

*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

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## *SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE*

### *Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend*

*Vigil Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
and 5:00 PM*

### *July through Labor Day weekend No 5:00 PM Mass*

*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:

11:00 Noon    Rev. Dan Harrington, SJ  
5:00 PM      Rev. Jim Keenan, 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.

**New Website:** [www.saintpetercambridge.org](http://www.saintpetercambridge.org)

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Change – whether we like it or not – is a part of life. And, here at the parish we now find ourselves looking at a change in our mass schedule.

As many of you know, Fr. Dan Harrington SJ has been here at Saint Peter Parish for more than 20 years presiding at the 12:00 noon liturgy. Recently, his cancer has taken a severe turn. Having exhausted many treatment options, he is now undergoing chemotherapy. This has severely sapped his strength and he has been unable to join us for several weeks. It is both his and our fervent hope that he will soon be able to return to the parish.

All of this has made it important to look at our mass schedule, keeping in mind the following two considerations. First, with an average of just under 800 people attending mass on the weekends, we do not need to have five scheduled weekend masses in a church that seats 425 people. Secondly, we are a parish with just one assigned priest and I am just not able to preside at five different masses on the weekend (Saturday, 8:00 AM, 4:00 PM, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon) excluding funerals, weddings and other extra duties.

**A solution we are considering is a weekend schedule of: Saturday, 4:00 PM, Sunday, 9:00 and 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM (the Jesuit community will continue to preside at this Sunday evening mass). The 9:00 AM would become the Family Mass. Religious Education would take place from 10:00 – 11:15 AM. Parents would have their choice of celebrating mass at 9:00 AM followed by Religious Education, or going to Religious Education first, and then the 11:30 AM mass. And Fr. Harrington is happy to preside at the 11:30 AM mass whenever he is able.**

Before a final decision is made we are asking for your thoughts on the proposed schedule. You may speak to any of the staff. (Whatever we decide on – it will become effective the weekend after Labor Day.)

IN RESPONSE TO SOME QUESTIONS:

Thank you for your input. We certainly realize that no schedule is going to be perfect, and we all are going to sacrifice something with a new schedule.

We are committed to the importance of Sunday (Weekend) Eucharist and are trying to make mass available to all our families. We are also committed to improving our understanding of our faith (religious education – or – faith formation) for all ages. A weekend schedule that allows people to share both of these – without choosing one over the other – is essential.



### School News

The Administration at St. Peter School is very busy preparing for the start of another great school year, 2013-2014. At this point, most grades are already full but we do have openings in a few grades, including our four year old pre-school program.

For additional information and/or a tour of the school, please contact our Director of Admissions, Mark Smith - [admissions@saint-peter-school.org](mailto:admissions@saint-peter-school.org)

## Feeding the Five Thousand



*“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” (Luke 9:17)*

### New Update: Harvard Square Churches Meal Program

Thank you to all the parishioners (approximately 50) who helped out at the Harvard Square Meals Program this summer. Each week a group of us from St. Peter’s helped to serve a meal and clean up for the programs’ 100+ guests.

We have a couple of openings for volunteers on August 22 and 29.

If you can help out, we would love to have you. **It is very important that we know you are coming to help, we can only send 10 volunteers each week.** Email or leave a message for Anna Molettieri [amolettieri@saintpetercambridge.org](mailto:amolettieri@saintpetercambridge.org) or 617-547-4235 x17 to sign up for one of the remaining weeks.

**Vespers, Adoration, and Benediction** will be celebrated on the third Wednesday of each month, from 7:00-8:00 PM, in the church. The service will begin (7:00-7:30) with the day’s Evening Prayer from the Church’s Liturgy of the Hours, including a Scripture reading and brief homily. From 7:00-7:50 the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration, followed by Benediction. No experience with these forms of prayer is needed: full worship aides will be provided. Deacon Tim O’Donnell will lead the service. Please join us for this prayerful time to be with the Lord on **Wednesday, August 21.**

**Weekly Schedule August 18th - 25th**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am Mass - Naming & Signing
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm Vespers, Adoration & Benediction (church), 7:00 pm AA meeting (school café)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am Mass - Baptism



**Weekend of August 17/18**

Saturday	8:00 AM	Michael K. Stewart
	4:00 PM	Bishop Thomas J. Riley, Anniversary
Sunday	9:00 AM	Menica Robbio
	11:00 AM	Mary B. Stephens

**Weekly Offertory**

August 3/4    \$2544  
 Thank you for your generosity.  
 Mail-ins Weekly Offertory \$480  
 Mail-ins Monthly Offertory \$1415

**Week of August 19-23**

Wednesday	8:00 AM	Josephine M. Poto, Joseph N. Poto, Joseph Poto
Thursday	8:00 AM	Kevin J. Mulvey, 3rd Anniversary
Friday	8:00 AM	Joanne Arseneault

**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 Paul Finnegan and all families and caregivers; and for all who have asked for our prayers.

**Weekend of August 24/25**

Saturday	4:00 PM	Kevin J. Mulvey, 3rd Anniversary
	9:00 AM	James Wallie
	11:00 AM	Sadie & Thomas Connarton

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](mailto:office@saintpetercambridge.org) or calling 617-547-4235.

*“Sometimes the priest appears distracted or in a rush”.*

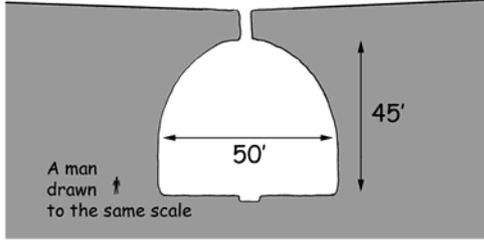
***On the Other Hand....***

*There is no other hand here.  
The priest should always try to be attentive and prayerful.*



**FAITH FACTS**

A cistern from Biblical times



Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In Biblical times, rainwater was collected during the rainy seasons for use during the dry seasons. The water was collected in cisterns, like the one shown above. The best cisterns were carved out of rock. They would have a sloping pavement above, from which water would drain into the cistern. Cisterns could be very large. The dimensions given above are those of a real ancient cistern, excavated by archaeologists.

**CODE - BREAKER!**

Crossword solution from last week

F	O	E	S	S	T	A	R	S
A	E			E				O
I	S	A	A	C	N			O
T		L		R	E	T		U
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S	E	A	T		A	P	R	O
O	N	H		M		U		E
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The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: D = I, and Z = E.

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OCZ ZVMOC JI ADMZ,

VIY CJR D RDNC DO

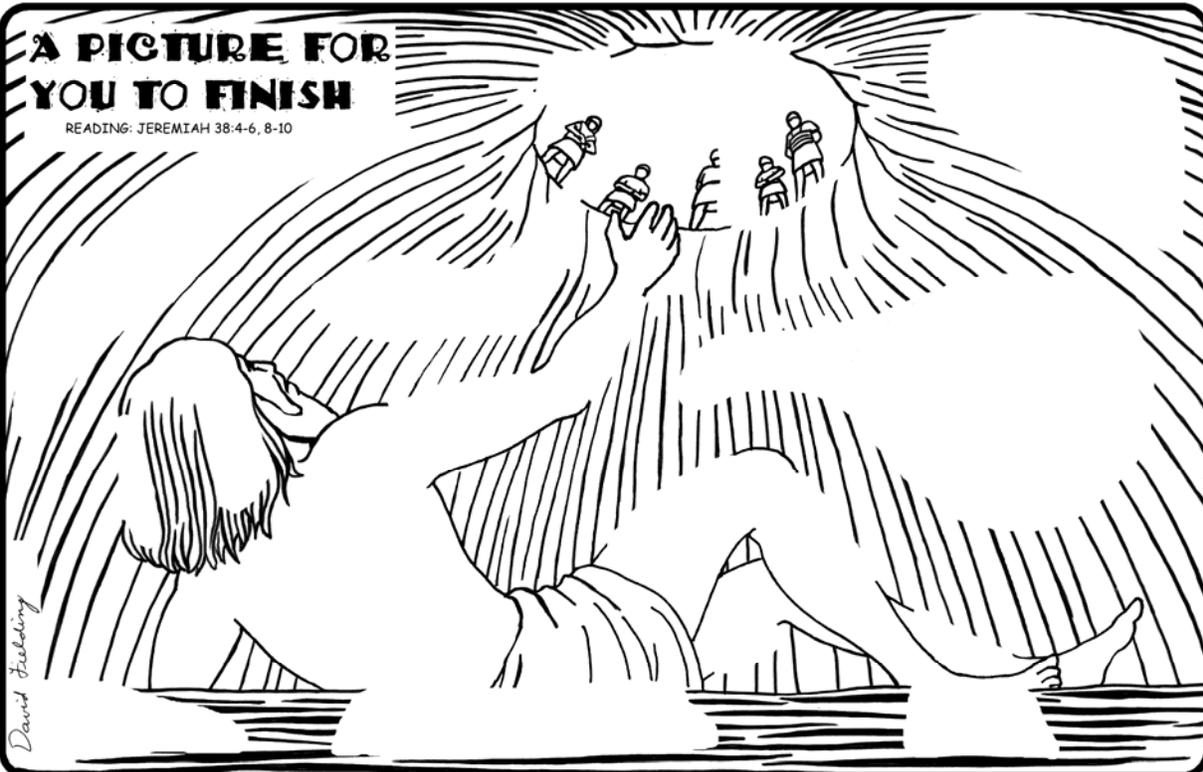
RZMZ VGMZVYT WGVUDIB.

ANSWER

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.

**A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH**

READING: JEREMIAH 38:4-6, 8-10



David Jelding