



Peace be with you.

As the Father has  
sent me, so I  
send you.

*John 20:21*

*Sunday of Easter*

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

***Saint Peter Parish***

***Cambridge, Massachusetts***

***Welcome***

***No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,***

***No matter what your current family or marital situation,***

***No matter what your current personal history, age, background, race, etc.,***

***No matter what your own self image,***

***You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at***

***Saint Peter Parish.***

***We are here to welcome and serve you.***

# Saint Peter Parish

Cambridge, Massachusetts

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## MASS SCHEDULE

*Vigil Saturday 4:00 PM*

*Sunday 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM*

*12 Noon and 5:00 PM*

*(10:00 am Family Liturgy)*

*Monday 8:00 AM*

*prayer/communion service*

*Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 AM Mass*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

*Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM*

*or by appointment*

## Assisting Clergy:

12:00 Noon    Rev. Dan Harrington, SJ

5:00 PM      Rev. Jim Keenan, SJ

Rev. Christopher Frechette, SJ

To schedule Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick or for any question you may have please visit our website or call the Parish Office.

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**THE EASTER SEASON****FOCUS OF THE EASTER SEASON:**

It is not by accident that the Easter Season of Liturgical Life happens in the Springtime of nature's year. It is the season of resurrection and new life. Just as nature itself is awakening from the "death" of winter – so too we are awakening to the new life and grace of resurrected life with Jesus and His people. Easter is the principal season for celebrating Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Rites of Reception, Confirmation, Eucharist). The Season of Easter begins with the celebration of the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Service and ends on Pentecost Sunday (A fifty day celebration).

**THE COLOR OF THE SEASON:**

Liturgically, the color worn is White (Color of life and celebration)

Gold is sometimes worn also.

**SCRIPTURE / PEOPLE OF THE SEASON:**

The focus of the Easter Scripture is not just on the telling of the Gospel story of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead – but almost more so the telling of how the early Christian communities found the presence of the risen Christ in their lives. In the finding of this presence, they lose their fear, rise to new life and work on building a community life that expresses and lives the values Jesus taught. Many of the Easter stories are taken from the Acts of the Apostles (Luke's telling of life in the early communities).

**TOPE / DECORATION OF THE SEASON:**

Obviously, a huge contrast to the simplicity of the Lenten Season, Easter decoration is usually at the top level of yearly decoration with an abundance of flowers. Prominent among the decorations should be the highlighting of the Baptismal font and the placement of the Easter Candle. Music is usually lively and singable, encouraging the community to participation and celebration. Oftentimes Mass will begin with a water-rite in place of the penitential rite – thus emphasizing our union with Christ and each other through Baptism. In many places the Gloria and the Creed are sung during this season.

**SUGGESTIONS:**

- Try to observe the whole season (don't run out of energy)
- Work in the garden – give thanks for new life
- Talk with your family about what we can do to preserve our environment – be aware of our responsibility
- Continue to attend church regularly
- Attend a baptismal celebration at the parish
- Encourage a family member, neighbor or friend to attend church with you. Congratulate and encourage a family that has just celebrated Baptism; a child that has just received Eucharist for the first time, or a young adult that has just been Confirmed in the Spirit.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

Pictured here is the new fire of Easter awaiting us to gather around, bless it, and light the Paschal Candle – the sign of the risen Christ who dispels the darkness of sin with the power of the holy light. Easter is a time of thankfulness and celebration.

I want to say a word of thanks to all who helped to plan, set-up, and share in our very beautiful Holy Week and Easter Services. The saying “It takes a village” comes to mind as it does take the combined efforts of many, many people to make the Holy Week and Easter Services look effortless. To all who helped, and all who attended in prayerful union, Thank You!

And, for the next fifty days we celebrate the presence of the risen Christ in our midst. This weekend we welcome new members in the sacrament of Baptism. This past week we confirmed young adults in the sacrament of Confirmation. We continue to “feed the five thousand” as we collect needed items for the North Cambridge Children’s Center. And, we continue to plan our parish gathering to talk about “end of life” issues.

And, lastly, a personal word of thanks. This coming year, the beautiful Paschal Candle that graces our worship is a gift in memory of my friend, Keith Perleberg. Keith died last May, and members of the staff here at the parish have donated this sign of resurrection and life in his memory. I am deeply grateful for this generous and thoughtful memorial.

***SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AND WELCOME***

The Easter Season is the primary season in Church life to initiate and welcome new members. Therefore we have a special emphasis on these sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) in this holy season.

We will be welcoming two young children into the life of the Church as we celebrate Baptism at the 10:00 AM Family Mass on Sunday, April 7th.

Confirmation was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Parish on Wednesday, April 3rd with young adults and older adults from Saint Peter, Saint John and Saint Paul Parishes.

And, we will join with our young boys and girls on the weekend of May 4th and 5th to welcome them to the Table of the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time.

***LOOKING AHEAD.....***

Friday, May 3rd - Bay Colony Brass Concert 7:00 pm (church)

Sunday, June 2nd - Parish Picnic 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule - Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend

Saturday 4:00pm      Sunday 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm

***FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND***



*“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” (Luke9:17)*

Food assistance programs help many families in our area. Many rely on public assistance programs to get food. However, these programs do not cover other essentials that we all use on a daily basis.

For the month of April we will be collecting some of these items not covered by standard assistance programs to benefit the families of North Cambridge Children’s Center, a Catholic Charities organization. These items are:

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| Soaps                       | Detergent for clothes and dishes            |
| Toothbrushes and toothpaste | Toilet paper                                |
| Shampoo and conditioner     | Diapers (especially sizes 3-5) and Pull ups |

Please consider donating some of these items. Collection baskets will be left in both breezeways of the church.

***END OF LIFE ISSUES***

On Sunday afternoons, April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 3:00—4:30 pm, we are planning a Panel Discussion format to talk about “end-of-life” issues. Each week the 3 member panel will be comprised of experienced professionals who will speak and then lead the discussion. (Please watch the parish bulletin for the names of the panelists.) Week one will focus on the importance of:

- \*making good decisions on health care
- \*selecting a health care proxy
- \*the writing of a will
- \*telling family and friends about your wishes for a funeral and burial

and will be led by Mary Harrison, Catholic Chaplain - Mount Auburn Hospital and Rev. Thomas Mahoney, present Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Belmont and former Chaplain at Mass General Hospital.

Week two will be more practical and discuss how you go about carrying out your decisions.

**LADIES SODALITY**

Wednesday, April 10th  
Rosary @ 7:10 pm and Mass @ 7:30 pm  
In memory of Marie Dumont

Social to follow in parish ctr.

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for the devotion to the Blessed Mother

*Calendar of Events*

**Weekly Schedule April 7th - April 14th**

- Sunday** 9:15 am Youth Choir practice, 10:00 am Mass - Baptism, 11:15 am Religious Education classes (school), 4:00 pm Contemporary Adult choir practice, 6:00 pm Religious Education Middle School (parish ctr.)
- Tuesday** 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (gym)
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm Scripture Study (parish ctr.), 7:00 pm AA meeting (school café), 7:10 pm Sodality Rosary & Mass (church & parish ctr.)
- Thursday** 6:30 pm Spring Show - St. Peter School
- Sunday** No Religious Education classes - School Vacation Week, 11:00 am Sunday Morning Small Faith Group (school library), 4:00 pm Contemporary Adult choir practice

*Mass Intentions*

**Weekend of April 6/7**

- Saturday 4:00 PM Agnes & Cedric Breen
- 12:00 Noon Paul Flynn
- 5:00 PM Francis Long

**Week of April 8-12**

- Wednesday 8:00 AM Adine Connell

**Weekend of April 13/14**

- Saturday 4:00 PM Joseph Flaherty
- Sunday 8:00 AM Frances DiNicola
- 12:00 Noon Anthony Auterio, Sr.

*Collections*

- March 30/31 Easter Collection \$14,103
- Mail-in Weekly Offertory March \$835
- Mail-in Monthly Offertory March \$1462
- Monthly offertory March Online Giving \$6872
- Mail-in Quarterly Offertory \$625
- Mail-in Yearly Offertory \$2150
- Thank you for your generosity.



Easter Flower memorial list will be published next week. Thank you to all who donated to make our church beautiful.

**WE PRAY FOR:** those who are having a difficult time in their lives; for the imprisoned and the addicted; or the hungry and the homeless; for those who suffer abuse at the hands of another; For all families and caregivers; and for all who have asked for our prayers.

Names will be placed on list for a period of 4 weeks. If you wish to keep names in bulletin for a longer period of time please contact the parish office by emailing office@saintpetercambridge.org or calling 617-547-4235.