

**St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
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Easter, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Peter's,

The past 13 months have been tumultuous ones. It has been a time of social upheaval, political tension and a world wide health pandemic. We miss seeing many of you who need to stay home for your safety. Yet, our parish reopened last May 31st and we are gathering together for Mass and reaching out to those in need. Our Religious Education is operating and 9 young parishioners will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on April 25th. Our two major parish charitable organizations, the Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent de Paul Society have been actively responding to the needs of many in our community. The number of parishioners returning to Mass have been slowly increasing each week and because of some generous donations and many parishioners who faithfully mail in their weekly donations, our financial status is sound. We are looking forward to having things soon return to normal and seeing everyone coming back to church when we are all vaccinated.

Since all Holy Week Services were canceled last year, we will resume those services at St. Peter's this year. The service schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

Palm Sunday March 28th: Psalms will be available to take home after Masses.
Holy Thursday Mass on April 1st at 7 PM
Good Friday Service on April 2nd at 3 PM, followed by the Stations
Holy Easter Vigil Mass on April 3rd at 7 PM and
Easter Sunday Mass on April 4th at 8:30 AM

Because of a generous donation by Paul Fanizzi, we recently have installed in St. Peter's a new "live stream" system, allowing anyone to view all our services on their computer at home. Just google to the parish web site and click on the tab to the left saying, "Live Stream." Two icons will appear. "Live Stream" allows viewers to watch all our weekend and weekday Masses as well as all funerals and weddings live. Below that, a camera icon allows you to view a previously recorded Mass at St. Peter's. We are grateful to Paul for financing the equipment and grateful to Javier Cortex, Alison Collins and Jeff Barnes for setting up the system for us. The system will begin working for us on Palm Sunday and continue for all Holy Week services.

This past year has reminded us how very vulnerable we all are and so the celebration of Easter comes at a perfect time. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the spiritual focal point of human history, the cause of our joy and the reason for our hope. Have a Happy and hope filled Easter!

Fr. Mick McCullough
Pastor