

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

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Rev. Frank Eldridge, S.A. Parochial Vicar
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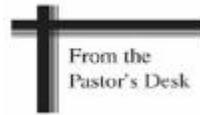
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MAY



There is very good news to report to you today. As of next Sunday, May 23, our celebration of Mass will be restored to its former self. Governor Lamont is lifting all restrictions and protocols save for masks. In addition, Archbishop Blair, Bishop Caggiano, and Bishop Cote issued a pastoral letter on Monday in which they write that with the “clear signs” that the pandemic “is loosening its grip on our lives, we come to you with confidence to take the next step in reestablishing our ecclesial life as a community of faith.” Continuing, they say, “In light of these positive developments, we believe the time has come to review the importance that full participation at Mass has for the spiritual life of all believers and offer a heartfelt appeal for all Catholics to return to the Sunday celebration of Mass in person.” The Bishops announced that they are ending the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation in person effective on Saturday, May 22 beginning with the Vigil Mass of Pentecost. The letter is an extremely well written essay on the theology of the Mass and of our communal nature as the mystical Body of Christ. We are grateful for the technology that allowed the parishes to keep in touch with parishioners and the parishioners with us and our worship, but remote worship cannot replicate the experience of being physically present with the Lord and receiving His precious Body. We have placed the letter on our website and have made some paper copies. It is worth your while to read it.

With the exceptions of no Holy Water and no Precious Blood everything is back. The missalettes return, we may sing, have an entrance and recessional procession, and extend the sign of peace but with a non-contact gesture for folks not within our family. Altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers return.

Our churches may now open all the pews for seating. We will do that with an exception. The Bishop asked us to consider keeping a portion of our churches marked for social distancing for the comfort and peace of mind of parishioners who are most vulnerable or who need the added assurance. We will do that. Our church is large enough and our attendance is not so great at each Mass that we cannot manage to social distance ourselves, that is, be conscious of not sitting directly in front or next to someone.

The requirement to wear masks in an indoor space continues. We must wear a mask inside the building but not outside.

One last particular. Bishop Caggiano is asking that at Communion time, you now lower your mask just prior to receiving the Blessed Sacrament, step aside to place the host on your tongue, and replace your mask. Having observed many people receive, he said that it

15 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Jeannette Farrah
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
16 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Father Bernardo Rodriguez
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Rita Helstowski
	12:00 N	†	Salvatore Moffa and Family
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
17 MON	7:30 AM	†	Father Bernardo Rodriguez
	12:10 N	†	Anne Sullivan
18 TUE	<i>St. John I, Pope and Martyr</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Dale Dunbar
	12:10 N	†	Charles A. Riley
19 WED	7:30 AM	†	Dorothy and Joe Prusak
	12:10 N	†	Helen Machate
20 THU	<i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Marco Mora
	12:10 N	†	Bridget & Daniel Mulvihill and Family
21 FRI	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Ann Hines
	12:10 N	†	William Lopez
22 SAT	<i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	†	Sister Helen Blodgett, S.C.N.
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
23 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Gail Baird
	10:30 AM	†	William Walsh
	12:00 N	†	Mercedes Garcia
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass

Our weekly goal.....	\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—May 9, 2021.....	\$ 6,788
ONLINE GIVING —May 9, 2021.....	\$ 2,672
Shortfall.....	\$ 1,040

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca

We offer our condolences to the families of

Alice Lawrence

who passed away last week.

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

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Gene Cesca

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Elizabeth Ianelli Frank Luciani Teddy Marchione
Christopher McLaughlin Gloria McKee Samantha Miller
Joseph Pepin Luciana Perreira Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

struck him as less than reverent when folks were holding on to the host while removing the mask.

As for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we may return to the confessional next Saturday. Of all the things we do, I worry most about Confessions, as confessionals are pretty tight. Both the priest and penitent should wear a mask for the celebration of the sacrament. The change arrives just in time for the wedding season when all those afternoon ceremonies would make Confessions in the open space of the church impossible.

Let me conclude with a big thank you to all of our parishioners. You have weathered this period very well. Not a single person complained about the protocols. Indeed, everyone who returned to Mass cooperated and understood if not whole heartedly approved of the protocols for everyone's safety. I thank the volunteers who checked worshippers in, directed the Communion lines, and sanitized after the Masses. To Marty Carangelo who dedicated himself to us in a special way by being present at all Masses to make sure that we were nicely spread out goes our collective gratitude. Marty is going to be present one more weekend to guide us through this transition but then he finds himself unemployed! I think he deserves a round of applause and a very good Italian dinner.

—Fr. Mecca



Congratulations and blessings to the Saint Peter School students who received Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on

Saturday, May 15th. We pray you always know how much Jesus loves you and may you come often to receive His precious gift.

Guilherme Andrade Austin Anguisaca Dennis Arias
Gael Barrados Leila Colon Agatha Costa Davi DeSouza
Vinicius Figueiredo Nicole Goncalves Jayden Gomez
Aaron Gonzalez Ryan Guaman Jamison Jarro
Christopher Maldonado Samantha Nugra
Brenda Penaranda Francine Ribeiro Angel Quilligana
Emmanuel Regus Isabella Roberto Danesha Rodriguez
Victoria Sanango Matias Tapia

Liturgy of the Hours

St. Peter will be celebrating Solemn Vespers on June 4. You may be asking: What is Solemn Vespers? What is the Liturgy of the Hours? Our music director, Glen Segger, will be hosting a 3-week Zoom course that will examine the history, theology, and shape of our Catholic tradition of daily prayer, including Vespers. Come learn about our Catholic prayer heritage from the comfort of your own home on Tuesday evenings (May 18, May 25, and June 1) beginning at 7:30. Register online or by calling the office.

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



What has St. Peter School been up to?

We celebrate Jacey Clay this week who is the recipient of the St. Thomas Aquinas Award this year. Congratulations, Jacey!

The Clothing Drive concludes on May 16th. If you have any last minute donations, please drop them off at St. Peter School. We will accept donations on Sunday until 1:00 P.M. in front of the school.

Our St. Peter School students received First Holy Communion on May 15th.

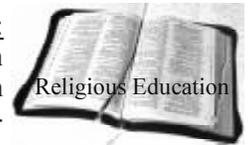
We continue to accept registrations for students at St. Peter School. If you know anyone who is looking for a school that is family oriented, faith-based, and academically focused, please invite them to call the school office for more details.

St. Peter School is seeking a Director of Early Childhood effective immediately. Please email mtorre@spsdanbury.org for details.

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

Religious Education Office Hours :

The office will be open today from 11:00 am – 2:00pm for registration and any other matters- a Spanish interpreter will be available. New students please bring your birth certificate and baptismal certificate for registration. Sunday May 23 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall, this is the basement of St. Peter Church.



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 am 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 1048 or email: stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org

Religious Education Schedule

June 26 - Confirmation

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

MAY 16, 2021

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Pentecostés

La Fiesta de Pentecostés, 50 días después de la resurrección, viene a coronar la obra de Cristo, poniendo la cereza en el pastel, con el don maravilloso de la presencia del Espíritu Santo en el corazón de la Iglesia.

¿Quién es el Espíritu Santo?

El Espíritu Santo es Dios, es la Tercera Persona de la Santísima Trinidad. La Iglesia nos enseña que el Espíritu Santo es el amor que existe entre el Padre y el Hijo. Este amor es tan grande y tan perfecto que forma una tercera persona. El Espíritu Santo llena nuestras almas en el Bautismo y después, de manera perfecta, en la Confirmación. Con el amor divino de Dios dentro de nosotros, somos capaces de amar a Dios y al prójimo. El Espíritu Santo nos ayuda a cumplir nuestro compromiso de vida con Jesús.

Nombres del Espíritu Santo.

El Espíritu Santo ha recibido varios nombres a lo largo del nuevo Testamento: el Espíritu de verdad, el Abogado, el Paráclito, el Consolador, el Santificador. Misión del Espíritu Santo:

- El Espíritu Santo es santificador: Para que el Espíritu Santo logre cumplir con su función, necesitamos entregarnos totalmente a Él y dejarnos conducir dócilmente por sus inspiraciones para que pueda perfeccionarnos y crecer todos los días en la santidad.

- El Espíritu Santo mora en nosotros: En San Juan 14, 16, encontramos la siguiente frase: “Yo rogaré al Padre y les dará otro abogado que estará con ustedes para siempre”. También, en I Corintios 3. 16 dice: “¿No saben que son templo de Dios y que el Espíritu Santo habita en ustedes?”. Es por esta razón que debemos respetar nuestro cuerpo y nuestra alma. Está en nosotros para obrar porque es “dador de vida” y es el amor. Esta aceptación está condicionada a nuestra aceptación y libre colaboración. Si nos entregamos a su acción amorosa y santificadora, hará maravillas en nosotros.

- El Espíritu Santo ora en nosotros: Necesitamos de un gran silencio interior y de una profunda pobreza espiritual para pedir que ore en nosotros el Espíritu Santo. Dejar que Dios ore en nosotros siendo dóciles al Espíritu. Dios interviene para bien de los que le aman.

- El Espíritu Santo nos lleva a la verdad plena, nos fortalece para que podamos ser testigos del Señor, nos muestra la maravillosa riqueza del mensaje cristiano, nos llena de amor, de paz, de gozo, de fe y de creciente esperanza.

St. Peter Men's Society is having its next meeting Tuesday May 18 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please wear a face mask. There will be social distancing. All are welcome to attend.

May 16, 2021



CLOTHING DRIVE

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**Today, Sunday, May 16
Until 1:00 p.m. in front of School
Last day for donations!**

Acceptable Items:

Clothing for men, women and children, shoes, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, soft household items (linens, towels, quilts, blankets and curtains), Stuffed animals, bikes and scooters and car seats (only together with base) and strollers are needed. Items must be separated (e.g. all clothes in one bag, all shoes in another and soft household items in yet another.)

It's time for Spring Cleaning!



Solemn Vespers
and
Benediction
for
Corpus Christi

Friday, June 4
7:30 pm

St. Peter Church
Danbury

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