church

**Tuesday, March 24th**

6:30pm Follow Me: Glorifying God-Parish Hall

**Wednesday, March 25th**

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

**Friday, March 27th**

6:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

**Saint Peter's turn is Wednesday, April 1st.**

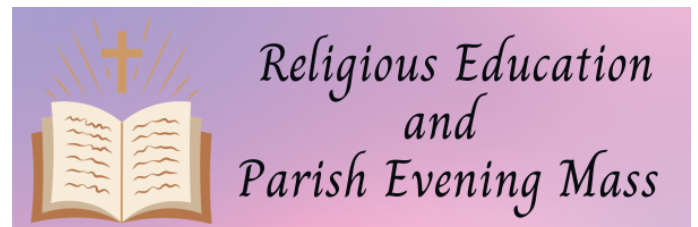


**We can't do this without you!  
We will need people to help serve and prep meals.**

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, March 29th.**



**Join us for our next Religious Ed/Parish Evening Mass Sunday, March 22nd at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!**



## Lenten Schedule

### Stations of the Cross with Weekly Reflection

Fridays 6:30pm  
thru March 27th in the church.

**On Fridays after the Stations of the Cross,**  
join Deacon John as he will give a reflection on  
Blessed Catherine Emmerich's  
visions of the Lord's Passion.  
Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Join Deacon Intern David Guertin on  
Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> for the Divine Mercy Stations  
and a brief reflection.

### Easter Confessions

Sunday, March 22nd  
9:45am-10:30am in the church.

### Tenebrae Service

Sunday, March 29th  
7:00pm in the church.

### Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper

Thursday, April 2nd  
7:00pm

### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3rd  
7:00pm

### Easter Vigil The Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday, April 4th  
7:30pm

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5th  
Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am



### Grades 2nd-10th

Sunday, March 22nd - 6:30-7:30pm  
Sunday, March 29th - 6:30-7:30pm

### Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 12th 5:15pm-6:15pm



## Religious Ed Parent/ Guardian Meeting

Attention all parents and guardians  
of children in grades Pre-K to 11th!

**Please join us at 5:00pm on Sunday, March 22nd,  
for a meeting with our  
Religious Education Coordinator, Joshua King.**

We seek your input as we plan the future of the  
religious education program, next year and beyond.

*All parents and guardians are welcome, regardless of  
whether your child is currently enrolled in the program.*



## Prayer Service for Peace in the World

Join us on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm  
for a Prayer Service for  
Peace in Our World in the Church.

The Prayer Service will include a Liturgy of the Word,  
a homily and Eucharistic Adoration.