

Saint Peter's Parish



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
- Lk 24:33-34

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

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 website 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,
Nancy Dupre,
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 April 18th

4:30PM **Jeannine Murray** by Melinda Dube

SUNDAY April 19th

8:30AM **Robert Adams & Alex Steel** by Family

11:00AM **Jeff Thibeault** by the Paine Family

MONDAY April 20th

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

TUESDAY April 21st

8:00AM **Jeff Thibeault** by the Lavalles

WEDNESDAY April 22nd

8:00AM **Frederick E. Papke** by St. Peter's Parish Family

THURSDAY April 23rd

8:00AM **Officer Steve LaPorta** by Phil Dunlavey

SATURDAY April 25th

4:30PM **Andy Williamson 10yr Anniv. & Lorraine Williamson 9yr Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY April 26th

8:30AM **Lucien & Helen Lavallee**
by Claire & Jeannette Lavallee

11:00AM **Jeff Thibeault** by his Wife & Family



Jack Greene, Raymond Avolese, Marilyn Gaudette, Larry Hall, 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.



April 12, 2026

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| Weekly Envelopes | 65 | \$ | 1,781.00 |
| Electronic Giving | 17 | | 467.50 |
| Maintenance | 15 | | 210.00 |
| Music Ministry | 15 | | 232.00 |
| Winter Envelopes | 2 | | 30.00 |
| Candles | | | 34.00 |
| Donations | | | 268.00 |
| Fairbanks Basketball | | | 125.00 |
| Home School Rental | | | 85.00 |
| Hospital Stipend | | | 700.00 |
| Day of Reflection Remb. | | | 117.19 |
| Wednesday AA | | | 30.00 |
| Easter Offering | | | 20.00 |
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| Total | | \$ | 3,449.19 |

In Your Time of Need 125.00
(Stays in Our Parish)

Total Weekly Collected: \$ 3,449.19
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00
Year To Date Surplus: \$ 30,092.64



Parish Collection
Maintenance Fund



A Note From Father Michael

The gospel which we will hear proclaimed this Sunday, Luke 24:13-35, is one of the most significant for us as we seek to understand our Catholic Faith. A careful study of this gospel helps us to understand the Church's teaching on the Holy Eucharist and how this Sacrament is an integral part of our Christian lives. In Luke 24:13-35, "downcast" disciples of Jesus leave Jerusalem, struggling to deal with the sorrowful events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. All seems confusing and bewildering to them. Perhaps, they reasoned, that by leaving Jerusalem behind they would best resume their former way of life. What else could they do?

And then, a mysterious stranger drew near to them, initiating a dialogue and listening attentively to their broken hearts speak. Their grim conversation suddenly changed as the stranger called them to faith and encouraged them to believe in what Scripture told them about Jesus. Because the disciples began to feel hope again, they wanted to talk more with the stranger. This is why they invited them in to where they were staying.

Then, as the stranger celebrated Mass for the disciples, His true identity was revealed! He was Jesus, newly risen from the dead and showing them His love through sacramental signs. As they recognized Him, **He vanished but was not gone.** Upon the table He had celebrated Mass upon, Jesus remained, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus' 'vanishing' was to teach them that although they were used to seeing Him in bodily form, the new way He would be present to them would be through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist He had instructed them to celebrate for God's people as the first priests of the Church.

The Emmaus Gospel challenges us to reflect upon our Eucharistic faith. **How strongly are we convicted of Jesus' True Presence in Holy Communion?** Our study of Luke 24:13-35 teaches us that the Church's belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist is grounded in Scripture and has been part of Catholic doctrine since Jesus founded the Church over 2,000 years ago.

In Christ, Fr. Michael



**Join us for our next meeting on
Tuesday, April 21st
6:30-7:30pm in the parish hall.**

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!

**GIFT BASKET
RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**
Win Amazing Prizes & Support a Great Cause!

Saturday, May 9, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

39 Church Avenue,
Northbridge, MA

RAFFLE HIGHLIGHTS

- Themed Gift Baskets Galore!
- Home, Beauty, Food & More!
- Fantastic **DOOR PRIZES!**

HOW IT WORKS

**PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS AND
ENTER THEM INTO THE GIFT BASKET
DRAWINGS OF YOUR CHOICE**

***WINNING TICKETS ARE DRAWN AT 1PM**

*Do not need to be present to win

FUN FOR ALL!
Bring Your Friends & Family!
♦ Don't Miss your Chance to **Win Big!** ♦

The John Cardinal Wright Assembly
Knights of Columbus
is having a
Gift Basket Raffle Fundraiser
Saturday, May 9th
9:00am-1:00pm
at St. Peter's Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome!



**Get your tickets in!
Our May Cash Calendar Raffle will be starting soon!**

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.

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| Italian Chicken Dinner | |
| Saturday, May 16th | |

Tickets will be on sale starting next weekend!

Tickets are \$17 per person.
All meals must be purchased in advance by Tuesday, May 12th.

“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!

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

Saturday, April 18th

5:30pm Baked Haddock Dinner-Parish Hall

Sunday, April 19th

Eucharistic Adoration after the 11:00am Mass

Monday, April 20th

6:30pm Prayer Group -Church
6:30pm Adult Faith Formation-Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 21st

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

Saturday, April 25th

Sacrament of the Sick After Mass

Sunday, April 19th

Sacrament of the Sick After Both Masses

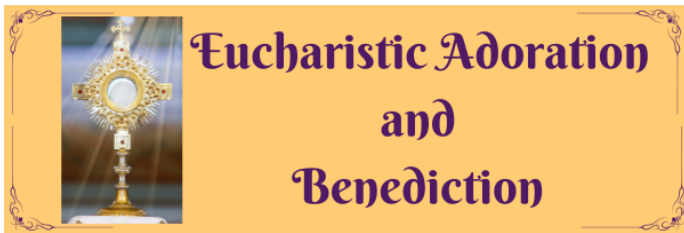


Donations are needed for the Northbridge Food Pantry!

- The most needed items are:
- Granola Bars, Crackers, Condiments, Soup,
 - Meal Helpers, Home Cleaning Supplies,
 - Diapers, Baby Wipes
 - Shampoo/Conditioner Combos
 - Deodorant (both men and ladies)
 - Body Wash, Hand Soap/Hand Sanitizer
 - Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
 - Q-Tips, Disposal Razors, Shaving Cream
 - Feminine Hygiene Products

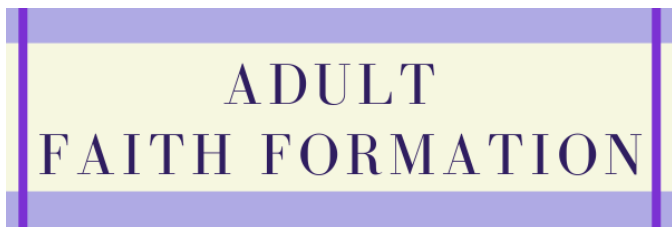
Please place your donations in the gray containers in the gathering area in the back of the Church.
Thank you for helping our local neighbors!

The Northbridge Food Pantry is located at
20 Highland Street, Whitinsville
774-246-6410
www.northbridgefoodpantry.org



Sunday, April 19th
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.



Monday, April 20th
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!



Saturday, April 25th and
Sunday, April 26th
after all Masses.

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



Our Parish Goal: \$33,000.00

Total gifts towards our parish goal: \$23,415.00
(As of 4-8-26)

Amount needed to reach our parish goal:
\$9,585.00

Please make your check out to
Partners in Charity and mail your donation to the
address on the envelope.

Gift envelopes are available in the pews. Please make sure to specify our parish and town when making your donation online or mailed.

You may also make your gift online at
partners-charity.net

Thank you for your continued support!
We couldn't do it without you!

