



### **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

12 SAT	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
14 MON	7:30 AM	†	Emily Lewandoski
	12:10 N	†	Daniel Mulvey
15 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Father Paul Merry
	12:10 N	†	Philipp Vollhardt
16 WED	7:30 AM	†	Father Bernardo Rodriguez
	12:10 N	†	Scattolini Family
17 THU	7:30 AM	†	Charles Goldrick
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
18 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Dorothy Phelan
	12:10 N	†	Josephine Gismondi
19 SAT	<i>St. Romuald, Abbot</i>		
	7:30 PM	†	John Boccaccio
	5:00 PM	†	Nettie Scapeccia
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
20 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Peter Son Tran and Peter Tran
	10:30 AM	†	Carol Godfrey
	12:00 N	†	Father Paul Merry
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass

On the weekend, if the intention of the Mass is yours, please see an usher about bringing up the gifts.

Our weekly goal.....	\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—June 6, 2021.....	\$ 6,603
Online Giving—June 6, 2021.....	\$ 1,812
Shortfall.....	\$ 2,085

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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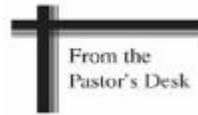
**Sister Helen Blodgett, SCN**



*We offer our condolences to the families of*  
**Charlie Greenwald**  
**Kathleen McKee**  
**Pamela Surovy**  
*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*  
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*Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*



Before I speak of the present and the future, allow me to reach to the past, specifically a week ago Friday when we celebrated Vespers for the Feast of Corpus Christi. I want to acknowledge Glen Segger who suggested the Vespers and who put together beautiful psalm tones and hymns for the celebration. I also want to thank our quartet who sang magnificently and with such feeling. The Divine Office of Vespers (or Evening Prayer in English) is not very well know by American Catholics. I think Europeans are more familiar with it. In my experience travelling in London and Paris, Sunday sung vespers attracts a large crowd in both Westminster and Notre Dame cathedrals. In fact, Glen did a very French organist thing. In between the chanting of the three psalms he improvised on the preceding psalm tone just as the organist does at Notre Dame. His improvisations brought me back to the liturgical experiences I've had there with its magnificent organ and quartet of voices. For all who attended, the vespers brought us into closer contact with our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist.

I had a most unusual wedding ceremony on Thursday. I presided over the marriage of Q and U! Our second grade teacher, Mrs. Boyle, held a wedding outside where the children participated in the union of Q and U. Each child wore a paper crown with a letter of the alphabet, and many of them dressed up in fanciful dress for the occasion! A girl and a boy were Q and U. Before they processed forward with their Maid of Honor and Best Man a child from an older grade read the book which tells the story of the letters Q and U. The children sang the alphabet song. Then, Father Alphabet, joined Q and U in marriage. The children learned that while U can be independent of Q, Q must always be accompanied by its spouse U!

Thursday was also Pastor's Hotdog Day. I established this tradition and have kept it going except for last year. When asked during Catholic Schools Week what they liked the best about coming to a Catholic school, quite a few students replied hotdog day. I serve chips, pickles, soda, and ice cream sandwiches. We were blessed with great weather. Thank the Lord that the Principal and I had not chosen Monday or Tuesday. Not only was it too hot to be on the blacktop, the schools were put on early dismissal. We try to build community and good memories for our St. Peter School children. I thank Tim and Rose LoStocco who helped serve and Dan Jowdy who grilled.

Friday evening was graduation day for our 18<sup>th</sup> graders. We celebrated vespers (we had Mass at 9 a.m. as it was Friday) for the Feast of the Sacred Heart and then moved into the graduation exercises. This year was the first time that I spent a good deal of time with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The new 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, who specializes in math, had never before taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion, so it was an opportunity for me to work in conjunction with her beginning in the third quarter. I really like this group. Pray for them, asking the Holy Spirit to take what they

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

have learned here about God and faith and make a permanent place for it all in their hearts. Pray that they may not stray or wander from their faith or from the Church. I am hoping that some of them will take seriously our conversations about service within the church as worshipping members and volunteers in ministry.

I am delighted by the response to the faith study for adults that Deborah Hocking has volunteered to facilitate. Deborah spoke to me pre-covid19 about initiating some adult education classes. She introduced me to some very good programs published by Catholic publishers. There really is quite a lot out there these days, and all of it uses some excellent videos featuring top notch Catholic teachers. On this topic, we purchased a year's subscription to "Formed," an on-line Catholic resource that offers lectures, videos, and much more. We needed it for the upcoming training of parish ambassadors when we get there in the next few months. Deborah will be able to access its programs for future adult education classes. Our Religious Formation program, too, as well as the school-teachers may also find materials for classroom use.

And speaking of Religious Formation, Barbara and I are looking for catechists, catechist assistants and office volunteers. We are also looking to fill a part time job as an office assistant. Candidates must speak Spanish. Hours are flexible, but candidates must work Sunday mornings. Please think about helping next year.

Lastly, we will conduct the in-pew portion of the Annual Catholic Appeal next weekend.

—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?

Our PK-8 graders had an opportunity to play nine holes of mini golf right in their own backyard this past week. The blacktop was transformed into a mini golf course! They had so much fun and their laughter was simply contagious!

The 8th graders have officially turned a corner and are now high school students! We wish them well as they begin a new chapter in their life.

### Class of 2021

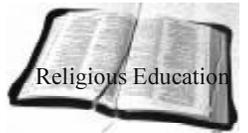
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Kasandra Cordova Paloma Curo Lucas de Andrade  
Andrew Duran Diogo Figueiredo Michelle Fisher  
Lindsay Guaman Emmanuel Inoa Kylie Macancela  
Nico Radeschi Matthews Rocha Johnny Rodriguez  
Gabriel Souza Andrey Vasquez Nixon Zingre*

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 13 from 11:00 noon to 2:00pm and 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 - 6:30 to 7:30 pm  
Meet in the Church and please wear a mask.  
June 26 - Confirmation

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

**St. Peter's Men's Society** is having its next meeting **Tuesday, June 15 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.

**JUNE 13, 2021**

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

Necesitamos Mas Catequistas

La Iglesia de San Pedro necesita catequistas y ayudantes para el programa de Educación Religiosa. Es un ministerio de inmensa importancia en la vida de la Iglesia porque estamos comunicando la fe de la Iglesia a los niños y adolescentes el don de nuestra fe católica y preparándolos para los sacramentos. El Papa Francisco publicó en el mes de mayo un documento subrayando el papel del catequista en la vida de la Iglesia:

*“No se puede olvidar a los innumerables laicos y laicas que han participado directamente en la difusión del Evangelio a través de la enseñanza catequística. Hombres y mujeres animados por una gran fe y auténticos testigos de santidad que, en algunos casos, fueron además fundadores de Iglesias y llegaron incluso a dar su vida”*

Espero que muchos en nuestra comunidad consideren unirse a la misión catequética de la Iglesia en nuestra parroquia de San Pedro. De antemano hay que pedir la gracia del Espíritu Santo y la voluntad de responder generosamente a esta llamada a trabajar en la gran cosecha como catequista o asistente en la clase. Los requisitos son una fe que se puede compartir de palabra y de ejemplo con el gozo del Evangelio. Poder de comulgar y que practica su fe cada día con asistencia regular en la misa dominical. Se requiere también conocimiento básico de inglés. Para mas información puede llamar la oficina de Educación Religioso de San Pedro:

Directora de Educación Religiosa: Barbara Siano. teléfono: 203-743-1048

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*“La iniciación cristiana requiere que en nuestras comunidades se active cada vez más un camino catequético que nos ayude a experimentar el encuentro con el Señor, el crecimiento en su conocimiento y el amor por su seguimiento”.*

—Papa Francisco.

## **The 2022 Mass Book is Open!**

**You may call or come in with your Mass Intentions for 2022. The number to call is 203-743-2707.**



**JUNE 13, 2021**

We will begin our **Bible (Study) and Bites in the Parish Hall, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. June 24th.** The classes will run until August 19th. They will last approximately an hour and a half. Please bring a Catholic Bible of your own. However, there will be some available as well. A free will offering of any amount is appreciated for the student workbook as its cost is \$24.95. You will all receive your own copy.

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>104.83% of our \$58,000 goal</b>	

**MUSICAL NOTES—**



Throughout the pandemic, when the congregation was not allowed to sing, our cantors introduced several new Mass settings. Now that restrictions have been lifted, the time has come for the entire congregation to try out some of this new music! For the next several weeks, we will be singing a Mass setting written by the British/Canadian composer, Healy Willan (1880-1968). Willan joked that he was English by birth, Canadian by adoption, and Scotch by absorption! The Mass, entitled “Missa de Sancta Maria Magdelena,” was named in honor of the Toronto Church, St. Mary Magdalene, where he was music director. Please be sure to pick up the music leaflet containing the Mass setting upon entering the church before Mass, and kindly return it so it can be used again.

—Glen Segger, Musical Director

**Father Tomi Thomas**, a former priest of St. Peter Church, has put out a plea for help for his people in India suffering from COVID19. Please check: [India Missionary Appeal :: Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge :: Baton Rouge, LA \(diobr.org\)](#) or call the parish office (203-743-2707)



**Wednesdays**

**Doors open at 4:30 p.m.**

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