

ASH WEDNESDAY

*Remember that you are dust and to dust
you shall return*

Imposition of Ashes

***7:30 a.m. Mass**

***9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word**

***12:10 Mass**

***By Reservation**

4- 7 p.m. Walk-In

Weekends

Saturday Vigil – 5:00 p.m.

Brazilian Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30, 9:00 Children's Liturgy and Choir,

10:30 a.m. with Adult Choir and 12:00 N

Spanish Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Brazilian Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday through Saturday - 7:30 a.m.

Monday through Friday -12:10 Noon

(HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

and by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must begin to make arrangements at least 8 months prior to their wedding date by contacting the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Attendance at pre-Baptism class is required before the Sacrament is celebrated. Classes are held on the second Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. in the Rectory. Please pre-register by calling 203-743-2707. Baptisms will take place every Sunday at 1:15 p.m. except the second Sunday of the month.

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FEBRUARY

13 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Joni Burke Taylor
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
14 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Palma Cerminara
	9:00 AM	†	Than and Lanh Nguyen
	10:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	†	Josephine Steinberg
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
15 MON	7:30 AM	†	Robert Scarpetti
	12:10 N	†	Father Paul Merry
16 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Father Bernardo Rodriguez
	12:10 N	†	Kathy Stackelberg
17 WED	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		
	7:30 AM		Annette Luciani
	9:00 AM		Liturgy of the Word
	12:10 N	†	Mary Beth Garavel
18 THU	7:30 AM		Msrgr. Kevin W. Wallin
	12:10 N	†	Rita Timan
19 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Marion Mannion
20 SAT	7:30 AM	†	Gale S. Zinicola
	5:00 PM	†	Thomas Liddane
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
21 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Thomas Pepin
	9:00 AM	†	Nhung and Can Nguyen
	10:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	†	Butch Melody and Joe Halas
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—February 7, 2021.....\$ 4,282
 Online-Giving—February 7, 2021\$ 1,755
 Shortfall.....\$ 4,463

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca

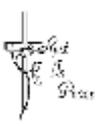


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Father Paul Merry





We offer our condolences to the family of

Celestina Limpa

Gloria McLarty

who passed away last week.

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Richard Botelho
Nubia Dekker Kristin Harrison Elizabeth Ianelli Dan Land
Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin
Joseph Pepin Luciana Perreira Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak



Lent begins on Wednesday with Ash Wednesday. We had a curtailed Lent last year, but this year we are back with some adjustments. First, let me repeat

what I announced last weekend for those who did not hear or read the bulletin. The snow kept the majority of people away from worshipping in person. Our Ash Wednesday schedule is on the cover so that it has the most visibility. We will have three liturgies on Wednesday—Mass at 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. and a Liturgy of the Word at 9 a.m. We need you to make reservations for attendance by either going to our website or by calling the rectory. The 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word is directed toward the students who participate virtually from their classrooms. I went with a Liturgy of the Word only because I cannot impose ashes and distribute Holy Communion at the same time when I go to the classrooms. Since the church is empty, I am opening it to parishioners who would find 9 a.m. a convenient time for them.

In the afternoon/evening from 4 to 7 p.m., the priests of the parish will be in church to impose ashes on everyone who would like to come for them. Given the social distancing restrictions, there is no way that we could have liturgies in English and Spanish which normally are packed. In order to accommodate all the parishioners who want to mark the beginning of this penitential season, having in their place an “open house” period seems to make the best sense. It also has the advantage of allowing those of you who are hesitant to be in enclosed places with many people the confidence that you can “get in and get out” with little to no contact with others.

Obviously, we will not be able to hold our soup and talks before Stations of the Cross on Fridays. However, we will still pray the Stations each Friday at 7 p.m. We will ask you to sign in on the notebook when you come in; no reservations are needed.

We always as a community participate in some almsgiving during Lent. We are proposing several options for you. We have teamed up with Catholic Charities’ Fresh Market once again which offers personal care items to needy residents. We have created a schedule of items in demand. You can choose to participate each week or any of the weeks of Lent. This almsgiving option works only if you are attending Mass. We can suggest two other options that everyone can tap into. One is Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl appeal. Although the cardboard “rice bowls” are in the vestibule, you really do not have to have one to take part. You can make the donation and mail it into our office during or at the conclusion of Lent and we will mail it in to the Chancery which will forward all the donations. CRS is a great organization. It is the charitable arm of the American Catholic

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catholic Church. CRS returns 25% of the money donated to the food kitchens serving the hungry in our dioceses. A second option for feeding the hungry in our midst is Catholic Charities' Loaves & Fish campaign. The idea behind both programs is that we fast/eat simply and offer to the poor what we would have spent on a full meal. And, thirdly, you can donate a food card or contribute toward rental assistance. Christine Moore has personal contact with some families whom we assist as we can. Your abundant kindnesses since covid19 took away people's livelihoods have kept families in their home and put food on their tables.

May our prayer, fasting and almsgiving unite us more closely with our Savior. May we all have a good holy Lent.

—Fr. Mecca

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



Registration for the 2021-2022 School year will begin in late January/Early February.

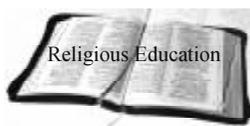
What have St. Peter School students been up to this week?

First, thank you for your generous donations in support of Catholic education. St. Peter School is grateful for your kindness and prayers. Second, we had a Dress Down Day at St. Peter School earlier this week and collected just about \$400. This money will be used to purchase snacks (healthy?) for the doctors and nurses at Danbury Hospital. We have been in touch with a representative from the hospital for guidance on what their favorite snacks are. Third, our students made cards for retired priests for Valentine's Day as well as cards for our local police officers and firefighters. We also sent a snack bag and some personalized cards to our St. Peter family of priests. Finally, we collected canned foods and boxed goods for the local food pantry, but we are still counting the items! Our families were very generous...

"Even the darkest moments of the liturgy are filled with joy, and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten fast, is a day of happiness, a Christian Feast." Fr. Thomas Merton

—Mary Lou Torre, Pincipal

First Communion II Class : Due to the inclement weather last Sunday First Communion II class was postponed to this Sunday, February 14. Class will begin at 10:15 until 11:30 a.m.. Please remember to send in the registration form and fee with your child this week. If you are paying by check, make checks payable to St. Peter Church.



CONFIRMATION - Registration and Sponsor forms and

Confirmation fees are due today February 14. Please make checks payable to St. Peter Church.

February and Class Schedule

February

14 – NO Class – Lesson 15 due

First Communion II class at St. Peter School

17—**Ash Wednesday**

21- Virtual Class – Lesson 16 due

First Communion Class 10:15-11:30 am

March

07 - Virtual Class- 10:30 -11:15 am Lesson 18

14 - Virtual Class- 10:30 -11:15 am Lesson 19

First Communion Class 10:15—11:30 a.m.

20- First Reconciliation for First Communion Students

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

¿ QUÉ ES LA CUARESMA ? En la cuaresma recordamos los 40 días que Jesús pasó en el desierto rezando y sin comer para prepararse antes de salir a predicar. - Cada año Dios te ofrece la Cuaresma como un tiempo especial para tres propósitos: 1) Arrepentirte de tus pecados 2) Hacer penitencia. 3) Convertirte. 1) **ARREPENTIRTE DE TUS PECADOS** : - Es tiempo de pensar: ¿ Qué pecados he cometido ? - Que de verdad te duela haber ofendido a Dios que ha sido tan bueno contigo. Es tiempo de arrepentirse y pedir perdón. - Si tus faltas son pequeñas, basta con que tú solo le pidas perdón a Dios y le digas que vas a luchar duro para no volverlo a hacer. - Si tus faltas son graves, debes hacer una **CONFESION** ; busca al Sacerdote, él es quien puede darte el perdón de Dios. - Recuerda que Dios te ama muchísimo y que siempre te perdona. 2) **HACER PENITENCIA** : - Si de verdad te duele haber ofendido a Dios, puedes **REPARAR** tus faltas, puedes purificar tu alma haciendo sacrificios. ¿ Qué es hacer un sacrificio ? . Es ofrecer a Dios , porque lo amas, cosas que te cuesten trabajo, como por ejemplo: no comer algo que querías, ayudar a otro en su trabajo, ser amable con el que te cae gordo, etc. Cada uno escoge lo que más le cueste. En estos días de cuaresma piensa cada mañana: ¿ Qué sacrificio voy a ofrecer hoy a Dios ? 3) **CONVERTIRTE** : Convertirte es cambiar. Dejar de una vez por todas lo malo y buscar ser mejor. ¡ Si quieres cambiar, ahora es cuando ! Para cambiar de verdad, es muy importante que hagas buenos propósitos, que pienses cuales cosas concretas quieres cambiar y luego, cada noche, revises si cumpliste, verás como vas mejorando. Reza mucho... pídele a Dios su ayuda para cambiar. ¡ Con la ayuda de Dios, puedes lograr cualquier cosa ! **AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA** : - Durante la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos pide dos sacrificios especiales : 1) **AYUNAR** --- es decir, hacer una sola co - mida fuerte al día , el miércoles de ceniza y el viernes santo. El ayuno obliga a todas las personas de 18 a 59 años. 2) **GUARDAR ABSTINENCIA** --- es decir, no comer carne todos los viernes de cuaresma. El no comer carne puede sustituirse por un sacrificio todo los viernes de cuaresma. La abstinencia obliga desde los 14 años.

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CREW Winter Retreat

Our high school leadership program (CREW) had a day retreat this past month! The teens gathered together for games, activities, prayer, and reflection. The theme of the day was 'Spiritual Life in the Midst of a Pandemic'.

It is easy to fall into the sadness and depression COVID has brought on. But there is a grace found during this time, and it is a wonderful opportunity to spend more time (with things being shut down) with the Lord and to grow in a deeper relationship with Him.

The teens were greeted warmly by Fr. Michael Clarke, the spiritual director for the retreat, had the opportunity to spend time in Adoration (for 2.5hrs!) and also go to the sacrament of Confession.

We thank Fr. Clarke for his time with us, and for all of you wonderful parishioners for providing prayers!



—Michael Falbo, Youth Director

Musical Notes:



The music at our 10:30 am High Mass this weekend will feature chants from the Graduale Simplex. The Graduale is the official chant book of the Catholic Church. There are two editions, the Graduale Romanum and the Graduale Simplex, the later containing "simpler melodies for use in smaller churches." The hope was to provide easier chants for the congregation to sing! In practice, however, only trained choirs tend to sing these chants.

—Glen Segger, Director of Music

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

***LENTEN
ALMSGIVING***



<i>Weekend of:</i>	<i>Item Requested</i>
<i>February 21</i>	<i>Paper Towel</i>
<i>February 28</i>	<i>Laundry Detergent</i>
<i>March 7</i>	<i>Shampoo and Deodorant</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Tooth Paste and Tooth Brush</i>
<i>March 21</i>	<i>Toilet Paper</i>
<i>March 28</i>	<i>Dish Soap and Household Cleaners</i>

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The church gives us the following regulations for Lent:

***Fasting and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are required for those 18 to 60 years of age.**

***Abstinence from meat is required on ALL Fridays during Lent for all those 14 years of age and older.**

Fasting is defined as eating, during the day, only one full meal and two light meatless meals. Eating between meals is not permitted, although liquids are permitted.

Abstinence is not eating meat at all during the entire day. Illness exempts one from these regulations.

Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners—Thank you so much from all of us at Renewal House. The gift cards were much appreciated. You are a kind parish who cares about others!

Sincerely, The Staff of Renewal House.

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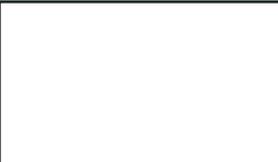
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