

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

19 SAT	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
21 MON	<i>St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	James Lynch
	12:10 N	†	Rita Talarico
22 TUE	<i>St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;</i>		
	<i>Sts. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Martie Haugh
	12:10 N	†	Charles A. Riley
23 WED	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Bob McNulty
24 THU	<i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Leonard Ruemenapp
	12:10 N	†	Daniel Atputham
25 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Patricia Coulter
	12:10 N	†	Eileen and James O'Sullivan
26 SAT	7:30 PM	†	John Danaher
	5:00 PM	†	Kay and Tom Curran
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
27 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Gene Bailey
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Margaret and Ed Rasmussen
	12:00 N	†	Christine Melody
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass

Our weekly goal.....	\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—June 13, 2021.....	\$ 6,575
Online Giving—June 13, 2021.....	\$ 1,667
Shortfall.....	\$ 2,258

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca

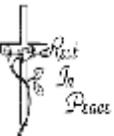


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Edward Machinski





We offer our condolences to the families of

Paul Hart

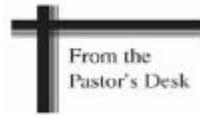
Maria Lopes

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who passed away last week.

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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This weekend we are conducting the In-Pew portion of the Annual Catholic Campaign. As you all know, the ACA funds the many good works of our diocesan church. It does not fund operating expenses. Those expenses are covered through the tax on the parishes called the *catechdraticum*. I know all of us are very familiar with the activities that depend upon the ACA, but I will summarize them here and in the talk which I will give at the Masses. The ACA provides the means for the dioceses to operate Catholic Charities which is the largest social service provider in Fairfield County. We have a branch office of Catholic Charities right here in town at the north end of Main Street. Catholic Charities helps people with so many services, including counseling, housing, and meals. As if there were not already plenty of need, the pandemic exasperated that need and the demand for services skyrocketed this past year. Among other things, the ACA makes catechetical programs possible for parishes, it funds the St. Catherine School for Special Needs, and at one end it pays for the education and formation of seminarians and supports the retirement home for our older priests.

I know that you are aware of the benefits of the ACA, and I know that so many of you have made a pledge to the We Stand With Christ campaign and are making payments for three to five years. To ask you to support both campaigns at the same time is an imposition. It is understandable if you find that you are at the maximum that you can offer. But, if you did not respond to the We Stand With Christ, consider a gift to the ACA. Thank you for listening today and for reading he bulletin.

There is yet another appeal this month. On the last Sunday of June every year, the universal Church collects contributions for the Pope—the Peter’s Pence Collection. The Pope uses the money to respond to humanitarian crises throughout the world. The funds allow the Pope to demonstrate the mercy which Christ and His Church have toward every human being. For example, in 2019, the Pope gave 100,000 euros towards the care of Syrian refugees living in camps just inside Turkey. When we give a gift to the Peter’s Pence collection, we join with Catholics world wide to bring Gods’ mercy to the suffering. Information and a history of Peter’s Pence can be found on the Vatican’s website (www.peterspence.va/en.html).

Work on the control system for the church’s heating and cooling is almost done. It may be completed by the time you read this bulletin. The company has one more day of work, I am told. We have had some very pleasant days and have not needed the air conditioning,

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

which is great for our electric bill. When we do need it, the workers have wired it to run when we turn on the air handler. We cannot, however, control the temperature. So, if you happen to feel a little chilly, I ask you to be understanding for a little while longer. Thank you!

School is out for summer. We at St. Peter School—Principal, faculty, parents, and pastor-- are so very grateful to God for the consistency which we had. We experienced interruptions with in-school learning several times in the fall and briefly after Christmas, but after that everyone was in class. This year was tough on kids and adults in a variety of ways, and here, as in all schools, the Principal, teachers, and social worker were present to and working with some students who were exhibiting signs of stress. We pray for all children that they may rebound this summer.

While you are chilling during the summer, keep thinking about becoming a catechist. We need quite a few more parishioners to offer to teach or to assist in the classroom. If you can only help during the week, Barbara would like to hear from you anyway as we may be able to put together after school sessions. Thank you!

—Fr. Mecca



CREW Leadership Program

Our highschool leadership program is starting training this July! The program is designed to help one continue to grow in their faith and dive into a deeper relationship with Jesus while developing leadership skills/talents to be able to serve and help their communities/peers.

The training takes place twice a month on Wednesdays from 5pm-7pm.

If you know of high school teens interested, please have them contact me.

—Michael Falbo, Youth Director

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



What has St. Peter School been up to?

We have come so far this year despite the various obstacles that have littered our path. Throughout this rollercoaster year, I am so proud of our St. Peter School students, their families, and the entire staff/faculty. We have worked together; we have prayed together; and we have finally started to see the light at the end of a very dark tunnel together. We thank all of the St. Peter parishioners who have prayed for us and supported our various fundraising efforts during this most unusual year. From the bottom of our hearts,

we thank Father Mecca for his spiritual guidance this year and boy, did we need it! Whether we used our trusty devices to broadcast school Mass from the church or from the school library, Father Mecca was present. When it was safe enough for students and staff to start attending in-person Mass, we used Google Meet to broadcast Mass to the students and staff who remained at the school. We all learned a lot about patience and the power of prayer this year!

We continue to accept registrations for students at St. Peter School throughout the summer. 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.

We close this school year with a summer prayer... Stay safe and keep well!!

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile

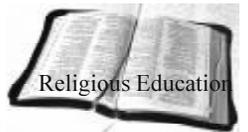
in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people. - *Author Unknown*

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

You can now come to the office during the week to make payments for religious education classes. Please call before coming to make sure we are in the office. The number is 2037431048. We are not taking any new registrations but will add new applications to a waitlist.



NEW EMAIL ADDRESS Please use our new email address for all emails : 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

Religious Education Schedule

June 24 - Confirmation Rehearsal - 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Meet in the Church and please wear a mask.

June 26 - Confirmation

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

JUNE 20, 2021

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Vida San Pedro Apostol

San Pedro Apóstol — Pedro es mencionado frecuentemente en el Nuevo Testamento — en los Evangelios, en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, y en las Epístolas de San Pablo. Su nombre aparece 182 veces.

Lo único que sabemos de su vida antes de su conversión es que nació en Betsaida, junto al lago de Tiberíades y se trasladó a Cafarnaúm, donde junto con Juan y Santiago, los hijos del Zebedeo, se dedicaba a la pesca.

Nuestro primer encuentro con Pedro es a principios del ministerio de Jesús. Mientras Jesús caminaba por la orilla del lago de Galilea, vio a dos hermanos, Simón Pedro y Andrés, echar la red al agua. Y los llamó diciendo: << Sígueme, y yo los haré pescadores de hombres.>> (Mateo 4,19). Inmediatamente abandonaron sus redes y lo siguieron. Un poco después, aprendemos que visitaron la casa en la que estaba la suegra de Pedro, sufriendo de una fiebre la cual fue curada por Jesús. Esta fue la primera curación atestiguada por Pedro, quien presenciará muchos milagros más durante los tres años de ministerio de Jesús, siempre escuchando, observando, preguntando, aprendiendo.

Profesión de fe y primado de Pedro:

Llegado Jesús a la región de Cesarea de Filipo, hizo esta pregunta a sus discípulos: “¿Quién dicen los hombres que es el Hijo del hombre?” Ellos dijeron: “Unos, que Juan el Bautista, otros, que Elías, otros, que Jeremías o uno de los profetas.” Les dice Él: “Y vosotros ¿quién decís que soy yo?” Simón Pedro contestó: Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo” Replicando Jesús dijo: “Bienaventurado eres Simón, hijo de Jonás, porque no te ha revelado esto la carne ni la sangre, sino mi Padre que está en los cielos. Y yo a mi vez te digo que tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia y las puertas del infierno no prevalecerán contra ella. Y a ti te daré las llaves del Reino de los Cielos y lo que ates en la tierra quedará atado en el cielo y lo que desates en la tierra quedará desatado en los cielos. -Mateo 16: 13-20.

Dar las llaves significa entregar la autoridad sobre la Iglesia con el poder de gobernar, de permitir y prohibir. Pero no se trata de un gobierno como los del mundo sino en función de servicio por amor: “el mayor entre vosotros sea el último de todos y el servidor de todos” (Mt 23,11).

Recordemos algunos de los episodios Bíblicos en los que aparece Pedro.

San Pedro murió crucificado. El no se consideraba digno de morir en la forma de su Señor y por eso lo crucificaron con la cabeza hacia abajo. El lugar exacto de su crucifixión fue guardado por la tradición. Muy cerca del circo de Nerón, los cristianos enterraron a San Pedro.

“Y yo a mi vez te digo que tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y las puertas del Hades no prevalecerán contra ella”.Mateo 16:18

Hoy el Papa continúa el ministerio petrino como pastor universal de la Iglesia de Cristo. Al conocer los orígenes, debemos renovar nuestra fidelidad al Papa como sucesor de Pedro.

—*Papa Francisco.*

JUNE 20, 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.

MUSICAL NOTES—



Zoom Class:

Introducing our New Mass Setting

We have introduced a new Mass setting at our Masses over the last couple of weeks. This Wednesday (June 23), I will be holding a Zoom session at 7:30 PM to teach this new music. I know it is sometimes frustrating when new music is introduced. This will be a good opportunity to familiarize ourselves with this new music so we can better participate in worship. Sign up for this one-session class (name and email) on our website or call the office.

—Glen Segger, Musical Director

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.



Wednesdays

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

There is social distancing and face masks must be worn.

**St. Edward the Confessor Parish
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Launching a new program to serve 18—35 year olds. Young men and women from neighboring parishes are welcome to be a part of this program which will create opportunities to gather socially as well as walk together in the faith.. Please contact Father Tim Iannocone for further information at frtim@saintedwardchurch.org.

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