

2012 Lenten Schedule

St. Peter Parish, Cambridge

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 22nd

with imposition of ashes
8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Home Daily Meditation

copies for Adults and Children
Pick up your copy in church

Easter Flower Donations

Honor your loved ones by making a donation in their name for **Easter flowers and decorations**. Envelopes are at the entrances of the church. Names will be listed in bulletin **April 15th**.

Clothing Drive

to benefit St. Francis House
men's & women's gently worn clothing,
accessories, & new toiletries

SPRING SEASON CLOTHING ONLY

Weekend of March 3/4 through
Weekend of March 10/11

Drop off items in Parish Ctr.

Adult Easter Choir

Wednesdays @ 8pm
Beginning February 22nd

Choir to sing Palm Sunday,
Holy Thursday & Holy Saturday

See Doreen Gullledge, Music Director
for more information



Each Wednesday of Lent from 6:30 - 8:00 PM the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. This is true in each church & chapel in the Archdiocese.

A Communal Reconciliation Service

will be celebrated here

Please look in future bulletins for date



Why Catholic?

Why Catholic? is a small group faith sharing experience that uses scripture, written reflections, prayer and discussion each week. Join us as we look closely at Christian Prayer. Small groups of 8-12 participants will be meeting for 6 weeks during Lent.

Group times are:

Sundays 11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sundays 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

You can sign up by:

- Filling out a purple registration form at the doors of the church and returning it to the parish office.
- Email Anna Molettieri at amolettieri@stpetercamb.org
Call 617-547-4235 x17.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - April 5th

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Night Prayer at 9:30 pm

Good Friday - April 6th

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

11:00 am - Family Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's

Passion and Death

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross w/veneration

Holy Saturday - April 7th

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

(No 4:00 pm Mass)

7:30 pm - **Easter Vigil** (first Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday Mass - April 8th

8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 Noon

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

THE LITURGICAL YEAR - THE LENTEN SEASON

FOCUS OF THE LENTEN SEASON:

Lent is the Penitential Season of the Church's Liturgical Year. We strive to acknowledge our sinfulness, repent of that sinfulness and open ourselves to the Grace of the New Life of Easter. This comes from Lent being the Catechumen's proximate preparation for Easter Baptism. For those already baptized, we prepare to renew our baptismal commitment.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before the celebration of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday).

ASH WEDNESDAY: Essentially a day of humility. I admit to God, myself and others that I am a sinner, in need of God's mercy and the prayer and help of the community. Ashes are not a "badge of honor", but rather an acknowledgement of our need for God and each other.

COLOR / TONE / DECORATION OF THE SEASON:

The Color of the Lenten Season is Purple (the color of penance)

Elements: Cross, Palm Branches. Ashes, "Desert" theme. Things should be minimal – you want a dramatic contrast between Lent (die to self) and Easter (rise to new life with Jesus and others).

Tone: One of introspection (admitting our sin and resolving to improve) – Self-sacrifice and also Sacrifice for the good of others (notion of Self as part of Community) – Prayer – Good Works.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Once a week share a family "simple meal" and put money aside to donate to a charitable program.
- Answer the question "What would be a real sacrifice for me? Then do it! (More value to this than just repeating an old favorite – giving up candy.)
- Set aside personal/family prayer time each week – and stick to it.
- Pick out one thing you'd like to improve about yourself and work on it. (Being a more courteous driver – being more polite – watching "language" etc.
- Attending Mass with even greater attention and participation – getting to know the community better.