



### **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/MARCH

|        |                                     |   |                           |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 27 SAT | 5:00 PM                             | † | Joseph Hocking            |
|        | 7:30 PM                             |   | Brazilian Mass            |
| 28 SUN | 7:30 AM                             |   | Our Parishioners          |
|        | 9:00 AM                             | † | Maria Vu                  |
|        | 10:30 AM                            | † | Margaret Hartell          |
|        | 12:00 N                             | † | Anthony Filipowicz        |
|        | 5:00 PM                             |   | Spanish Mass              |
|        | 7:30 PM                             |   | Brazilian Mass            |
| 1 MON  | 7:30 AM                             |   | Jose Bravo and Zoila Luna |
|        | 12:10 N                             | † | Msgr. Walter Orłowski     |
| 2 TUE  | 7:30 AM                             | † | Charles Goldrick          |
|        | 12:10 N                             | † | William Connor            |
| 3 WED  | <i>St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> |   |                           |
|        | 7:30 AM                             | † | Marie Russo               |
|        | 12:10 N                             | † | Corrado Scattolini        |
| 4 THU  | <i>St. Casimir</i>                  |   |                           |
|        | 7:30 AM                             | † | James Lynch               |
|        | 12:10 N                             | † | Witalis Kmiecik           |
| 5 FRI  | 7:30 AM                             | † | Edward Cardinal Egan      |
|        | 12:10 N                             | † | Nettie Scapeccia          |
| 6 SAT  | 7:30 AM                             | † | Souls in Purgatory        |
|        | 5:00 PM                             | † | Thomas M. Liddane         |
|        | 7:30 PM                             |   | Brazilian Mass            |
| 7 SUN  | 7:30 AM                             | † | Ann Hines                 |
|        | 9:00 AM                             | † | Thomas Nguyen             |
|        | 10:30 AM                            |   | Our Parishioners          |
|        | 12:00 N                             | † | John M. Hanrahan          |
|        | 5:00 PM                             |   | Spanish Mass              |
|        | 7:30 PM                             |   | Brazilian Mass            |

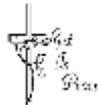
Our weekly goal.....\$10,500  
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—February 21, 2021.....\$ 5,136  
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 Parking Lot Collection—February 21, 2021.....\$ 1,657  
 Online Parking Lot Collection—February 21, 2021...\$ 1,385

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*We offer our condolences to the family of*  
**Sister M. Roberta Garczynski, C.S.F.N.  
 Elizabeth Rosa**  
*who passed away last week.*



I am sharing with you this week a bit of liturgical minutia. You may or may not have picked up on a slight change in the Collect, that is, the opening prayer of the

Mass. In the concluding doxology, the word ‘one’ has been omitted. Listen and, unless one of us priests uses it out of habit, you will not hear “one God forever and ever.” As of Ash Wednesday, ‘one’ was struck from the text. Why? Because ‘one’ is not present in the official Latin text. I was surprised by the memo we received from the Bishop’s Office because, as you all recall, we went through a revision of the English texts for the Roman Missal a number of years ago and the doxology was not addressed at that time. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome recently requested the English speaking bishops of the world to address the discrepancy that existed between the official Latin edition of the Roman Missal (called the *editio typical*) and the English translation. Here is the doxology in Latin. Even if you say you don’t know Latin, you can figure out exactly what it says from your knowledge of the translation which is almost word for word. It also helps if you know one of the Romance languages. “*per* through *Dominum* Lord *nostrum* our *Iesum Christum* Jesus Christ (the J does not exist in Latin), *Filium* Son *tuum* your, *qui* who *tecum* with you *vivit* lives *et* and *regnat* reigns *in* in *unitate* the unity *Spiritus Sancti*, of the Holy Spirit *Deus* God *per* for *omnia saecula saeculorum* forever and ever.” The word ‘one,’ “*unus*” is not used before God. The Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship noted that *Deus* refers to Christ and not to the Father, therefore we shouldn’t have the ‘one’ because the text is not referring to the Triune God. The Cardinal noted that it is important to affirm absolutely the truth that Jesus is God. His predecessor must not have been concerned because the International Council for English in the Liturgy pointed out the discrepancy to the Congregation in the process of retranslating the Missal, but the Congregation allowed ‘one’ to remain. The addition of ‘one’ was made at the time of the first translations after the Vatican Council. Our English translation now perfectly matches the Latin as well as other vernaculars.

Returning to our Lenten almsgiving, let me share with you a different letter that arrived last week. It is from Mike Donoghue, Director of Catholic Charities in our diocese. He writes to us about food insecurity which he says “is the number one issue impacting the many individuals and families in our community who have lost jobs and are struggling to make ends meet due to the pandemic.” He describes the increase in demand that Catholic Charities has been experiencing as “staggering.” Mr. Donoghue notes that our Church has been a leader in providing food to members of our community and all of

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

us should take pride in what our Church is doing. If you want to help feed the needy as part of your Lenten sacrifice, take a Loaves & Fish envelope available in the vestibule. You can mail in a donation directly. If you are reading the bulletin online and, therefore, do not have access to the envelope, you can send your gift to us instructing us to forward it to Catholic Charities. You might choose a gift to Catholic Relief Services for the same purpose. As I highlighted last week, we have made available its Lenten Rice Bowl campaign in the vestibule. Pick up a cardboard rice bowl into which you can put the savings you experienced from eating a simple meal during the week as an offering to the world's hungry.

—Fr. Mecca

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\*



Registration for the 2021-2022 School year has begun.

#### What have St. Peter School students been up to?

Our students have been active during the Lenten season with alms giving, prayer, and various acts of kindness. For example, our PK students recently made Kindness Bracelets and they are creating a kindness quilt based on the book by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace titled, The Kindness Quilt.

Our students in grades 3-8 are busily working on an *Acts of Caring Tree*.

Mrs. Torre is leading a Bible study with eighth grade girls to help keep them engaged in their faith at a time when so many different pathways are opening up before them as they look to high school. The topic for the Bible study is "Discovering My Purpose."

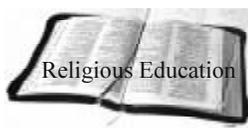
*"Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up the cross each day, and follow in my steps."*

*Luke 9:23*

—Mary Lou Torre, Pincipal

#### Sacramental Registration Forms and Fees

First Communion and Confirmation registration forms are due. Please send in or drop completed forms with fees to the rectory.



#### February and Class Schedule

##### February

28- Virtual Class – Lesson 17 due  
First Communion Class 10:15-11:30 am

##### March

07—Virtual Class- 10:30 -11:15 am Lesson 18  
First Communion Class 10:15-11:15 am  
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  
28— Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday Zoom for all students

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

### COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

En este segundo domingo de Cuaresma, el Evangelio refiere la Transfiguración del Señor. La Transfiguración de Cristo nos enseña que tenemos que seguirle por el camino de la cruz, si queremos llegar con él a la gloria de la resurrección. Pidámosle en esta Misa la gracia de una entrega total, aún hasta la muerte, si esa es su voluntad.

#### **Primera lectura: Gn 22, 1-2.9-13.15-18 (El sacrificio de Abrahán)**

La primera lectura, tomada del libro del Génesis, nos presenta a Abrahán, Padre de los creyentes. Dios le probó hasta lo último pidiéndole a su único hijo, Isaac. La fe y la obediencia de Abrahán le hicieron merecedor de las bendiciones del Señor. Escuchemos con atención.

#### **Segunda lectura: Rom 8, 32b-34 (Dios no perdonó a su propio Hijo)**

En la carta a los romanos, de la cual está tomada la segunda lectura de hoy, Pablo canta en un himno triunfal nuestra esperanza en la salvación que Dios Padre nos da por su Hijo Jesucristo. El Padre ha entregado a su propio Hijo y por su Muerte y Resurrección viene a nosotros toda gracia.

#### **Tercera lectura: Mc 9, 2-10 (Este es mi hijo amado)**

El evangelista Marcos, de quien está tomada la lectura evangélica de hoy, adelanta ya en vida de Jesús y antes de su pasión y muerte la plena comprensión que del misterio de Cristo dio a los Apóstoles la fe pospascual. El segundo domingo de Cuaresma nos presenta la Transfiguración de Cristo con Moisés y Elías. Pedro, Santiago y Juan, estuvieron presentes en esta maravillosa escena como preparación a la Pasión y Muerte del mismo Jesús. Es por el camino de la cruz que llegamos a la resurrección. Este es mi Hijo predilecto: Escúchenlo.



**Lenten Prayer & Practices**

Teens in our high school and middle youth ministry programs, will be coming together via ZOOM for moments of prayer and meditation.

On Monday evenings, the teens will be engaging in some of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

On Thursday evenings, the teens will be leading the rosary.

If you are interested and would like to join, please email the Director of Youth Ministry and an email link will be sent to you!

—Michael Falbo, Youth Director

**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*

**Musical Notes:**

Gregorian Chant is one of the treasures of our Catholic heritage. During this pandemic, with its ban on congregational singing, many Catholic Churches, including St. Peter, have begun to introduce more and more Gregorian Chants into our Masses. This has been a wonderful development, as it has allowed many of us to rediscover our chant tradition.



In order to foster an even greater appreciation for Gregorian Chant, I would like to offer an “Introduction to Gregorian Chant” course over Zoom. During this informal Zoom course, we will examine historical, theological, practical, and musical questions such as:

- What is Gregorian Chant? How is it different from other chants?
- What are the different chants we can sing in the Mass?
- What does the Second Vatican Council say about Latin in the liturgy?
- Why does chant notation have square rather than round notes?

In addition to examining the history and practice of Gregorian Chant, I will provide links to YouTube videos. We may even do a bit of chanting ourselves!

This course will meet over Zoom on Tuesday, March 9, 16 and 23 from 8-9 pm. No musical experience needed! To join, please email me at gsegger@stpeterdanb.org, or register on our website. I will in turn email everyone back with a zoom link along with Zoom instructions. —Glen Segger, Music Minister

*A Lenten Prayer:*



*Protect me, God:  
for in you I take refuge.  
You are my portion and cup,  
my life is in your hands.  
I keep you ever before me,  
for you are my God.  
You stand at my right and:  
I shall not waver.  
And so my heart is glad  
and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
For you do not leave  
my life among the dead,  
or let your servant  
go down into the pit.  
You will show me the path of life,  
fullness of joy in your presence,  
happiness forever  
at your right hand. Amen*

—Pope Francis

**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.**

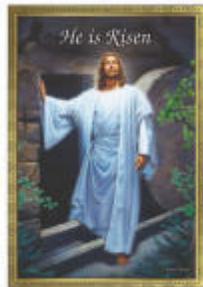
**LENTEN  
ALMSGIVING**



| <b>Weekend of:</b> | <b>Item Requested</b>            |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| March 7            | Shampoo and Deodorant            |
| March 14           | Tooth Paste and Tooth Brush      |
| March 21           | Toilet Paper                     |
| March 28           | Dish Soap and Household Cleaners |

**EASTER CARDS**

THE NOON MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY WILL BE OFFERED FOR OUR LIVING LOVED ONES. THE OFFERING IS \$5.00.



A BEAUTIFUL EASTER GIFT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL.

**St. Joseph Church, Brookfield, CT  
Tuesdays in Lent from 7 to 8 p.m.**

An essential ingredient in the spiritual and pastoral revival of every community of faith is fostering ever greater availability to the Sacrament of Penance. To this end, Centers of Mercy have been established in each Deanery. St. Joseph Church, Brookfield, is the local center. Reconciliation is available each Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross**

Join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.



**Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide**

Politicians in Hartford are again considering assisted suicide legislation. The Public Health Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The Committee has raised *House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients"*.

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities

Many people believe that a physician is deeply involved in this process. This not true. The physician orders the mixture of medications, the patient must then consume the deadly cocktail of drugs without assistance. Many times without even a physician or nurse present.

**We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues.** Don't let the state persuade us that it's dignified for an ill person to sign their own execution order. Don't let the state create an environment where ill people will feel they have a "responsibility to die".

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life:

*Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).*

**TAKE ACTION:**

Go to the website below, read more on the issue and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut

[www.ctstopsuicide.org](http://www.ctstopsuicide.org)

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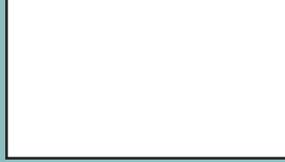
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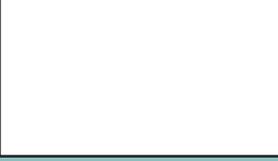


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