

Saint Peter's Parish



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them
to the crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.

- Mt 14:19c-20

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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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,
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 August 1st

4:30PM **Jean Dube** by Bob & Nancy Lussier

SUNDAY August 2nd

8:30AM **Helen & Michael Bodruk** by Ned & Mary Sheehan

11:00AM **Rose Boulanger** by Roland & Elieen Boulanger

MONDAY August 3rd

8:00AM **For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory**
by the Helpers of the Holy Souls

TUESDAY August 4th

8:00AM **Brad Stevens** by Ned & Mary Sheehan

WEDNESDAY August 5th

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

THURSDAY August 6th

8:00AM **Dean & Sue Richards** by the Lavalles

SATURDAY August 8th

4:30PM **Patricia Patnode** by her Sisters

SUNDAY August 9th

8:30AM **Chad Dunbar & James Steel** by Family

11:00AM **Richard Cronin 6th Anniv.** by Family



Raymond Avolesse, Marilyn Gaudette, Larry Hall,
Terry Gaul, Nancy Stanovich, Bill Lavallee,
Alice Bucca, Carole Neville, Lois Menard,
Elaine Nowlan, Christine Brouillard, John Letscher,
Norman Gauthier, Scarlett Hubsch, Jeanne Weldon,
Logan Bernard Rich, Robin Warwick,
Charles Giambusso,
and all those in our parish book of prayers.

July 26, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	53	\$ 4,689.00
Electronic Giving	17	477.50
Maintenance	10	231.00
Music Ministry	2	40.00
Candles		54.00
Donations		1,662.50
Can Deposit		9.50
Hall Rental		125.00
Anniv. Ad.		10.71
Organ Maintenance Fund Donation		200.00

Total		\$ 7,499.21

In Your Time of Need 115.00
(Stays in Our Parish)

Total Weekly Collected: \$ 7,499.21
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00
Year To Date Surplus: \$ 24,538.01

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection

Maintenance Fund-August 2nd
Music Ministry-August 2nd



A Note From Father Michael

When was the last time that you felt very hungry? What was the reason why you had not eaten? How soon after you felt this strong hunger were you able to eat? How did it feel to be very hungry? How did it feel to feel full after eating again?

In this Sunday's Gospel, the vast crowds that follow Jesus, seeking to hear Him preach and experience His healing are hungry. Jesus looks upon these crowds with "pity" and, after healing them, He feeds them. Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand is one of his greatest miracles.

As Catholics, food and eating are an integral part of our worship of God. In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood, giving us Himself to satisfy the deepest hungers of our souls. Scripture scholars suggest to us that Jesus' miracle of Feeding the Five Thousand is a prefigurement of the Mass which Jesus established on Holy Thursday night as the everlasting memorial of His sacred Passion.

How hungry are we for Jesus, The Bread of Life? When we don't receive the Eucharist, do we miss it? How much do we hunger for prayer, to receive the Sacraments, to study the Scriptures, to learn about our Catholic Faith? How much do we desire to grow closer to Jesus? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that the "hungrier" we are for the Eucharist, the more spiritually healthy we are. Holy Communion is not just one food among many but the very Living God who comes to us in the Eucharist under the humble appearance of bread and wine.

Jesus performed the Miracle of The Feeding of The Five Thousand out of compassion for the crowds who were hungry. Because Jesus loves us and knows that we need Him, He continually gives us the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. May we never lose our hunger for Jesus by continually seeking to grow in our friendship with God.

In Christ, Fr. Michael



**There will be no Bible Study on
Wednesday, August 5th
due to the K of C
Mass of Remembrance.**

Join us for Bible Study on
Wednesday, August 12th
7:00pm in the parish hall.



**Our next Prayer Group is on
Monday, August 3rd at 12:30pm
in the church.**

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday, August 4th
7:00pm in the parish hall.

This month we again will be exploring
Magnifica Humanitas:
Catholic Social Teachings and
Artificial Intelligence
published by Pope Leo XIV

If you did not get to join us in July,
join us on Tuesday!

Everyone is welcome!



Mass of Remembrance *Wednesday, August 5th*

The Mass will be celebrated at
Saint Patrick's Cemetery at 6:30 pm,
rain or shine.

This annual Mass is celebrated to remember both
the deceased members of the
Knights of Columbus Council and the
anniversary of the charter for
Mumford Council #365 that was
issued on August 7, 1898.

Mass will be followed by refreshments
and a social.

Please join us in prayer and community.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

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

Sunday, August 2nd

9:30pm In Your Time of Need Meeting-Rectory

Monday, August 3rd

12:30pm Prayer Group -Church

Tuesday, August 4th

7:00pm Adult Faith Formation -Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 5th

No Bible Study due to the K of C Mass



Information

Update



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

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

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!



**Religious Education classes
will be starting Sunday, September 13th!**

We offer three programs at St. Peter's:
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:
 For children grades Pre-K-1

Religious Education:
 For children grades 3 onwards

Sacramental Preparation, including:
 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion in grade 2
 Confirmation, starting in grade 9 and based on
 readiness.

***In addition, we are excited to introduce our new
 Intergenerational Catechesis program.
 About once a month, students will gather with
 parents and other adults in the community to learn,
 grow, and foster community together.***

If your child is in public school, they should be
 attending religious education classes.

Registration forms have been emailed out all families
 that were in the program last year.

If you are new to the parish or
 to our religious education programs,
 please contact Joshua King, our Religious Ed
 Coordinator, at religioused@stpeterrockdale.org.

We are also looking for teachers at all grade levels.
 Please speak to Fr. Michael or Joshua if you
 interested in teaching.



The Northbridge Association of Churches is
 once again getting ready for the new school
 year by collecting backpacks & school supplies.

The Department of Children and Families will
 distribute the backpacks to kids who otherwise would
 not have what they need to start school in the Fall.

If you are able to help, there is a list of the
 needed supplies in the gathering area and listed below.
 Anything you can do to help out is most appreciated!

***Please return your donations to the box in
 the gathering area by
 Sunday, August 9th.***



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

BACKPACK	PENS
PENCILS	PENCIL BOX
ERASERS	POCKET FOLDERS (6)
CRAYONS	HIGHLIGHTERS
HAND WIPES	TISSUES
GLUE STICKS	HAND SANITIZER
PENCIL SHARPENER	SCISSORS
COLOR PENCILS	3 RING BINDERS
WATER PAINT SET	NOTEBOOKS (4)
RULER	
WASHABLE MARKERS (BROAD & THIN)	
PACKAGE LINED PAPER	PACKAGE PLAIN PAPER

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

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 Sunday, August 9th**

