

### **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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JUNE

5 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Carl Magersuppe
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
6 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Kathleen Fitzsimmons
	9:00 AM	†	Thank and Lanh Nguyen
	10:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	†	Father Bernardo Rodriguez
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
7 MON	7:30 AM		Msgr. Kevin Wallin
	12:10 N	†	Sister Helen Blodgett, CSN
8 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Jesus Realuyo
	12:10 N	†	Jeanne Mulvilhill
9 WED	<i>St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Gen Chau
	12:10 N	†	The Brien Family
10 THU	7:30 AM	†	Marybeth Garavel
	12:10 N	†	James Schlichtig
11 FRI	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Ken Kelly
	12:10 N	†	In Reparation to Sacred Heart
12 SAT	<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	7:30 PM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	†	Gloria Bucci
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
13 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Giuseppina & Pasquale DiBuono
	9:00 AM	†	Meng Cheong Tung
	10:30 AM		Special Intention
	12:00 N		Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500  
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—May 30, 2021.....\$ 5,336  
 Online Giving—May 30, 2021.....\$ 2,412  
 Shortfall.....\$ 2,752

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca

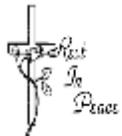


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**In Memory Of**

**Carol Fisher**





*We offer our condolences to the families of*

**Carlos Espinal**

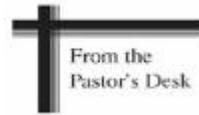
**Stephen Gillotti**

**Theresa Ruppert**

*who passed away last week.*

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

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



Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi. We celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist. As I said last week, it is the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord that above all things defines us as Catholic Christians. During the Reformation period of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the numerous “reformers” denied transubstantiation and the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated host. Their arguments ranged from an acknowledgement that Jesus was present in the bread but that the very substance of the bread had not changed (Luther’s consubstantiation) to the notion that the Eucharist was merely a symbolic representation of the Last Supper. Martin Luther “personally maintained that the force of the words of the institution narrative required some kind of literal presence of Christ’s body and blood.” He said Jesus is present “in, with and under” the bread and wine. Calvin viewed the Eucharist in the same way that we view holy water at Baptism, as a means of conveyance. The bread and wine are not Jesus, but they convey the power of Jesus. Zwingli was in the camp that the bread and wine are purely symbolic. Our Faith consistently taught that the bread and wine are changed during the words of Consecration. The part of the Eucharistic Prayers called the ‘epiclesis,’ that is the part which prays that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ, “is a very clear manifestation of the belief dating to the Fathers of the Church in the fact of the eucharistic change.” The Council of Trent which responded to the challenges of the Reformation condemned as heretical the denial of the change.

All of the Protestant reformers denied the sacrifice of the Mass, that the Mass captures and makes present Jesus’ sacrificial offering of himself to the Father for the remission of sins. Worship for the reformers centered around the Word of God, not the sacrifice at the altar. They eliminated altars and made the pulpit the prominent object in the sanctuary. Taken out of the context of Passover, Jesus’ words of institution could be taken symbolically, but what is convincing for us is precisely “the context of cult and sacrifice within which they occur.” The Jewish commemoration of the great salvific event of their history—the Passover--was more to them then and now than a mere calling to mind the things of long ago. As I say to students, Passover, is not the same as a 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday when we acknowledge the Declaration of Independence. Passover is a “living memorial” which means the succeeding generations experience the reality of what they commemorate. Jesus’ actions and words within the context of the Passover celebration indicate that the ritual which he just established is to be understood as the living memorial of his sacrificial death and resurrection. Our

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Catholic theology is that the Mass “sacramentalizes” the Lord’s death and resurrection, and we experience its saving power. The bishops at the Council of Trent defended the Tradition of the Church, rejecting that the Mass is a “bare commemoration.”

*(Rev. Raymond Moloney, S.J. The New Dictionary of Theology)*

Back in January of 2020 sitting at a table in the Pastoral Center with Bishop Caggiano, Fr. Leonel, and some members of the Brazilian community, the Bishop asked us if we knew what a majority of Catholics in a poll said is the most important portion of the Mass. Shockingly, they said the homily. While greater attention has been paid to the quality of the homily over the last fifty years, it is not the summit of the Mass--the Consecration is. Today, we proclaim this article of faith in the Eucharist and Mass. Today, we devote ourselves to it and enshrine it in our hearts.

This feast traditionally acts as the end of “the season” before summertime and the last day when parish choirs sing. We were without our exceptional choir for a year, but we have had present our extraordinary quartet of singers. Glen used the time when we could not sing as an opportunity for us to experience a rich amount of music of the Church, polyphony and chant. We have been edified and our spirits have transcended in the special way that music can do. I thank Glen, Ashley, Jillian, Wes, and Anthony for the beauty which they gave us during a difficult period of time. We wish them a restful summer, knowing that we will see them cantoring. —Fr. Mecca



### Rosary Mondays

Each Monday, teens in our highschool leadership program (CREW) lead a rosary for their peers. The Rosary is held via ZOOM and each decade is presented with a reflection read by a CREW member for the rest of the teens to reflect upon as the Rosary is recited.

Please pray for all the teens in our Youth Ministry programs, as well as all the students in our classes who are finishing up their courses and preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

—Michael Falbo, Youth Director

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

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

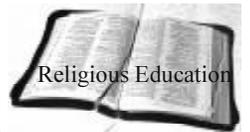
Box Tops Update: You can keep earning cash for our school throughout the summer by continuing

to scan your receipts on the Box Tops Mobile App. If you order groceries online for pick-up or delivery, Box Tops is now offering an easy way to submit your digital receipt. There is a Box Tops youtube video available for viewing if you want to learn more.

The week of June 7th is the last week of school for our current 8th graders. We will be having a themed week for the 8th graders; the graduation ceremony is scheduled for June 11th at St. Peter Church and is sure to be a special moment for all of the students and their families. So many emotions, so many memories... We wish our students all the best as they move on to high school where they will continue to grow and enjoy lots of adventures. They will surely be missed as quite a few of the students have been at St. Peter School for many years, some started at this school during their preschool years! God's blessings, peace, and grace to all of them...

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.

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal



### Religious Education Office

Hours : The office will be open today June 6 from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm and June 13 from 11:00am to 2:00 pm. Please come by to complete your child's registration. Fees must be paid before we can guarantee placement. Class fees will increase to 125.00 if payment is received after June 13.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS Please use our new email address for all emails : [spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org)

CATECHISTS WANTED: We had an overwhelming response to the recent registration days. So far, we are planning for 15 classes and counting. 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 may have some flexibility to offer a limited number of classes during the week if you can teach during the week. 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 Rehearsal

June 26 - Confirmation

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education



**JUNE 6, 2021**

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

### **Sagrado Corazón de Jesús**

Adoramos el Corazón de Cristo porque es el corazón del Verbo encarnado, del Hijo de Dios hecho hombre

### **Explicación de la fiesta**

La imagen del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús nos recuerda el núcleo central de nuestra fe: todo lo que Dios nos ama con su Corazón y todo lo que nosotros, por tanto, le debemos amar. Jesús tiene un Corazón que ama sin medida.

Y tanto nos ama, que sufre cuando su inmenso amor no es correspondido.

La Iglesia dedica todo el mes de junio al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, con la finalidad de que los católicos lo veneremos, lo honremos y lo imitemos especialmente en estos 30 días.

Esto significa que debemos vivir este mes demostrándole a Jesús con nuestras obras que lo amamos, que correspondemos al gran amor que Él nos tiene y que nos ha demostrado entregándose a la muerte por nosotros, quedándose en la Eucaristía y enseñándonos el camino a la vida eterna.

Debemos vivir recordándolo y pensar cada vez que actuamos: ¿Qué haría Jesús en esta situación, qué le dictaría su Corazón? Y eso es lo que debemos hacer (ante un problema en la familia, en el trabajo, en nuestra comunidad, con nuestras amistades, etc.).

Debemos, por tanto, pensar si las obras o acciones que vamos a hacer nos alejan o acercan a Dios.

Tener en casa o en el trabajo una imagen del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, nos ayuda a recordar su gran amor y a imitarlo en este mes de junio y durante todo el año.

### **Origen de la devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús**

Santa Margarita María de Alacoque era una religiosa de la Orden de la Visitación. Tenía un gran amor por Jesús. Y Jesús tuvo un amor especial por ella. Se le apareció en varias ocasiones para decirle lo mucho que la amaba a ella y a todos los hombres y lo mucho que le dolía a su Corazón que los hombres se alejaran de Él por el pecado.

Durante estas visitas a su alma, Jesús le pidió que nos enseñara a quererlo más, a tenerle devoción, a rezar y, sobre todo, a tener un buen comportamiento para que su Corazón no sufra más con nuestros pecados.

El pecado nos aleja de Jesús y esto lo entristece porque Él quiere que todos lleguemos al Cielo con Él. Nosotros podemos demostrar nuestro amor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús con nuestras obras: en esto precisamente consiste la devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.

### **Anuncio Importante:**

Se necesita catequistas para el programa de Educación Religiosa de San Pedro. Requisitos amar a Jesús y su Iglesia con el deseo de compartir la belleza de nuestra fe. Con una vida vivida según los mandamientos y si está casado vivir en una unión sacramental.

Además, hay un puesto abierto y pagado en el Oficina.

Para mas información ponte en contacto con la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

**JUNE 6, 2021**

**Bible (study) and Bites**—Two weeks ago you were given a survey concerning a bible study to begin here at St. Peter parish. We are pleased to announce that over 46 of you completed the survey. **The time most favored is Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m.**

We will meet in the **Parish Hall beginning June 24 at 5:30 p.m.** for approximately an hour or so and classes will go through August 19.

Toward the conclusion of this session we will decide on another bible topic and continue in September. Please join us on the 24th!

**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!

**MUSICAL NOTES**—

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi, the last Sunday our choir sings at the 10:30 Mass before taking a well-deserved summer break. This choir season was unlike any other. We all missed our full choir, but have been blessed to have our St. Peter Schola adorn our weekly Masses with wonderful music. I would like to thank Ashley, Jilian, Wes, and Anthony for their incredible dedication throughout the pandemic. Not only did they sing at every 10:30 Mass, but also provided special events such as a concert last fall, lessons and carols, and choral vespers this past Friday. We have been truly blessed with your talents.



Next fall, we will welcome back our full choir. The CDC has given the green light for choirs to sing without restriction, provided everyone is fully vaccinated. I can't wait! If any of you would like to join our parish choir, please email me, or come see me after any weekend Mass. We are always looking to new members to join our ranks.

—Glen Segger, Musical Director



**Wednesdays**

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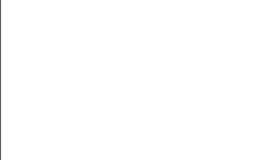


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