

# Saint Peter Parish



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

### SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES:

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION:**  
Saturday 3:30 PM  
Anytime by request.

**PARISH COUNCIL:**  
Barbara Ramian,  
Audra Gaul, Pete Sabourin,  
George Murray, Jeff Roy,  
Kim Poudrier, Karen Lemoine

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**SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL  
SOCIETY:**  
Please call: Rectory: 234-2156;  
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New to our Parish Family and would like to join?  
Please contact the Parish Office 508-234-2156

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Elaine Nowlan Parish Secretary  
Christine Fung-A-Fat Administrative Assistant

Religious Education:  
Loreto: K to 4th  
Edge: 5th-8th  
Lifeteen: 9th-12th  
Please call the Parish Office

Safe Environment Coordinators  
Linda Blair & Steven Poudrier

### BAPTISMS:

Please call the rectory to meet  
with Father Tom

### MARRIAGES:

Please call the rectory at least twelve  
months in advance to begin required  
marriage preparation

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:**  
Grace Sawyer 508-278-7276

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**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:**  
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### FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE:

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Audra Gaul  
Victoria Neville  
Holly Henault  
Barbara Ramian  
Christine Fung-A-Fat  
Rosa Orazine  
Craig Consigli



SATURDAY September 11th

4:30PM **Pauline Duso 33rd Anniv.** by Family

SUNDAY September 12th

8:30AM **Norman & Colleen Labelle**

by Bill Labelle & Family

11:00AM **Lucien Dupre 47th Annv.** by the Dupre Family

MONDAY September 13th

8:00AM **James Beauregard**

TUESDAY September 14th

8:00AM **William Moran**

WEDNESDAY September 15th

8:00AM **Raymond Blette** by Sue & Ray Adams

THURSDAY September 16th

8:00AM **Parish Family**

SATURDAY September 18th

4:30PM **Raymond Renault** by His Wife Mary

SUNDAY September 19th

8:30AM **Lorraine Devlin** by Elaine, Lois & Diane

11:00AM **Paul Boulanger 9th Anniv.** by Rose Boulanger

**September 5, 2021**

Envelopes Collected 71	\$ 2949.00
Electronic Giving 32	2518.00
Renovations Envelopes 9	150.00
Winter Envelopes 4	140.00
Donations	122.00
Saint Vincent DePaul	5.00
Assumption of Mary	225.00
GOYA Rental	50.00
Hospital Stipend	300.00
Parish Religious Ed	70.00

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Total	\$ 6529.00
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**Special Collection September 5, 2021**

(Please note this collection does not stay in our Parish)

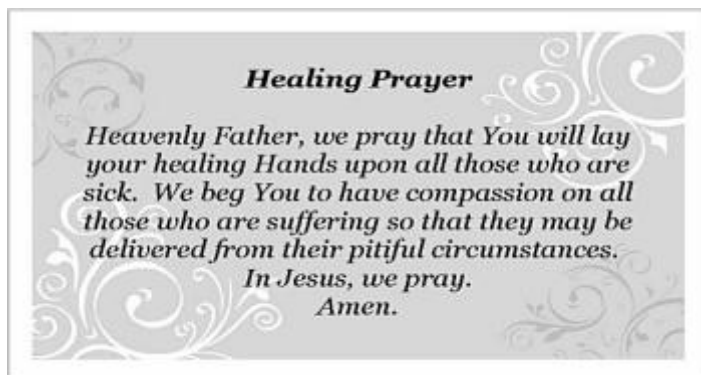
Haitian Collection	\$ 650.00
Annual Catholic School Collection	25.00

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Total	\$ 675.00
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Logan Bernard Rich, Lori Alves,  
Robin Warwick, Charles Giambusso,  
Margarite Pomponio, Rhonda Lavalley, Eric Lambert  
and all those in our parish book of prayers.





## *A Note from Father Tom*

*"...Faith **AND** the works of love..."*

With the shrill report of a whistle or the nearly religious chant of "Play ball!," a season of athletic competition or a specific game in the schedule begins. To get to this point, there have been equipment checks and last minute attention to the playing field. And this moment, while memorable in itself, is the starting point, drawing our attention and energy to the full measure of play for this day and for this whole season.

This weekend St. Peter's Parish opens and celebrates a new season of faith among our parishioners and parish families. It is a time to honor the great measure of effort that has gone into preparing for this year and the years of our experiences together that have brought us, with God's grace, to this time. And if we pray and celebrate well in this moment, it is an inspired beginning to this day and this season of hearing our God, of coming to know God, ourselves, and each other more fully.

It is our shared hope and prayer that Faith is the outcome of all of this...that Faith might draw us more deeply into the relationship for which we were created, the relationship we have with God. It is our hope that this ultimate relationship might give shape and substance to all the other relationships that help us shape and live our lives to the fullest. It is our hope that such faith never fails us in motivating, guiding, and fulfilling the plan of action, the game plan if you will, that gives meaning to our actions great and small, in generosity, compassion, sacrifice, joyful blessing, and healing tears and smiles.

Frantic activity without faith, though well-intentioned, will be of limited value. Faith without works of love, of generosity, sacrifice, or genuine compassion remains an idea without feet or hands to truly live. As we begin, we pray we all will grow in the faith we teach and learn, lips, ears, feet, hands and all!

*Fr. Tom*



## *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading:  
Isaiah 50:4c-9a

Psalm:  
116:1-9

Second Reading:  
James 2:14-18

Gospel:  
Mark 8:27-35



## ***Pork Roast Dinner To Go***

Tickets are \$12.00 per person

Tickets are now on sale at all Masses & must be purchased in advanced.

Tickets will be on sale until Sunday, September 19th

All orders will be To Go and include salad and dessert.

**Pick up date is Saturday, September 25th  
in the Parish Hall starting at 5:30pm**

### **Pay it Forward**

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

Contact the Parish Office at 508-234-2156 or email: [parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org)

***Special Collection on  
September 18th & 19th  
Mission Appeal for Tanzania***

***Please place your donations in the special basket for  
the Mission Appeal. Please write on your envelope  
Mission Appeal for Tanzania.***

To begin, I wish to thank Bishop McManus for inviting me to share a part of my story with the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in Jinja, Uganda. Also, I wish to thank Father Thomas Landry for his warm welcome to St. Peter's Parish.

***HISTORY OF THE MISSIONARY  
BENEDICTINE SISTERS IN Uwemba, Tanzania***

The Missionary Benedictine Sisters and Monks first arrived from Germany, at remote mountainous village of Uwemba in 1936. With only the most basic medications and resources the sisters began to educate the children and address the medical needs of the people. The people accepted the Catholic faith and a large church was constructed. In the past 85 years the sisters have continued to serve the people. The biggest change is that the German missionaries in Uwemba have all died and the Tanzanian Sisters are working tirelessly to carry the tradition of excellence laid by their foremothers. Unfortunately, however, as the old German missionaries died, the support for the mission from the homeland has also faded down to a trickle, making survival of the mission and its ministries a special challenge for the native sisters.

**PARTICULAR NEEDS:**

Financial support is needed to meet the medical needs of the people.

Financial support is needed to help the sisters assist families stricken by catastrophes.

The cooking-sewing school for young women is in serious need of renovation/upgrading. The buildings need repair.

The funds have primarily gone toward healthcare, and the school has been left lagging.

The orphanage gets no support from the government, therefore, supporting the children is totally on the shoulders of the sisters.

Daily I thank God for the St. Anna's Health Care personnel & their patients & you, my sisters & brothers, as you labor to support your families, yourselves & other causes near to your hearts. I truly thank you for whatever support you may give as you will assist the Missionary Benedictine Sisters carry out their ministry of health care for the very poor in their area. Together, whether we are near or far, we are beautiful sisters & brothers, Gifts from God.

*God Bless you all! Sister Dorothy Pilington, SSJ*



Registrations forms for the 2021-2022 year have been emailed out. Please return your registration forms as soon as you can.

Join us for our Religious Ed Kick Off Party on  
September 19th after the 11:00am Mass  
from 12-2pm

If you are new to the parish or new to our  
religious education programs,  
please call the parish office 508-234-2156 or  
email: [parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org).

*Loreto Starts on  
Sunday, September 19th 9:30am  
in the Parish Hall*

*Lifeteen and Edge start on  
Sunday, September 19th at 6:30pm  
in the Parish Hall*







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