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### 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 SCHOOL OFFICE

Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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203-743-2707, Ext. 22



MAY

22 SAT	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
24 MON	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	The Lindauer Family
25 TUE	<i>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest &amp; Doctor of Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Martie Haugh
	12:10 N	†	Roberta Boffelli
26 WED	<i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>		
	7:30 AM		Msgr. Kevin Wallin
	12:10 N	†	Michael, John and Sean Byrne
27 THU	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Peter Parzuchowski
	12:10 N		Heather Byrne
28 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Anthony Russo
	12:10 N	†	Donna Michlin
29 SAT	<i>St. Paul VI, Pope</i>		
	7:30 PM	†	James Lynch
	5:00 PM	†	Nettie Scapeccia
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
30 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Gail Baird
	10:30 AM	†	Special Intention
	12:00 N	†	Cheryl Silansky
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500  
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—May 16, 2021.....\$ 5,084  
 Shortfall.....\$ 5,416

Parking Lot Collection—May 16, 2021.....\$ 1,770

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the families of  
 Isabelle Farrington  
 Mary Hoddinot  
 who passed away last week.*



**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns**

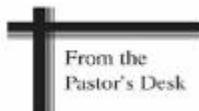
**In Memory Of**

**Rita Helstowski**



**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Richard Botelho  
 Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Kristin Harrison  
 Elizabeth Ianelli Frank Luciani Teddy Marchione  
 Christopher McLaughlin Gloria McKee Samantha Miller  
 Joseph Pepin Luciana Perreira Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*



Today is Pentecost. Fifty days after the Resurrection, Jesus with the Father sends the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and followers completing the work of Redemption. With Pentecost the Church is born. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the many disciples under the leadership of the Eleven form the body of Christ on earth, the Church. The commission: be witnesses of the life, death and Resurrection of the Lord for the forgiveness of sins and preach the Gospel of life. Baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, extending the Spirit of the living God into their hearts and souls. Transform human society by your share in divinity to reflect the Will of God. We rejoice with great gladness today. The double Alleluia at the dismissal returns today as the closing bookend of the Easter Season to demonstrate our joy.

We pray today for the Holy Spirit to burn with fervor in our hearts. Fire is an interesting symbol of the Holy Spirit as it destroys and is frightening. When I was a kid, I had a recurring nightmare about burning buildings. In my early 20s our neighbor had a housefire. We had lost electricity from a storm. When it came back on during the night, the stove which had been left on when the power went off, caused something to ignite. It must have been that old nightmare, but I could not bring myself to go outside to witness the activity, fearful of the flames. Yet, we speak of the fire of the Holy Spirit. We will hear the invocation in today's Liturgy, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." God manifested His Spirit on that first Pentecost with tongues of flames as Acts tells us. We can interpret the fire of the Holy Spirit as a force that burns away our sins. However, the Holy Spirit has had a symbolic meaning for centuries as we know from Jesus' statement that he came "to bring fire to the earth" and how he wished "it were blazing already." (Lk 12:49) Fire symbolizes energy, heat, passion. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles and followers received that exuberant passion, commitment to Divine Love. They "caught on fire," were "all fired up" for the Faith, for the Gospel and life Jesus brought about. We make a plea to the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday for ourselves as the Church today that we may be enthusiastic members of the living body of Jesus Christ, not cool but hot with passion for the Lord and all that He brings.

Today at 10:30, Lexus Thomas will be confirmed, sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Caggiano extends permission to the Pastors on this day to confirm adults. Lexus has studied the Faith and prayed with our RCIA team. She is ready to complete her initiation into the Body of Christ. We are proud of you Lexus, and we congratulate you! Be a courageous and enthusiastic witness of Jesus.

In response to the change in guidance from the CDC and the Governor's announcement, Bishop Caggiano has issued the following changes concerning masks at Mass.

Those who **ARE fully vaccinated are no longer required** to wear a mask at Mass.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Those who are **NOT fully vaccinated MUST continue to wear a mask** at Mass.

While there is no way for us to enforce this requirement, we ask the unvaccinated to follow it borne out of our commitment to protect human life. Of course, any of us who are fully vaccinated may want to continue to wear the mask. Please feel free to do so. We have kept a portion of the church marked off to ensure social distancing even though it is no longer required so that anyone with compromised immunity or who is not yet comfortable indoors in the company of many others can feel at ease.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is going along. Thank you for giving some thought to my talk a few weeks ago. The Development Office sent me figures last week which show 69 donors and contributions totaling \$38,375 toward our \$58,000 goal. May I continue to encourage you to keep the Appeal in mind and decide to make a gift. Repeating myself, no gift is too small. It is appreciated. It says that you are partnering with the Church to provide food, housing, mental health services; to train seminarians and deacons; to support retired priests; and to offer faith programs for children and adults. Thank you!

—Fr. Mecca



### Confirmation Retreat

The teens in our CREW high school leadership program, led a retreat this weekend for all our confirmation students in Religious Ed. The retreat took place Friday evening, and all day Saturday. The theme of the retreat was "Blessed, Broken, Given" -deriving from Luke 24:13-35 also known as the Emmaus story. The Confirmandi were asked to insert themselves into this scripture and pull out the ways in which God has blessed them with friends, family, gifts and talents. They were then led through an afternoon examining their interior life, and some of the outward physical actions they commit that cause them to be separated from God or broken. And then finally, leading up to a closing Mass with their families, they were led to receive the unconditional love and mercy God has for them by how He gives them the sacrifice of His Son at Mass in the Body and Blood.

We are grateful to Fr. Mecca for helping us on our retreat, and to all the parishioners for their love, prayers, and support!

Please continue to keep praying for the teens on CREW and the Confirmandi.

Check back soon for pictures!

Michael Falbo, Youth Director

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



### What has St. Peter School been up to?

WOW! Thank you to everyone who donated to the recent Clothing Drive! We collected at least 250 bags of clothing, household goods, toys, and shoes!

Our Eighth Grade dinner was held on Friday, May 21. We did an outdoor BBQ this year rather than a sit-down dinner due to COVID.

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.

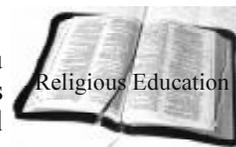
St. Peter School is currently seeking a Director of Early Childhood effective immediately. Please email: [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mtorre@spsdanbury.org) for details.

*"Our Mother Mary is full of beauty because she is full of grace." Pope Francis*

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS : If you need to send an email to Religious Education please use our new email address :

[spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org)



Religious Education Office Hours : This Sunday May 23, registration will be at 4:30 to 7:00 in the parish hall. The office will be closed Sunday May 30th.

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: [spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org)

### Religious Education Schedule

June 24 - Confirmation

June 26 - Confirmation

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

**MAY 23, 2021**

## ***COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO***

### **Información sobre la Eucaristía Primera Parte**

A lo largo de los siglos la Iglesia y los santos han animado a los fieles a amar la Eucaristía, e incluso hay quienes han dado su vida por protegerla. Hoy en la Solemnidad del "Corpus Christi" te presentamos 10 cosas que todo cristiano de saber en torno a este gran milagro:

#### **1. Jesús instituyó la Eucaristía**

Jesús reunido con sus apóstoles en la última cena instituyó el sacramento de la Eucaristía: "Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo..." (Mt, 26, 26-28). De esta manera hizo partícipes de su sacerdocio a los apóstoles y les mandó que hicieran lo mismo en memoria suya.

#### **2. Eucaristía significa "Acción de gracias"**

La palabra Eucaristía, derivada del griego ε?χαριστ?α (*eucharistía*), significa "Acción de gracias" y se aplica a este sacramento porque nuestro Señor dio gracias a su Padre cuando la instituyó. Además, porque el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa es el mejor medio de dar gracias a Dios por sus beneficios.

#### **3. Cristo se encuentra de forma íntegra en el Sacramento del Altar**

El Concilio de Trento (siglo XVI) define claramente: "En el Santísimo Sacramento de la Eucaristía se contiene verdadera, real y sustancialmente el Cuerpo y Sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, juntamente con su Alma y Divinidad. En realidad Cristo íntegramente". Asimismo, en el Derecho Canónico de la Iglesia ninguna otra festividad recibe tanta atención como la Solemnidad del Corpus Christi.

#### **4. Los sucesores de los apóstoles convierten el pan y el vino en Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo**

En la Santa Misa, los obispos y sacerdotes convierten realmente el pan y el vino en el Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo durante la consagración; el proceso es llamado Transubstanciación. La Solemnidad del Corpus Christi es una de las cinco ocasiones en el año en que un Obispo no puede estar fuera de su diócesis, salvo por una urgente y grave razón.

**SAVE THE DATE: McGivney Council #29 Knights of Columbus 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing – September 22nd - Enjoy a fun day of golf at Richter Park Danbury while supporting the Charitable Works of McGivney Council #29 Knights of Columbus! The outing is open to all men and women. Contact: [KofC29@gmail.com](mailto:KofC29@gmail.com) or [203.744.9652](tel:203.744.9652) for more information.**

May 23, 2021



Solemn Vespers  
and  
Benediction  
for  
Corpus Christi

Friday June 4  
7:30 pm

St. Peter Church  
Danbury

### Liturgy of the Hours

Our 2nd Zoom class on the Liturgy of the Hours will take place on Tuesday, May 25, at 7:30 pm. Attendance at the first class is NOT a prerequisite to attend. See our website for more information, and to register for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Zoom classes. You will also be able to view a video of our first class. Registration with email is required so that I can email you the Zoom link to this online class. Come learn about our rich Catholic heritage of daily prayer from the comfort of your own home!



### Wednesdays

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

**There is social distancing and face masks must be worn.**

### Project Rachel

#### June 12 Day of Prayer and Healing

Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? The Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing for women on Saturday, June 12, 2021. For confidential registration or more information, call 203-16-1619 or email [projectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org). God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

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