

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER, MAY 3, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat May 2	5:00 p.m.	+Talarico Family
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass
Sun May 3	7:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	+ Maria Ta
	10:30 a.m.	+ Mary Beth Garavel
	12:00 N	+ Dorothy & Bernard Pane
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Mon May 4	7:30 a.m.	+ Butch Melody
	12:10 N	+ Beth Baldi
Tues May 5	7:30 a.m.	+ Eileen & Kevin Danaher
	12:10 N	+ Xavier-Cyr Family
Wed May 6	7:30 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	+ Salvatore & Michele Maffa
Thu May 7	7:30 a.m.	Msgr. Kevin Wallin
	12:10 N	+ In memory of those listed on Easter flower envelopes
Fri May 8	7:30 a.m.	+ Joseph Tomaino
	12:10 N	+ Maria Fermin
Sat May 9	7:30 a.m.	+ Nicholas Olivo
	5:00 p.m.	+ Agnes & Martin Lynch and Margaret Rasmussen
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass
Sun May 10	7:30 a.m.	+ Mary Beth Garavel
	9:00 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	+ Marion McGlory
	12:00 N	+ Michele DiBuono
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass

***This week the sanctuary lamp
burns in memory of
Bill Schlichtig***

***We offer our condolences to the families of
Rev. John F. Smolko
Joan Schmiedel
who passed away this week.***

OFFERTORY: March 29 – April 19:
Collection: \$18,291
Online giving: \$9,587.85

From the Pastor's Desk ---

I sighed this morning, Thursday, as I approached my desk to write something because, quite honestly, I could not think of a single thing to tell you this week. I was without news as life is at a standstill. I knew that I had some time before I needed to email Carol with a column, so I went to the emails first. There are always a ton of them waiting for me on Thursday. There was one email I hoped to find but did not really think it would be there. An email I was wishing I would see? One from Union Savings Bank informing us that our parish's application for a Paycheck Protection Program loan has been approved. Michael McLachlan gave up an enormous amount of time running numbers and completing an application for the parish when the loan was made available a couple of weeks ago. We did not make the first round. But we were approved in this second appropriation of funds this week! Thank you, dear Lord. Thank you, Union Savings Bank. What a great help to our parish at this difficult time. We are sending in the required information today so that the closing documents can be sent, I can sign them, and the money can be placed in our operating account very soon.

The funds from the PPP, as most of you following the acts of Congress know, must be used in the eight weeks, at least 75% of the loan has to be used to fund payroll and benefits, and the remaining 25% can be spent on utilities and mortgage interest payments. Had we not been approved for this loan, we would not be able to cover the next round of payroll. So, amid all the turmoil caused by the epidemic to our parish life, we have a bright ray of light.

I cannot thank enough the parishioners who have been mailing in their offertory envelopes or supporting the parish online. Thanks to Mary Schlichtig and Mary Ann Blount, we have some offertory numbers for the four-week period March 29 to April 19 to give to you. Many of our parishioners concerned about our financial position follow the offertory, and I am glad that we are able to resume reports to you. Due to how and when the offertory arrives and the disruption to our usual operation, we cannot precisely provide the offertory by the week. Again, thank you for your temporal care of the parish.

Since you have not been in church, we shut off the heat except for Sunday morning. The temperature hovers around 55 degrees which, I have noticed, is ideal to extend the bloom time of Easter lilies! As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter, we have every plant still in bloom which is unheard of.

I am thinking of all of you and praying for your well-being. I am grateful for the calls and emails.

---Fr. Mecca

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS COMMITTEE—

We are reaching out to our extended Saint Peter parish family to help single moms and families pay their rent and supplement their food supply during this difficult period.

We are relying on your support to help us with this project by sending any monetary contribution that you can afford so that we may purchase food cards and mail checks directly to landlords.

Please send your donations to the rectory and indicate their use for the Good Samaritan Fund. We pray that each of you remain healthy and grow closer to our loving God, who is suffering alongside each of us.

MUSICAL NOTES---

It's now been well over a month since the suspension of public Masses and other church related activities. I thought I would take this opportunity to update everyone on our Parish Choir. Although our Thursday evening choir rehearsals are suspended, we continue to meet weekly over ZOOM. While we don't rehearse music, our Thursday evening ZOOM meetings gives us the chance to check in with each other, and see how everyone is coping with staying at home. I don't much care for the phrase "social distancing." We are by nature social creatures, and even though we are required to be physically distant, we are able to socially interact with one another through virtual means such as ZOOM. It's not ideal, but when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade.

The section leaders of our parish choir continue to sing at our Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. I email them the music during the week. We then meet in the church an hour before the live stream begins to rehearse. I would like to thank Ashley, Jilian, Wesley, and Anthony for their dedication to our parish. It's not easy singing together when you are all six feet apart! The choral music, together with the organ, church bells, incense, and other rituals is how we make lemonade while we are limited to worshiping with each other virtually through the live stream. Given the current circumstances, I think we should rejoice that our technology allows us to worship together at the same time in different places. Indeed, I'm very aware that when our live stream begins on Sunday mornings, we are not just seven people in an empty church, but a community of hundreds gathered around computers, smart phones, and even television sets. While physically separated, we very much spiritually gather around our Pastor, Fr. Mecca, to continue the church's 2000 year old tradition of teaching, fellowship, prayers, and the breaking of bread. Thanks be to God!

--- Glen Segger

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION —

Registration 2020/2021

Registration will be mail in only.

For complete details, visit the St. Peter website at www.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.

Religious Education Updates

For information about sacramental Masses, registration and classes please check the parish website at www.stpeterdanb.org under Faith Formation.

Check regularly as information may change weekly.



YouTube Channel

Please check out our YouTube channel **St. Peter's Youth Group** for weekly videos of prayer & reflection!

Zoom Meetings

The youth groups will continue to meet via ZOOM. This is an online platform where teens can virtually engage one another and play games. We are also going to be starting bible studies once a week as well.

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

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry ygstpeter@gmail.com

ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS —

This week (May 4th – 8th) our students, in addition to praying the Rosary, will participate in Virtual Spirit Days!

This week is also Teacher Appreciation Week. At this time, it is so important to celebrate our wonderful teaching staff! Please say an extra prayer for them as they continue this heavy work of remote teaching.

From the St. Peter School family: Please know we continue to pray for all of you at this time. Stay strong! Be sure to check the St. Peter Facebook page for regular school updates about what is happening.