

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.

Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

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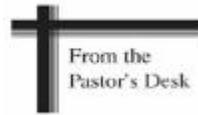
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APRIL



If you are of a certain age, I won't say what that might be, you would likely recognize that the Sunday after Easter was commonly called "Low Sunday." If

I am not mistaken, after having celebrated elaborate liturgies for the Triduum and Easter Day, the parishes celebrated "low" Masses on the octave of Easter, forgoing any "high" Masses. Hence the expression. After ordination I would hear priests apply the expression to attendance. Attendance, always higher on Easter Sunday, drops precipitously afterwards. True to form, that was the case last weekend. Over the Easter weekend, we sat over 800 people. (We were able to get everyone in the church at each Mass because many family units came.) Last weekend we were down to slightly over 400 people for the entire weekend, a drop of half! It was truly a low Sunday! In actuality, 400 represents the average attendance that we have seen during Lent. A few more parishioners are showing up whom we have not seen, and they are telling me that they are feeling comfortable now that they have been vaccinated. To a person, they have told me how good it is to be at Mass in person. While they have participated on line, admittedly, the experience is not the same as being physically with the community of believers *and with Jesus Himself*. I think we are still a good way away from returning to our pre-pandemic attendance. There are some who say that churches across the board will not see a return as skittishness about gatherings will last for quite some time yet. I don't know, but I think among Catholics who were Mass goers, there is a hunger for the real presence of Jesus. We will see. In the meantime, I, like other pastors, are looking forward to the day when a reduction in the required social distancing is allowed so that when people are ready to return we can actually seat them.

Akin to attendance and protocols, let me pass on to you the latest adjustment in protocol. The Diocese on Monday sent us a memo about sanitizing pews. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention issued an update for houses of worship. According to studies referenced by the CDC, the chances of contracting COVID-19 from touching a contaminated surface is less than 1 in 10,000 persons. Therefore, the latest guidance from the CDC is that sanitizing should be done prior to the start of weekend Masses and after the last Mass. We are no longer required to clean following every Mass. Our diocese has endorsed the protocol. I am happy for two reasons with this change. First, it is a relief to know that the chance of transmission from touching a pew is very, very low. Second, not having to fog after every Mass means we are under less stress to prepare the church for the next Mass. It also means less accumulation of the disinfectant on the pews. You probably avoid touching, but the top of the pews are getting a gummy feel to them.

17 SAT	5:00 PM	† Salvatore Bucci
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
18 SUN	7:30 AM	Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak
	9:00 AM	† Loan Huynh
	10:30 AM	† Susan Gavin
	12:00 N	Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
19 MON	7:30 AM	† Peter Heslin
	12:10 N	† Maria Espinal
20 TUE	7:30 AM	† The Keane Family
	12:10 N	† Agnes Stegerhoff
21 WED	<i>St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Connie Siler
	12:10 N	† Dick Moore
22 THU	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	† Rose/Thomas Rotundo & Family
23 FRI	<i>St. George, Martyr;</i>	
	<i>St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Hector Nova Morel
	12:10 N	† George sullivan
25 SAT	7:30 AM	For Vocations
	5:00 PM	† Kennedy and Ryan Families
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
26 SUN	7:30 AM	† Joan Schmiedel
	9:00 AM	† Loan Nuynh
	10:30 AM	Our parishioners
	12:00 N	† Richard Pagano
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—April 11, 2021..... \$ 7,487
 ONLINE GIVING —April 11, 2021.....\$ 1,772
 Shortfall.....\$ 1,241

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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Maria Espinal



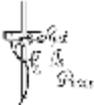
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 Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Kristin Harrison
 Elizabeth Ianelli Dan Land Teddy Marchione
 Christopher McLaughlin Samantha Miller Joseph Pepin
 Luciana Perreira Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*

We offer our condolences to the family of

**Bonnie Errickson
 William Goldstein**

who passed away last week.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

On the topic of COVID, our parishioners and neighbors have a great opportunity to receive the vaccination today in our parish hall between 2 and 7 p.m. The Griffin Mobile Vaccine Unit is in town, and our city's Health Department thought that our location would be a good one to bring the vaccine close to people. I agreed. No appointment is required. The Moderna vaccine will be offered, and the clinic will come back to us in 28 days to administer the second dose. Take advantage of this life saving opportunity.

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Weekend and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is given this designation because the Gospel always comes from St. John's 10th chapter, the Good Shepherd Discourse. We are asked in anticipation of next Sunday to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our parish will host a seminarian next weekend as well. (I will have to be on my best behavior!) I know that contact with others is still kept at a minimum, but I will ask him to go outside after Mass so that you can greet him and encourage him in the vocation. Our diocese, and the Church universal, needs priests and religious. The diocesan vocations team has compiled a novena to Christ the Good Shepherd. I made copies, and we began the prayers on Friday at the daily Masses. Today, the celebrant at Mass will pray the prayer for Day 3 at the conclusion of each Mass. May I request that you add this intention to your personal prayers during the week. Thank you.

—Fr. Mecca

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS

What has St. Peter School been up to this week?



Staff and students enjoyed some leisure time this past week. It was a well-deserved break for everyone!

Upon our return to school on April 19th, we will gear up for the last leg of the 2020-2021 school year. The Gospel Value for April is Courage. Truthfully, that is something we have needed this whole year and it is something we still need to help us navigate the rest of this school year. The quote from St. Augustine noted below seems fitting for our times as we move forward and begin to close out this very unusual school year. I continue to be grateful for our staff, families, students and prayerful supporters behind the scenes. Together, we have weathered some stormy weather all the while keeping our eyes focused on the much anticipated and needed brighter days ahead.

"Hope has two beautiful daughters: their names are anger and courage. Anger that things are the way they are. Courage to make them the way they ought to be."
- St. Augustine

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

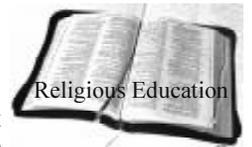


CLOTHING DRIVE

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April 26 through May 16

Clothes, shoes, linens, books, assorted nik-naks are needed. It's time for Spring cleaning...



Religious Education

Pass on The Good News: What good news you ask? The good news of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Registration for 2021/2022 begins today and we are expecting most current students to re-register as well as new students registering for the first time or returning to the program after being away for a while. We are looking forward to the new year and a return to in-classroom instruction, but we need your help so we can ensure that there is a space for everyone. Volunteer to be a catechist so you can join us in helping these students learn and grow in our faith. Classes are offered on Sunday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will provide you with the training, class material and support. We need your loving heart for Jesus and the Church. If you want more information, please contact us in Religious Education 203 743 2707 or email: superdako-ta88@gmail.com

Registration 2021/2022 Religious Education: Registration for 2021/2022 begins today, Sunday April 18 and again Sunday April 25. This registration is for students who are currently registered in the program and/or registered parishioners of St. Peter. New students will be given an application form to complete and will be notified of class availability. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Fees will remain at \$100.00 per child and are due at the time of registration.

Class Schedule 2021

April

- 18— Virtual Class— 10:30—11:15 am
First Communion Class 10:15—11:30 am
Registration for 2021/22 Religious Education Year
(Current Students and Parishioners)
- 25— Last Class—details coming!
Registration for 2021/22 Religious Education Year
(Current Students and Parishioners)

May

- 1— First Communion 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

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COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Información

Mi página: www.catolicosdigitales.org. Visítenla, por favor. Les será de gran provecho

Bautizos

Cuartos Domingos de cada Mes. Contacten con Ana Espinal para el formulario y la información sobre la clase pre-bautismal.

Bodas

Deben contactar con el oficina parroquia al menos con 6 meses de antelación. Es necesaria la preparación requerida por la Diócesis.

Horario de Oficina

De Lunes a Viernes, de 1:30 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. En español pregunten por Ana Espinal.

Intenciones Misa dominical

En el vestíbulo de la Iglesia, 15 minutos antes de la Misa, puede pedir su intención al servidor allí apostado.

Grupo de Oración

7:00 p.m. en la iglesia San Pedro Dirigente Jorge Ordoñez
914-760-5545.

Coro Parroquial

Suspendido hasta la autorización del Obispo Dirección de Alejandro Servín.

Foundations in Education 2021 Virtual Hybrid Spring Benefit

Foundations in Education invites you to its re-imagined Virtual Hybrid Benefit on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our Honorees Dr. Julia M. McNamara and Lynn and Frank Mara of the New York Giants and participate in an online auction from the comfort of your home. All to celebrate and support Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide hundreds of children from low-and middle income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please contact Megan Quinn at 203-416-1671 or mquinn@foundationsineducation.org.

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The Way of The Cross

Teens in our high school leadership program 'CREW' reflected on the Passion of Christ for our Confirmation and RCIA students on Holy Thursday. Each of the stations contained a CREW member who acted and then read a reflection of what it must have felt like to be walking the road to Calvary with Christ.

It was a beautiful evening, one filled with much emotion. Check out our photos below.



ALTAR SOCIETY

April 30 at 8:00 a.m.



Our Altar Society is meeting once again. Parishioners are invited to join. The Altar Society is in charge of dusting the altar and side tables; removing candle wax from their holders; washing the cruets used at Mass; dusting the Mosaics and angels in the foyer, etc. If you are interested in helping, please join us on Friday the 30th or call the Office in order to register to help.

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