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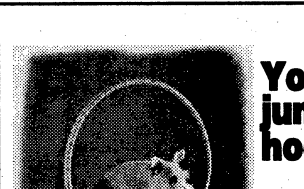
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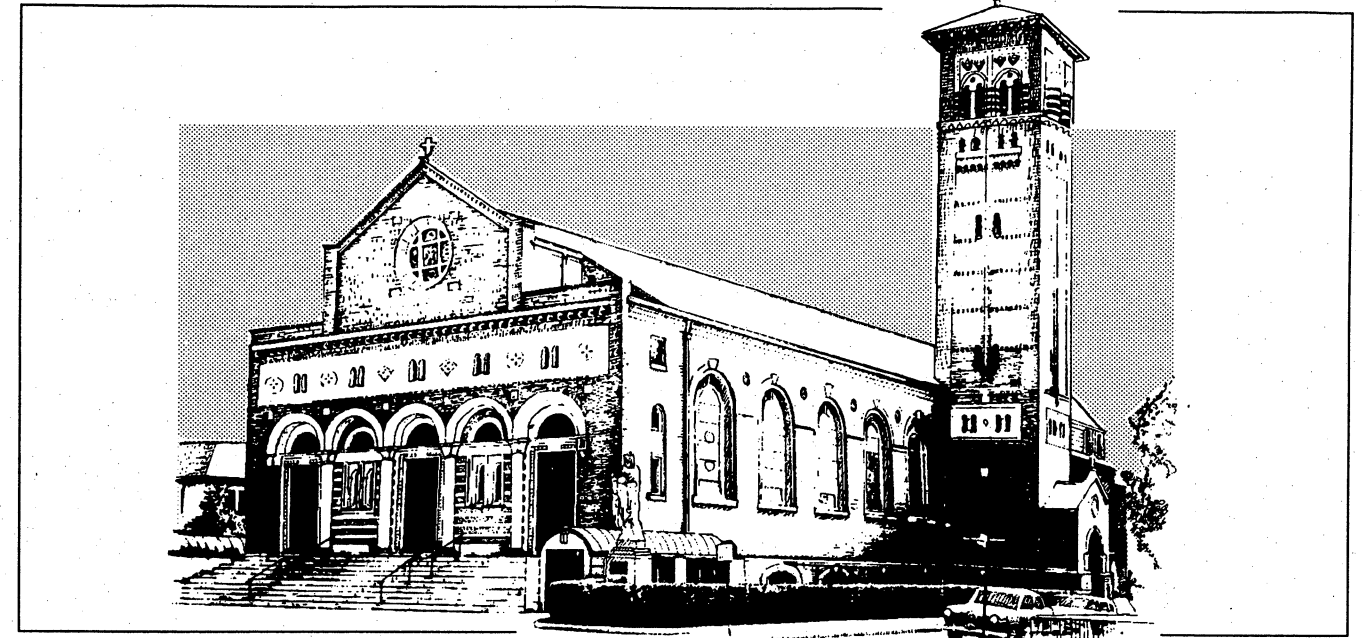
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Rectory 547-4880
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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
7:00 & 9:00 a.m. (No 7:00 on Saturday)
SUNDAY LITURGY
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 6:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. & Noon

CONFESSION
Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISM
Instruction - 2nd Sunday of the month
Baptism - 3rd Sunday of the month
Contact Rectory to arrange date

MARRIAGE
Contact a priest at least one year in advance

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Please notify a priest.

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BINGO
Friday - 1st Game at 7:00 p.m.

• NEW PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER AT THE RECTORY •

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 9 & 10
Classes for both grades will meet at the regularly schedule time this Sunday, March 9.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated this Wednesday, **March 12 at St. Peter Church at 7:00 p.m.** All parishioners are invited to join in this wondrous occasion. **All Confirmation candidates and their sponsors should be at St. Peter Parish no later than 6:15 p.m.** Please keep the following confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers as they celebrate this special moment of their lives: Jennifer Brown, Shawn Hogan, Timothy Janul, Lawrence Jeune, Danielle Lorange, Rosamaria Santiago, Terence Smith, John Tessier, Jr., and Christina Zuzolo.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - is held on Wednesday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy in the Parish Hall.

ST. PETER-ST. JOHN YOUTH GROUP - The **grades 7 and 8** will meet at St. Peter School this Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

NEW ENGLAND SPRING FLOWER SHOW - on Wednesday March 12. Call either Katy Pennington at 623-2052 or Dorothea Murray at 354-3478.

ABC QUILT PROJECT meets in the **Parish Hall on Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Call Paul Abbanat 625-6020, Susan Walton 648-6032, or Irene Murray 666-5216.

LENTEN BABY SHOWER - The "Lenten Bassinet" is in the vestibule of the Church. Should you wish to place any new "baby shower" gifts in the crib, we will distribute them to the needy at Easter.

FR. READY received several get well cards this week and one resolution from the Cambridge City Council submitted by Councilor Michael Sullivan and co-sponsored by Councilors Anthony Galluccio, Mayor Sheila Russell, Councilors Frances Duehay and Kenneth Reeves wishing Fr. Ready best wishes and a speedy recovery. Father is in residence at St. Patrick's Manor, 863 Central Street, Room D127, Framingham, Ma. 01701.



EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS collection next weekend. If you wish to honor someone, living or deceased, by making a donation for Easter Flowers, please print the names of your loved ones and place them with the offering in the collection basket or mail the envelope to the rectory. Parishioners and friends who have contributed to the planned beauty of our sanctuary by donating towards the flowers in honor of their family members and friends will see their loved ones names printed in a Special Easter Flower Bulletin Insert. As you enjoy the beauty which honors a loved one, the insert will be a reminder for us all to remember them in our prayers. Because of the time to prepare the special insert, **please ensure the Flower Offering Envelope reaches the Rectory by March 24th.**

CHURCH RENOVATION FUND

We are in the final month of our fund raising drive for Phase One of our Church Renovation project. Those of our parishioners who have pledged are committed and have exercised their responsibility. **CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM!**

There are a few parishioners who have made some payments over the past year but have not made a commitment either in the form of a pledge or have not fulfilled their pledge. If your financial situation has changed or for some other reason you need to change your pledge commitment, please contact Fr. Collins or Al Gerardin, the Church Renovation Fund Committee Chairperson at 547-4880.

If we are to continue to make plans for renovation, we need to know what we can expect to receive for funds. Please consider making a pledge and show your interest.

TWO WEEKS TO HOLY WEEK...

For me as Lent winds down, excitement about Easter surfaces. This is the flow of the Lenten weekly Gospels. The stories of Jesus' last days yield to remembrances of the first day of the resurrection. We always join together the Passion, Death and Resurrection. Study of the evangelists' versions of this sacred time has brought me renewed appreciation for our Catholic traditions which mark the holy days which lie ahead for us this year.

To be a Catholic Christian is to have a particular involvement in the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection through the celebrations which mark Holy Week. We do not look on these days as an American looks on the celebration of Memorial Day. On that day we remember with gratitude those whose lives have touched ours. We recall their histories - stories which are completed. Holy Week is an invitation to participate in the unending saving life of Jesus. We are present at the entry of the Lord into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Holy Thursday we sit at the table in the upper room and have our feet washed by the Master whose life-giving presence is renewed in the Eucharist. Jesus invites us to come and watch with Him in prayer. Good Friday finds us mingled with the crowd some of whom had come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and others of whom could do nothing other than mock. After wondering with the Roman soldier whether this might truly be the Son of God, once again, we receive the fruit of Christ's sacrifice in communion.

Holy Saturday evening and Easter Sunday find us among the faithful women who were the first to know that Jesus is indeed raised from the dead and has come, for us and for every person, the source of eternal life and hope. We renew our commitment of faith and nourish this commitment in the sharing of the bread and cup which reseal our relationship with God.

The celebrations of Holy Week - Palm/Passion Sunday, the Celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Solemnity of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, together with the Easter Sunday Liturgies- are the heart of who we are as Catholic Christians. Every other prayer of ours and every other celebration in which we take part draws its meaning from these sacred events. I encourage you to set aside these days as sacred and to plan to be with your Catholic brothers and sisters of St. John's Parish to celebrate the events which make us who we are. Please see the schedule printed in this Bulletin.

Fr. Collins

Holy Week Schedule

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY - MARCH 23

Celebration of Masses with the blessing and distribution of Palm will take place at our regular times. The Children of the Parish will be in procession at the 9:00 Family Liturgy.

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MARCH 24-26

Saint John's will celebrate daily Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. St. Peter's will celebrate an additional evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY - MARCH 27-29

In conformity with ancient tradition, one Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Church on Thursday & Friday. Saturday evening will be the Easter Vigil.

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 27

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Church and will include the symbolic washing of the feet, the breaking and sharing of Eucharistic bread and wine, solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and be followed with a church open for prayer as in the Garden until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 28

At 3:00 p.m. the students from our school will put us in touch with Jesus' gift of love as they interpret His passion and death in action with the Stations of the Cross.

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Church and will include veneration of the cross and communion together with the proclamation of the Passion.

EASTER VIGIL - SATURDAY, MARCH 29

The Vigil starts with the lighting of the new fire at 7:00 p.m. followed by the procession with the Easter Candle into our worship space to hear God's word and greet the Risen Lord.

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 30

Each Easter Liturgy will include the renewal of baptismal promises. Masses will be celebrated at 6:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Bring your family and friends to these beautiful renewals of the saving action of Jesus Christ. May our parish community be enriched by His presence...and yours!!!

*Last week's Offertory Collection amounted to \$2,823.
Many Thanks.*

The Second Collection this weekend is for the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal.

*The Second Collection next weekend is for
Saint John's Easter Flowers.*

Music Ministry

Gathering Hymn: Lift High The Cross #327
Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel Acclamation:
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory.
Preparation of Gifts: Jerusalem, My Happy Home #389
Communion Song: Shepherd Of My Heart

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 8th
4:00 PM Johanna Kent 12th Anniversary

Sunday, March 9th
6:30 AM Nicholas & George Kisich Memorial
9:00 AM Mass for Parishioner's Intentions
10:30 AM Joseph Mafiello, Sr. Anniversary
12:00 PM Donald & Anna Vivian Anniversary

Wednesday, March 12th
7:00 AM Mary Pennington Memorial

Thursday, March 13th
7:00 AM Edmond P. Mullen Memorial

Saturday, March 15th
4:00 PM Lawrence E. Trant Memorial

Sunday, March 16th
6:30 AM Mass for Parishioner's Intentions
9:00 AM Lach, Coviello, & Daly families & Mary Gilman Memorial
10:30 AM Marie & John Masters Anniversary
12:00 PM Sr. Anne Regis, O.P. Special

In Loving Memory

Please remember our deceased David Thibodeau, Emma Frank, Nelson Olsen, and their families in your prayers.



March's Offering for the Bread and Wine is in Glory to God and in loving memory of the **Croke, Winston, & Mitchell Families** by Lillian Mitchell.

March's Offering for the Sanctuary Lamp is in Glory to God and in loving memory of **Marie & Louis Passero** by Joan Passero & Pauline Newton

Our sick ask for your prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them: Ronald Thompson, Catherine McGreal, Fr. Frank Ready, Evelyn Finelli, Marie Merzier, Charles Keefe, Sr., Anna Goodwin, Edward Hruska, Thom Missert, Stephen Ficaro, Irene Morris, Jorge Furtado, Raquel Ramos, Millie Barbarino, Barbara Divecchia, Evelyn Davies, Mary Anderson, John Rey Raagas, Bob Doherty, Theresa Costa, Margaret Kelly, John More, Cecilia & Dorothea O'Shea, Santina Ferlito, Veronica Yourell, Manuel Reis, Edward Canney, Doris Walsh, Edward M. Lorden, Robert Lueders, Mary Reardon, Helen Wayland, James Neil, Nancy McCadden, Edna Scardella, and Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Sheehy.



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March 19, 1997

The Honorable Sheila Russell
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Mayor Russell:

Thank you for the resolution from the
Cambridge City Council (co-sponsored by you) and
which you so kindly sent to Rev. Francis P. Ready,
who is now at St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham.

Enclosed is a copy of our Church
bulletin of March 9, 1997 noting this.

I am sure Father Ready was happy to
receive it and appreciated it.

Thank you again, and God Bless.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Charles Collins

Rev. Charles E. Collins
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Communication was received from
Reverend Charles E. Collins,
St. John the Evangelist Church,
thanking the City Council for
adopting a resolution wishing a
speedy recover to Reverend
Francis P. Ready.

In City Council March 31, 1997

Placed on file