

Saint Peter's Parish



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command
me to come to you on the
water." He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the
water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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,
Joshua King

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.

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



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

MONDAY August 10th

8:00AM **Art Tucker** by Linda Tucker

TUESDAY August 11th

8:00AM **Phil Chapman** by Fr. Michael

WEDNESDAY August 12th

8:00AM **Claudia Lane** by Linda Tucker

THURSDAY August 13th

8:00AM **Viola Hoard** by Son James & Daughter Lynne

SATURDAY August 15th

4:30PM **Valmore & Bertha Dube** by Melinda Dube

SUNDAY August 16th

8:30AM **Jean McManamon** by Deacon John

11:00AM **Bea Sabourin 1st Anniv.** by Susan & John Lestcher



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.

August 2, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	58	\$ 1,284.00
Electronic Giving	39	3,284.50
Maintenance	23	254.00
Music Ministry	27	292.00
Candles		127.00
Donations		253.00
Anniv. Ad.		21.42

Total \$ 5,515.92

In Your Time of Need 50.00
(Stays in Our Parish)

Total Weekly Collected: \$ 7,499.21
Weekly Budgeted Amount Needed: \$5,290.00
Year To Date Surplus: \$ 24,763.92

Upcoming Collections

Parish Collection

Assumption of Mary-August 15th

Second Collection

Church in Central & Eastern Europe-August 9th



A Note From Father Michael

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us the dynamic scene of Jesus walking on the water so as to rescue His friends, rocked by a violent storm, in peril in a small fishing boat. The gospel tells us that it was Jesus who "made" His friends get into the boat in the first place and to travel without Him to the other side of the sea. Yet, though Jesus remained on shore and His friends sailed on the water, they were not separated.

We know this because Jesus knew that His friends were in trouble, though He was not physically with them, and responded to their need. How would he know this? The gospel tells us that Jesus "went up on the mountain by Himself to pray." It seems that in this prayer, Jesus heard His friends' anguished cries for help and listened to these cries, rescuing them before they perished.

Sometimes, in our struggles, Jesus appears to be separated from us. We are in peril and feel alone. We assess our situation and draw conclusions, often imagining that the worst will befall us. Sometimes we attempt to solve our problems ourselves and forget to ask God for His guidance and grace. Yet, in all of this, Jesus is aware of us and of our situation. Now, in His prayerful communion with the Father and The Holy Spirit, Jesus hears and listens to our prayer and responds to us in the most loving way.

The gospel tells us that Jesus walked on the sea and rescued His friends in "the fourth watch of the night." Scholars of Scripture tell us that this means that Jesus rescued His friends between 3:00 AM and 6:00 AM, after they had been struggling with the storm all night long. This detail in the gospel relates to how sometimes we pray in our peril and God does not seem to answer. Yet, this is only how it seems. As Jesus answered His friends' prayer long after it seemed to them that He should have, sometimes He responds to us at a time and in a way that seems delayed.

Let us pray that in the stormy times of life we may know the rescue of Christ who is ever present to us.

In Christ, Fr. Michael



**Join Fr. Michael
for Bible Study!
Wednesdays, 7:00pm
in the parish hall.**

We 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!



**Our next Prayer Group is on
Monday, August 10th at 6:30pm
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.



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. 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.



***The 2027
Mass Intentions Book
is now open.***

To ensure that all parishioners have the opportunity to book a Mass at 4:30 pm on Saturdays, we ask that each parishioner book no more than four Masses at 4:30 pm Mass per calendar year.

Sunday and daily Masses do not have a limit on number of Masses requested.

Thank you for your understanding.

Calendar of EVENTS

Monday, August 10th

6:30pm Prayer Group -Church

Wednesday, August 12th

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall

Monday, August 17th

12:30pm Prayer Group -Church

Wednesday, August 19th

7:00pm Bible Study-Parish Hall



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.



***Our parish dinners are back!
Tickets will be on sale soon!***

Tickets are \$17 per person
and must be purchased in advance.

"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!

***In order to make our sit down meals
successful we need your help!***

***We are currently looking for volunteers to help at
our monthly dinners.***

***This is a great way to get involved with helping
our parish family.***

***If you would like to help please contact the
parish office or sign up on the sheet in the
gathering area.***

