

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat Apr 11		No Liturgy Scheduled.
Sun Apr 12	7:30 a.m.	+ Fermin Family
	9:00 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	+ Walter Beck
	12:00 N	+ Maria Ta
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Mon Apr 13	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	12:10 N	+ Antonio Scalzo
Tues Apr 14	7:30 a.m.	+ Mary Beth Garavel
	12:10 N	Beverly and Jonathan Owens
Wed Apr 15	7:30 a.m.	+ Juan Chanchabac
	12:10 N	+ Ann Calpin
Thu Apr 16	7:30 a.m.	+ Mary Beth Garavel
	12:10 N	+ Souls in Purgatory
Fri Apr 17	7:30 a.m.	+ Vincent, Filomena and Michael Pacific
	12:10 N	+ M. John Corey
Sat Apr 18	7:30 a.m.	+ William Reiss
	5:00 p.m.	+ William Reiss
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass
Sun Apr 19	7:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	+ Loan Huynh
	10:30 a.m.	+ Katherine Beck
	12:00 N	+ Susan E. Melvin
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass

This week the sanctuary lamp burns

in memory of

Rose Marie Scalzo

***We offer our condolences to
the family of
Michael "Mickey" Ross
who passed away this week.***

***A Blessed Easter from the
Clergy and staff of
St. Peter Church!***

From the Pastor's Desk ---

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Happy Easter to everyone! We won't pretend that today is a normal Easter Sunday because it is not. We are not assembled together, we are not singing the great Easter hymns, we are not renewing our Baptismal promises and are not being sprinkled with the Easter water, a sign of our new life which comes from the Spirit of the risen Jesus. We are not gathering with our extended family to feast together out of joy over our salvation assured by the Resurrection. Although this day is far from our normal Easter Sunday, nevertheless we should feel joy. We must feel joy. Perhaps more than in other years, this Easter Sunday reminds us that hope and not fear, light and not darkness, life and not death are God's promise to us. It is vital for us as Jesus' disciples to trust in the meaning of the Resurrection. I wish all of our parishioners the joy of the Resurrection.

As I write this column on Tuesday of Holy Week, we are working on making our live stream of Sunday Mass better. I certainly hope that by today we have overcome the last hurdle. As I told you last week, we switched the church building to Xfinity for a stronger upload speed. We experienced another disappointment when testing for our Palm Sunday Mass. Our signal upstairs was too weak. We hoped that despite the stone and density of the walls we could get by. We have had to ask our technology guy, Ed Cotto, to come to extend a wire upstairs this week. Ed's strategy is to follow the electrical cables that come up through the sanctuary floor behind the high altar and extend the wire into the church proper. On Palm Sunday we had to rely on Glen's internet access once again, and while it worked, the Mass was a bit lengthy and his phone lost its charge by the end. That is why the streaming ended abruptly during the recessional hymn. We really need reliability if we are going to continue streaming through the end of this shut down. Some parishioners have suggested, and we, too, have thought that streaming might be something we might do every Sunday for our homebound parishioners. But that is down the road.

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I thank the parishioners who contributed to the Easter flowers. Mindful that no one would be here to enjoy Easter flowers and that these are lean times, we cut the order way back. Still, we wanted the sanctuary to proclaim Easter as many of you watch the Mass on line. We particularly love the tiers of lilies on the back altar, and I admit to not wanting to lose that completely. We compromised and simplified the usual design. We hope the altar looks attractive on screen. By the way, the Mass for the intentions listed on the flower envelope will be celebrated on Thursday, May 7 at 12:10 p.m.

I, along with Fr. Riley, Fr. Bernardo, and Fr. Leonel are praying for you, and we thank you for your prayers for us. You are very much on our minds as we celebrate Mass. I keep saying to myself that we are a week closer to being together again. Once, again, Happy Easter!

---Fr. Mecca

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION---

Classes remain cancelled until further notice. Check the St. Peter Parish website for updated information regarding classes, upcoming Sacraments and next year's registration. Students with online classes kindly complete up to Chapter 20.

First Communion candidates, there is an at home First Communion retreat for you to compete with your parents. Send us, including your family and your completed project. Photos can be sent to stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org. Continue to pray each day and stay well.

Happy Easter
from the Religious Education Team!

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS---

Although the St. Peter School community is on a two week break, our staff continues to reach out to families to ensure they are doing okay and staying healthy. We know this is an aggressive virus and a situation can change in a moment. Our students have been busy working on "Stay Safe Posters" and "He is Risen" posters to hang in their own windows at home as reminders to passersby.

As we celebrate this Easter season, it is surely like no other I can recall in my time on earth. As we pray together in ways that may seem foreign to us, the same Heavenly Father hears and listens to us. At this time of hope, renewal, and new life, St. Peter students and staff wish all of you the most blessed Easter. We also join all of you in praying for an end to this horrible virus.

"He is not here; he has risen..." - Luke 24:6

Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die...-[John 11:25-26](#)

Easter Beatitudes

BLESSED are they of the Easter faith,
For theirs is the risen Lord;
For them He lives, and to them He gives
The fountain of life restored.

Blessed are they of the Easter cheer,
For theirs is the burning heart;
For them the tomb is bereft of gloom,
They walk with their Lord apart.

Blessed are they of the Easter hope,
For theirs is the open gate;
It swings through the tomb to that other room
Where the Lord and our loved ones wait.

---Clarence M. Burkholder