



**Candle** - Represents Christ as the Light of the World.

**Wine**—Represents the good life of the Kingdom of God



**Easter Bread**- A round or long loaf topped with a cross ,  
symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

**Eggs (decorated with symbols of Easter, of life, of prosperity) -**  
Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.



**Horseradish**— a constitutive element of the ancient Passover,  
this bitter herb is symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds.

**Butter** - This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb or a cross.  
This reminds us that Christ is the true Paschal Lamb  
who takes away the sins of the world



**Salt**— A reminder that Christians who glory in the Risen Christ  
are called to be “Salt for the Earth” and “Light for the world.” (Pepper may  
also accompany salt as a condiment.)

**Sausage** - whose round shape reminds us of unending life



**Easter Meats (ham, lamb or veal) -** reminders of the abundant life God has  
called us to live.

**Cheese** - Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.



**Colorful Ribbons and Sprigs of Greenery** - are attached to the basket as  
signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the  
Resurrection.

**Linen Cover** - drawn over the top of the basket which is ready for the  
priest's visit to the home or the trip to church where it is joined with the  
baskets of others to await the blessing. The food is then set aside and  
enjoyed after the Easter Vigil is past.