

## FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER, MAY 10, 2020

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sat May 9	5:00 p.m.	+ Agnes and Martin Lynch & 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
Mon May 11	7:30 a.m.	+ George Siegel
	12:10 N	+ Mary Riley
Tues May 12	7:30 a.m.	+ Mary C. Baske
	12:10 N	+ Edward McCaffery
Wed May 13	7:30 a.m.	+ Edward McCaffery
	12:10 N	+ Emilio Duarte
Thu May 14	7:30 a.m.	+ Anna and William Cassidy
	12:10 N	+ Souls in Purgatory
Fri May 15	7:30 a.m.	+ Remy Papp
	12:10 N	+ Eleanor Anne Lockhart
Sat May 16	7:30 a.m.	+ Joseph Hocking
	5:00 p.m.	+ Jeannette Farrah
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass
Sun May 17	7:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	+ Paul Pateracki
	10:30 a.m.	+ Livia Messina
	12:00 N	+ Alice Myers
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass

*We offer our condolences to the families of  
Rev. Albert Watts  
who passed away this week.*

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

### From the Pastor's Desk ---

Last week I had nothing to tell you. Then I was saved when I opened my emails and saw that we were approved for a Payroll Protection Plan loan. This week I didn't have anything to tell you either until the conclusion of a conference call.

The pastors had another zoom meeting with the Bishop today. As I said in my announcements after Mass on Sunday, I don't do the zoom. I call in so that no one sees me or my mess in my office and also so that I can put the phone on speaker and walk around the room, stretch, snack, etc. The Bishop and the Vicar General are very good communicators, and I enjoy their portion of these meetings. But watch out when the meeting is turned over to questions/comments from the pastors! They talk too much and wear me out. At that point in these meetings I can do other things. The Bishop has prepared a draft for the eventual return to public worship. We were asked not to discuss the particulars until he has written a letter to the Faithful and issued the prescriptions that we will need to follow. I know everyone wants to know when public Mass will resume. No one yet knows. It depends upon what the Governor decides. The Bishop is optimistic that we will begin in mid-June.

The Bishop's talk covered fundamental principles that we will have to follow and considerations that each pastor and his parish will have to work out. There are procedures that have to be universally followed, but because every church's size and layout is different there will be some local differences in how they are applied. First and foremost, we have to be diligent about the safety and health of everyone who comes to Mass and the preservation of the integrity and sacredness of the Mass. We will have to abide by social distancing and rules about masks and sanitation. Because the Eucharist is an intimate experience, we as Catholics have some peculiar considerations, don't we? The Bishop mentioned that he and Archbishop Blair have spoken about having a set of principles that would be implemented in all of the parishes statewide. I will talk more about the principles as we go forward.

Among the preparations that I need to make is the formation of a group of parishioners who would be willing to oversee the arrangements Sunday to Sunday. Not everyone is going to feel comfortable coming back to Mass and no one has to. (And, I may as well add now, we probably cannot all fit given limits to the size of gatherings.) Some of us, whether or not we have predisposing conditions, may need or want to stay away from public spaces.

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Realizing that a risk of exposure is always present no matter how many things we do to mitigate it, the Bishop is not going to reinstate for some time to come the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. For these reasons, our parish will continue to stream Mass even when we re-open. I am looking to form a team of four to six individuals for each of our five English Masses. It's still a little early, but if you are in good health, not in a high risk group, willing to return to public worship and to help with the logistics, kindly send me an email ([frgmecca@aol.com](mailto:frgmecca@aol.com)) and I will begin to compile a list of names. Some of the things I will need help with are keeping a count of the number of people in the building, seeing to it that everyone has a face mask, and sanitizing surfaces touched after the conclusion of Mass. When our plan is pulled together, I would distribute it to you and then we would meet prior to the Sunday when we return. I appreciate your consideration.

Well, mothers. It's certainly not the nicest of Mother's Days, and I don't know if you want to eat your husband's cooking, but Fr. Riley and I wish you a pleasant day nonetheless. We honor you and thank you for your selfless love, the love that Our Lord and Blessed Mother exhibit.

---Fr. Mecca

### SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS---

Congratulations to our very own St. Peter School 8<sup>th</sup> grader, David Simson, who won the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest. The topic was: The Meaning of Virtue and How you live and Embody the Virtue of Charity. Well done, David!

While school is not reopening this academic year, please know we continue to pray for all of you. Last week our students had a good time creating STEM, obstacle courses, dressing up as superheroes, showing off their talents and celebrating their teachers – all from their homes... Be sure to check the St. Peter Facebook page for regular school updates about what is happening in the lives of the students who are continuing to learn from home

*“Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus – a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.” St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.  
Bless + these women,  
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION —

#### My Catholic Faith Delivered

Students in Sections II, III and IV are required to complete up to chapter 20 of the online program. Please visit [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org) under Faith Formation for additional details.

#### Registration 2020/2021

For complete details, visit the St. Peter website at [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://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: [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org) under Faith Formation. Check regularly as information may change weekly.

### St. Peter Youth Groups

#### YouTube Channel

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

#### Zoom Meetings

The youth groups will continue to meet via ZOOM, a platform where teens can virtually engage one another and play games, as 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](mailto:ygstpeter@gmail.com)