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Mass Times:

Weekday Mass: Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Except Wednesday 8:20 a.m.
Sunday Mass: Sat.: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 7:30-7:50 a.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for Baptism Class.
Weddings: Please contact a St. Peter Priest at least six months in advance.
Sacramental Preparation: Is offered through St. Peter School and the St. Peter Parish School of Religion.
R.C.I.A.: Please contact the Parish Office.

To Join St. Peter Parish:

Please phone the Parish Office at 217-222-3155
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

MARCH 29, 2026

(For Palm procession: Matthew 21:1-11;)
for Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27: 11-54

The liturgy today is a paradox because the Paschal Mystery is a paradox! Victory comes through apparent defeat; Real life comes only through death; glory comes through suffering patiently borne; there is no crown without first the cross.

The Palm Sunday procession honors Christ as our King. This means that we accept him as Lord over our lives. But the Gospel of Mass tells of the suffering and death of Jesus! Did those who shouted “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday also shout “Crucify him!” six days later? Or were they merely silent, allowing evil to triumph?

The first reading is the third of the Suffering Servant Songs in Isaiah. These four songs describe an “everyman” who takes all grief and agony of the world to himself. By his suffering, he vicariously heals all. These songs or poems were used by the primitive Church to explain how the Messiah could suffer.

The second reading was a liturgical hymn before Paul incorporated it into his letter to the Philippians about 58 A.D. The ancient hymn expresses the Paschal Mystery: Christ is God from all eternity, but he did not cling to the majesty of God; he made himself as nothing in becoming man. And he became humbler yet, obedient to the worst possible death, death on the cross. Because of his humility and obedience, he is exalted and glorified.

The Passion according to Matthew is today’s Gospel. Jesus is rejected by the leaders of his own people. Although he is crucified by the Romans, the Roman soldiers proclaim that Jesus surely is the Son of God! In meditating on the Passion, put yourself into the picture; identify with the characters.

This week we celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Let us live that mystery in our lives: We must die to self in order to live to God. We must take up the cross if we want to share Christ’s crown of glory.

--Msgr. William Carr
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St. Peter Parish Quincy, IL

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

~Mass Intentions~

March 30-April 5, 2026

- 30. **Monday 8:00 a.m.**
Sue Cunningham
- 31. **Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**
Pat Ellerbrock
- 1. **Wednesday 8:20 a.m.**
Paul Meuth
- 1. **Wednesday 6:30 p.m.**
Dan Frericks
- 2. **Thursday 8:00 a.m.**
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 2. **Thursday 7:00 p.m.**
Fr. Roy Bauer
- 3. **Friday 8:00 a.m.**
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 3. **Friday 7:00 p.m.**
Service Only
- 4. **Saturday 8:00 a.m.**
NO 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 4. **Saturday 8:00 p.m.**
Our Parish Family
- 5. **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**
Cindy & David Brown
- 5. **Sunday 9:30 a.m.**
Bob Soltys
- 5. **Sunday 11:00 a.m.**
Zak & Justin Haubrich

— Mass Schedule —

- Monday-Saturday**
8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 8:20 a.m.**
- Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
- Sunday 8:00 a.m.,**
9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:30-7:50 a.m.
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate this last week in our month of March, the Church celebrates the most important week of our Church, namely, Holy Week. There are so many differing liturgies being celebrated this week and I encourage you to attend and celebrate each one. This Tuesday, the priests are expected to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Springfield. It is at this special Mass that the priests gather to renew their promises to the Bishop. It is also at this Mass that the Bishop will bless the three holy oils to be used in the parishes during the year. These oils are the oil of the sick, oil of chrism, and the oil of catechumens. They will be brought in procession on Holy Thursday night and be placed in our ambry, a type of tabernacle on the back wall of our Church where they will be kept for the celebration of our Sacraments. As we celebrate this Chrism Mass, I ask your prayers for your priests of your parish as well as the priests of our diocese who will be renewing their annual promises to the Bishop.

As our Lenten season comes to a close, there will be differing opportunities this week to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This Sunday, March 29, there will be an all city wide Reconciliation Service at Blessed Sacrament Church, at 2:00 p.m. There will be a number of priests present available for confession and so I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. The following is the **Triduum** schedule for this week. Please join us for some very moving liturgies as we celebrate the Lord's passion, suffering, and death.

Holy Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Confessional times on that day: 11:00-Noon, and 3:00-5:00 p.m.

As is our custom, we will be having adoration times after the evening service. In order to fill each time slot with people to come and pray with Christ, we are asking if able that last names of families beginning with the letters indicated cover the times: 8:00 p.m., R-Z and Saints Alive; 9:00 p.m. A-I and Found; 10:00 p.m. J-Q and any high school and college students. In the passion, Jesus enters into the Mount of Olives and says to the apostles: "pray that you might not undergo the test." Jesus is asking the same to us. Let's stay and watch and pray with Jesus.

Good Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 p.m.

Confessional times: 11:00-Noon; and 4:00-6:00 p.m.

We will also be celebrating Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4, the Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

Confessional times: 11:00-Noon

Easter Sunday, April 5, Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

Mass times are 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF YOU!

**May the Risen Christ fill your lives with the hope of the new life
in the resurrection.**

Fr. Leo's column continued..

This is the latest update concerning the Upon this Rock construction. The roofers were able to start and are on track to finish by the end of next week! Exterior framing is complete and ready for brick to start. Interior framing and mechanical work continues. Windows will start going in at this point as well. Please continue to honor your pledges and be proud of what we have done.

I want to thank all those who have decorated the Church for our Triduum celebration as well as the many people who donated flowers for our Easter celebration, especially Frericks Gardens. The generosity of our parishioners make our celebrations come alive and reflect the joy and mystery of Easter.

I also want to thank our parishioners who volunteered to be part of our liturgy from lectors, to servers to ushers to people who had their feet washed, to cantors, choirs and musicians. Thank you for your participation.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? Pharaohs daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
Which biblical character had no parents? Joshua, son of Nun.
What did Adam and Eve do after they were kicked out of Eden? They raised Cain.

Magi. Leo J. Eulow

Mark Your Calendar	
Monday, March 30:	
Tuesday, March 31:	
-OCIA 7:00 p.m., <i>Martha Jane Room</i>	
Wednesday, April 1:	
-Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., <i>Fr. Bauer Prayer Room</i>	
-Confessions 5:30 p.m., <i>Church</i>	
-Mass 6:30 p.m., <i>Church</i>	
Thursday, April 2: NO 8:00 a.m. Mass	
-Confessions 11:00 a.m.-Noon & 3:00-5:00 p.m., <i>Church</i>	
-Mass 7:00 p.m., <i>Church</i>	
Friday, April 3: NO 8:00 a.m. Mass	
-Confessions 11:00 a.m.-Noon & 4:00-6:00 p.m., <i>Church</i>	
-Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m., <i>Church</i>	
-Service 7:00 p.m., <i>Church</i>	
Saturday, April 4: NO 8:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass	
-Confessions 11:00 a.m.-Noon, <i>Church</i>	
-Mass 8:00 p.m., <i>Church</i>	
Sunday, April 5: Mass at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.	

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~John & Barb Meyer	~Elias Erd	
~Isabella Benner	~Amy Seibert	
~Hunter Hildebrand	~Ellie Lamberson	~Jo Buckley
~Kathy Schuckman	~Vivian Schwartz	~Nancy Bohan
~Darin & Cathy Green	~Joyce Shipp	~Julie Eftink
~Donna Schutte	~Virginia Hunter	~Bill Morrison
~John Douglas Holford	~Norman Kemner	~Cheryl Liese
~Lori Eaton	~Ellie Peters	~Abram Kelle
~Vincent Holtmeyer	~Jimmy Brinkman	~Anonymous
~Jordyn Holtmeyer	~Ian Mehaffy	~Anonymous
~Bonnie Haubrich	~Dick Hopkins	~Mary Neuser
~Winnie Vogel	~Rinley Barry	~Drake Willing
~Sarah Sturhahn Stegeman	~Terri May	~Pat Arnold
~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	~Mary Lavery	~Ken Althoff

To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@cospq.org.



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Reporting Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel – even if it is in the past – individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at (217) 321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.

Online Giving Now Available

St. Peter has partnered with Pushpay to create an easy way to make online contributions to the Church, School, or Haiti. Please use QRCode or Pushpay link below to start your yearly giving. Any questions please contact the parish office.
<https://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	March 22	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,191.25	\$43,885.46
Regular Collections	\$40,196.93	\$1,191,295.68
Annual School Fund	\$7,230.00	\$263,097.21
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$40,601.56
Totals	\$48,618.18	\$1,538,879.91
Total Budget Goal	\$42,000.00	\$1,336,000.00
Difference	\$6,618.18	\$202,879.91

Diocesan Collections

Quincy Catholic Charities: \$165.00
Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$50.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$640.00 Latin America: \$50.00
Catholic Times: \$15.00

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APRIL 12 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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DIocese of Springfield in Illinois
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we look forward to this year's liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, through which the Lord draws us more fully into the mystery of His death and resurrection, I am writing to ask your financial support for two special collection opportunities to be taken in all our parishes during these coming days, the Holy Land Collection and the Seminarian Collection. These collections will be taken up correspondingly during the Good Friday service, and then the Easter Vigil Liturgy and Easter Sunday Masses.

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The Holy Land Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides information and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your promotion of this important collection is essential.

The Seminarian Collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have 12 seminarians. You can take a personal role in their formation with a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

With best wishes and prayers for a blessed Holy Week and Easter, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

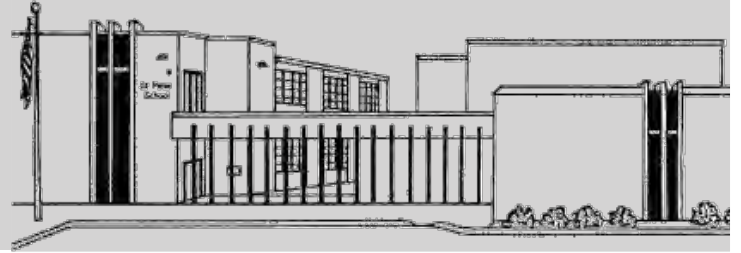
† Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Volunteers needed at Ladies of Charity

Ladies of Charity is looking for volunteers for both our Thrift Store (24 & Elm) and our Center (4 & State). Most volunteers are women but men are also invited to assist us with some of the heavy lifting jobs. We are particularly looking for volunteers who can work the cash registers at our Thrift Store but other opportunities also exist at both the Thrift Store and the Center. Volunteers typically donate 2 to 5 hours of their time per week. Please call/text either Kathy Obert at (703) 786-4788 or Brenda Ehrhardt at (217) 257-8832 to learn more.

St. Peter School



Week of March 29, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh

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Teacher Openings—We are hiring! Come and be part of an outstanding and committed staff for the 2026-2027 School Year

St. Peter School is accepting applications for full-time teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. We have a 4th grade position as well as a 7/8 grade Science/Religion/Reading position open. Applicants must hold an active Illinois teaching license and demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to student success. As a Catholic school, we seek educators who are committed to fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth in a faith-filled environment that supports the values of our Catholic tradition.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference via email to c.venvertloh@cospq.org or by mail to Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal, St. Peter School, 2500 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301. For inquiries, please contact the school office at 217-223-1120. St. Peter School wages are based on years of experience and education ranging from \$33,000 to \$70,000 depending upon education and experience. More specific information will be provided upon request. A summary of benefits can be found at <https://dio.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Benefits-Flyer-2.pdf>.



THIS WEEK

SPRING AND EASTER BREAK
No School from
March 29-April 6

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 23: Dress Rehearsal
- Parents Join Us at 1:30 in
the gym.

August 24:
8:20-11:30
Grandparent's Day
8:20 Mass
9:20 Classroom Visits
10:10 Music Program
11:30 Dismissal

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Next Meeting
Sunday, April 19
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



Saints Alive!
April 13
3:00-4:30 p.m.

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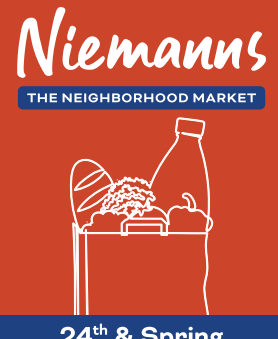
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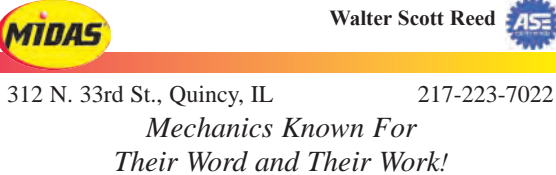
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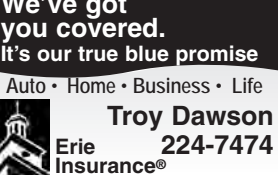
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