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203-743-2707

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
School Fax: 203-748-5684

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION
Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8
203-743-1048 or spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

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203-743-1048 or ygstpeter@gmail.com

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203-743-2707, Ext. 22



JULY

17 SAT	5:00 PM	† Georgette Renaud Brown
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
18 SUN	7:30 AM	† Ana Ramos
	9:00 AM	† Regina Dylewski
	10:30 AM	† Mary Beth Garavel
	12:00 N	Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
19 MON	7:30 AM	† Sal Scarpetti
	12:10 N	† Carlos Espinal
20 TUE	<i>St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Rowena Mariano
	12:10 N	† Philip Savundararaj
21 WED	<i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Valentina Bonkowska
	12:10 N	† Olszewski Family
22 THU	<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	
	7:30 AM	† James Wolf
	12:10 N	† James Kenneth Ferry
23 FRI	<i>St. Bridget, Religious</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Angela Malgeri
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
24 SAT	<i>St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest</i>	
	7:30 PM	† Paul Hart
	5:00 PM	† Robert Booth
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
25 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Gail Baird
	10:30 AM	† The Machinski Family
	12:00 N	† Paul Hart
	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—July 11, 2021.....	\$ 6,880
Online Giving—July 11, 2021.....	\$ 1,842
Shortfall.....	\$ 1,778

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca

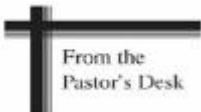
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Mary Hoddinott



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 Richard Botelho Nubia Dekker Jerry Dejulia Kristin Harrison
 Elizabeth Ianelli Gloria McKee Frank Luciani
 Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin Samantha Miller
 Anthony Pelle, Jr. Joseph Pepin Sr. Mary Bernard Wieczak



From the
Pastor's Desk

As you all know, I write the bulletin column on Thursday mornings. It is part of the rhythm of the week. As I write this column, I have Fr. Paul Merry and Fr. Bernardo Rodriguez very much in mind. Today, the 15th, is the first anniversary of Fr. Paul's death; tomorrow Fr. Bernardo's. I shudder recalling last July, the telephone calls with news of their deaths, the funerals. We have a Mass scheduled for both men today and tomorrow, remembering them both with great affection. May our Lord grant them the reward of eternal life.

This weekend is Cooperative Mission Weekend minus the missionaries. As I mentioned last week, our diocesan mission office was not able to pull together in time the documentation of vaccination and whatever else is required for guest speakers to come into the parishes. So once again we are without their presence this year. The collection for the missions will nevertheless take place, but in our parish, we move the collection to the fourth week of the month given that we have a second collection on the third. Bishop Caggiano reports in the letter he sent the pastors that our mission office received many requests from Church agencies serving the poor and sick in the developing world where Covid 19 is severely impacting residents. The proceeds from the collection will be equally distributed to all these Catholic agencies on the ground combatting illness and economic dislocation in Argentina, Peru, Brazil, El Salvador, Patagonia, Haiti, India, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, Uganda, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Belarus. How's that for a tour around the globe?

The summer always brings building projects to the school as we continue our efforts to make improvements to the building. We have only one classroom left to paint—the art room. It is a terrible shade of green color with dark brown paneling. It has not been pretty, but we opted to take care of other places where the children spend more time to do first. Our big endeavor is a facelift for the first floor entrance and hallway. We have maintained the tin ceilings throughout the building, but on the first floor we decided to put in a drop ceiling and install LED lighting. The end of the hallway is especially drab where the pre-school rooms are. That area could really benefit from better lighting and a face lift to make it more pre-school friendly. All in all, we hope to improve the overall impression that one receives when entering the building. Our Principal received a grant for early childhood education that can be applied to the cost in the pre-school area.

Looking through the Mass book, I noticed that we have many Masses in the fall with no intentions. This is a good time to have Mass offered for a loved one who has died or for someone living who is in need of God's grace.

I hope many of us are enjoying a bit of time for rest and relaxation.

—Fr. Mecca



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MUSICAL NOTES—



Hymn Festival

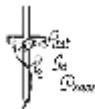
Mark your calendars! Our parish will be having a Hymn Festival on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 7:30 pm. What is a Hymn Festival, you ask? It is liturgy similar to the Festival of Lessons and Carols we celebrate every year in December, except we will be reflecting on hymns rather than Christmas Carols. To help prepare for this event, I would like to invite parishioners to suggest hymns to include in our Hymn Festival. Please visit our website for more information, and to request your favorite hymn! You are also welcome to come up to the organ after any weekend Mass to make your requests.

—Glen Segger, Musical Director

Morning of Reflection: After this long and difficult time of restrictions and isolation, SPIRITUAL REALIGNMENT seems like a good topic for our first meeting of 2021. Join Yvette Lessard on Thursday, July 22 from 10-11:45 in the Parish Hall.

Bible Study and Bites...

One can still join the class on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You can pick up the pieces the missed! Class is in its 4th week!



*We offer our condolences to the families of
Rachel Botelho
John Esposito
George Marcus
who passed away last week.*



Summer CREW Training

Every summer we bring newly confirmed teens and teens already in our leadership program together to train for the new year! Training includes an emphasis on prayer and community. Without a personal authentic relationship with Christ, one cannot serve or love another. And without working together as a unit/family/community nothing will be accomplished!

Over the next two months there will be four different trainings and a retreat that ties all our lessons together. If you know of a high school teen looking to volunteer or serve in the community, please have them email me.

Please pray for all the teens joining our leadership program! May Our Lady protect them and guide them on the pathway to Christ.

—Michael Falbo, Youth Director



SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS

For information about registering your child at St. Peter School, please contact mcorrea@spsdanbury.org or mtorre@spsdanbury.org or call the school office - 203 - 748 - 2895. Our hours are from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM.

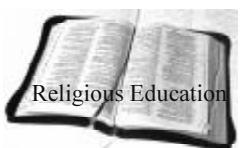
We continue to accept registrations for students at St. Peter School throughout the summer. If you know anyone who is looking for a school that is family oriented, faith-based, and academically focused, please invite them to call the school office for more details.

What does a St. Peter Graduate Look Like?

A moral and ethical person formed in the Catholic faith...
A reflective, creative, and holistic person...
An effective communicator...
A caring family member...
A collaborative contributor...
A self-directed, responsible, life long learner...
A responsible citizen...

Why not stop by and check out St. Peter School or give us a call?

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE: We will be open today from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm to complete registrations for applications that were submitted earlier. At this time, we cannot take new registrations but will add new applications to a waitlist.

CATECHISTS WANTED: We had an overwhelming response to the recent registration days and the enrollment continues to grow. 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 class 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. All we need from you is 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

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS Please use our new email address for all emails : spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

JULY 18, 2021

The Danbury Division of the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** (AOH) and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH), located at 6 Lake Avenue in Danbury, is welcoming new members. The AOH/LAOH, whose motto is "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity", is the largest Irish-Catholic fraternal order in the world and supports Irish cultural and charitable activities in the community, nation and in Ireland. If you are a practicing Roman Catholic of Irish descent or know anyone who is, and would like information on joining the AOH or LAOH, please email Glen Gleissner at ggleissner@hotmail.com.

14th Annual Cononecticut Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, September 25
New Britain Stadium
Doors open at 7:30 a.m.. Event begins at 8:30 a.m.

This is a Day of Faith and Fraternity, Catholic Speakers, Eucharistic procession, Adoration , Confession anytime, Exhibitors and fun on the field. A vigil Mass ends the day.

The speakers are Dr. Ralph Martin and Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC.

This is a collaboration of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Diocese of Bridgeport, Diocese of Norwich and Eparchy of Stamford. Morning Coffee and lunch are included in the price per person—\$45.

mail: info@ctcatholicmen.org

SAVE THE DATE:
Wedding Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday, September 25
10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

The diocese will hold two gatherings for those celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or 50+ years of marriage in 2020/21 at St. Matthew Parish in Norwalk. Bishop Caggiano will celebrate both Masses. Registration will appear in the August edition of the Fairfield County Catholic or online beginning August 1.



COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Usted puede venir ahora a la oficina para hacer los pagos de las clases de educación religiosa. Por favor, llama antes de venir para asegurarte de que estamos en la oficina. El número es 203-743-1048. No estamos tomando ninguna nueva inscripción, pero agregaremos nuevas solicitudes a una lista de espera.

NUEVO DIRECCIÓN PARA EMAIL

Nuevo Dirección de email: Por favor usa nuestra nueva dirección de email para comunicación electrónica spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

NECESITAMOS MAS CATEQUISTAS

Hemos tenido una respuesta abrumadora a los últimos días de registro. Hasta ahora, estamos planeando 15 clases y contando. Esperamos con ansias el nuevo año y el regreso a la instrucción en el aula, pero necesitamos su ayuda para asegurarnos de que haya un espacio para todos.

Ofrézcase como voluntario para ser catequista para que pueda unirse a nosotros para ayudar a los estudiantes a aprender y crecer en nuestra fe.

Las clases se ofrecen los domingos por la mañana después de Misa de las 9:00 a.m.. Es posible que tengamos cierta flexibilidad para ofrecer un número limitado de clases durante la semana si prefiere enseñar durante la semana. Le proporcionaremos capacitación, materiales de clase y apoyo. Pero sobre todo necesitamos tu corazón amoroso por Jesús y la Iglesia.

Si deseas más información sobre el programa de educación religiosa, llama la Oficina de Educación religiosa a 203-743-1048 o por email: spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

Barbara Siano. Directora de Educación Religiosa Parroquia de San Pedro

23rd Annual Twilight Cruise or Fishing Trip

Sponsored by the Men's Society

Spend a day or evening taking a cruise along the coast of Long Island Sound, aboard the Deborah Ann IV.



You will see the various coastal mansions and lighthouses along Long Island Sound's beautiful coast line. If you prefer, your party can spend a day fishing aboard the Deborah Ann IV in Long Island Sound. Trip date based on boat availability, to suit the winner and weather. The proceeds will benefit the Sister Marita Daniel Scholarship Fund. Suggested donation is \$5.00 and will be available after all of Masses and from any Men's Society member. The drawing will be held Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

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