

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat Apr 18	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 Melvin
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Mon Apr 20	7:30 a.m.	+ Peter A. Herger and Josephine & Francis Paola
	12:10 N	+ Rose Surwilo
Tues Apr 21	7:30 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	Joselyn and Olga Fermin
Wed Apr 22	7:30 a.m.	+ Mary Beth Garavel
	12:10 N	+ Edward McCaffery
Thu Apr 23	7:30 a.m.	+ Heather Rogalski
	12:10 N	+ Donna Scozzafava
Fri Apr 24	7:30 a.m.	+ Robert McNulty
	12:10 N	+ Souls in Purgatory
Sat Apr 25	7:30 a.m.	+ Lenore Gantert
	5:00 p.m.	+ Richard Pagano
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass
Sun Apr 26	7:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	+ Loan Huynh
	10:30 a.m.	+ Frances Van Zanten
	12:00 N	+ Raul Bellido
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass

This week the sanctuary lamp burns

in memory of

Paul Vaghi

***We offer our condolences to
the families of***

Kayla Baness

David Baness

who passed away this week.

From the Pastor's Desk ---

Happy Easter! We have arrived at the octave day of Easter. I remind you every year that Easter Day is celebrated not for one day but for eight. As you know, the Gospel for the octave day of Easter is always the account of that evening "of that first day of the week," as St. John reports it and then Jesus' second appearance on the following Sunday with Thomas present. The Disciples received the accounts of the empty tomb from Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John. Other followers of the Lord who had met him on the road to Emmaus in the morning brought to them news of their experience. It is now evening on that first Sunday and Jesus enters the room. Our Lord greets them with peace. He demonstrates to them the meaning of his Passion and Resurrection—the forgiveness of sins. In the Paschal Mystery God reveals that He is a God of redemption and mercy. For this reason, St. Pope John Paul II named today Mercy Sunday.

I hope many of you were able to make the best of Easter Sunday. I think that is what we are doing every day—making every effort to make the best of it. Accommodating ourselves to the new reality is painful. This is a pretty dismal way to live, and it requires an enormous amount of patience on our parts. I repeatedly get to the point where I have exhausted it, but with the Grace of God, summon up more and say to myself (paraphrased of course) from the Book of Lamentations, "I will call this to mind as my reason to have hope: The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness." I can do this. *We* can do this. Tomorrow God will supply us with the power. This short passage that I think about is from a longer one that is offered as a reading at funerals. That's why I know it so well. It is rarely if ever chosen by families, but I chose it at a recent graveside ceremony for our parishioner Micky Ross last week. If you want to look it up it is Lamentations 3:17-26. The passage begins with the author saying that his soul is deprived of peace and that he has forgotten what happiness is. He feels the future is lost, that everything he hoped for will not come to pass. These thoughts and feelings sadden him to the depths of his being. Then he reminds himself that there is reason to be hopeful. I think that we feel the same way with all the sadness, separations, cancellations, disruptions. Remember to say to yourself, "the Lord's mercies are not spent. They are renewed each morning." I hope this little meditation of mine helps you.

I want to thank the many parishioners who have communicated either to Glen or to me your appreciation and, can I use the word enjoyment, of the Sunday Mass. Several parishioners told me the Triduum celebrations, particularly Easter, were not only beautiful but "needed."

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER, APRIL 19, 2020

One parishioner told me that the sound of the peeling bells on Easter morning uplifted her. Glen in particular has kept this aspect of liturgy in the forefront of his planning. I am grateful to him for it.

As I was writing the above, Fr. Leonel passed through and said, "Did you read the latest email from the Bishop?" My response these days is "Oh, God, no." The emails always come out either late on Tuesday or on Wednesday when I am not here to read them. And, no, I do not read or care to read emails when I am at dad's. The memo informs us of what we have been sadly expecting, that is, that the date for the resumption of public Masses will likely be further postponed given the Governor's extension of restrictions into May. The Bishop says he is scheduling zoom meetings with pastors to talk about what Masses may look like when we return to church. With this announcement, our parish will look at the celebration of the Sacraments and send out information to our families very soon and post it on the website and here in the bulletin.

God bless you.

---Fr. Mecca



All middle school and high school teens are welcome to join our Youth Groups at any time! These two programs have meetings and events throughout the year, and all middle school and high school teens are encouraged to join us!

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry
ygstpeter@gmail.com

Zoom Meetings

The youth groups will continue to meet via ZOOM. This is an online video meeting platform where teens can virtually engage one another and play games. We will begin holding bible studies once a week as well.

Though we cannot meet in person, ZOOM offers the teens a way to stay connected to the parish and still be engaged in their spiritual lives.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION —

Registration 2020/2021

Registration will be mail in only.

For complete details, visit the St. Peter website at stpeterdanb.org. Go to Faith Formation and click on "Religious Education Registration" for all details. There will be no in person registration times in the office. All registration forms must be mailed.

First Communion

First Communion candidates, there is an at home First Communion retreat for you to complete with your parents. Please send a photo of your completed project to stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org.

My Catholic Faith Delivered

Students who are using MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com, please remember that you must complete up to chapter 20. Advancement to the next grade will be based on your Mass attendance, class attendance and midterm grade (prior to the closure), as well as the chapters you have adequately completed.

Stay Well and Prayerful!

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS —

Registration for PK-8 continues to be underway at St. Peter School. Please email zsolis@spsdanbury.org or mtorre@spsdanbury.org for more information or to set up a time to visit the school.

As quarantine schooling continues well into May, our teachers and students are working very hard. Our school office remains open from 8:30-12:00 Monday-Friday.

We are all anxious to return to a more normal routine, but staying home to stay safe is the right path for the time being. Our next anticipated return to the building is May 20.

From the St. Peter School family... Please know we are praying for all of you at this time. Check the St. Peter Facebook page for regular school updates.

"God wishes us not to rest upon anything but His infinite goodness; do not let us expect anything, hope anything, or desire anything but from Him, and let us put our trust and confidence in Him alone." - St. Charles Borromeo