



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 Church, Danbury, CT

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

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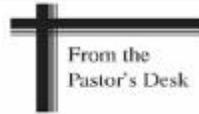
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SEPTEMBER



4 SAT	5:00 PM	† Geraldine Hennings
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
5 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† James Kovacs
	10:30 AM	† John Esposito
	12:00 N	† Antonio Moffa
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
6 MON	<i>Labor Day</i>	
	8:00 AM	For God's Blessings Upon Our Laborers
7 TUE	7:30 AM	† Ann Hines
	12:10 N	† Michael Dillon
8 WED	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Gary Arconti
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
9 THU	<i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Mario "Marty" Galasso
	12:10 N	† Vincent Shannon
10 FRI	7:30 AM	† Mary Beth Garavel
	12:10 N	† John Esposito
11 SAT	7:30 PM	† Anna Blinn and Jacki Blinn
	5:00 PM	† Margaret Kinnally Bryant
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
12 SUN	7:30 AM	† Katherine Santoro
	9:00 AM	† John Esposito
	10:30 AM	† Mike Imartino
	12:00 N	† Our Parishioners
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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—August 29, 2021.....	\$ 5,555
Online Giving—August 29, 2021.....	\$ 2,182
Shortfall.....	\$ 2,763

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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Milan Oliveira Jamauri Stewart Ariana West*

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*Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Richard Botelho
Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Kristin Harrison
Jenna Henderson Elizabeth Ianelli Elizabeth Levesque
Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin Samantha Miller
Anthony Pelle, Jr. Joseph Pepin Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*

Among the diocesan emails this past week are two with a deadline. The first is from the Leadership Institute which is promoting, among so many other things, a parish reading group—a book club so to speak. The Institute has chosen the book, “Real Presence: What Does it Mean and Why Does it Matter?” by Timothy O’Malley. I am wondering how much interest there would be within the parish to read and to study this book together. I would be willing to facilitate the conversation. At the conclusion of our conversations, everyone involved from all the parishes will be invited to a discussion with the author and lunch on October 15. I have to know how many of us would like to participate by September 15th so that we can put in our order for books and study guides. If you would like to read the book and join the conversation, let me know by calling the rectory. I know what you are thinking—what day and time will we do this? I am not sure! I would prefer a time in the evening as I cannot predict what my days will be like. Monday and Thursday evenings are best. If we have some interested persons, we can determine among ourselves which evening we will meet. It is not yet clear to me how many times we would meet, but I wanted to get this idea out to you so that people can begin thinking. I will follow up with more information next week.

The second email regarded the Global Synod which our universal Church is going to have beginning soon and culminating its work in 2023. This synod is unique in that Pope Francis has mandated that every diocese in the world participate by providing feedback for the preparatory document for the Synod to be held in Rome. A diocesan report will be submitted to the Conference of Catholic Bishops and to the Roman Synod Office in April. So how does this synod involve us? Each parish and quasi-parish in the diocese are asked to select four delegates who are involved in the life of the parish along with staff members and clergy to participate in a parish-level discussion of the issues to be presented. Bishop Caggiano envisions that there would be no more than two meetings necessary. I know that what I have presented is a little vague. What are the topics and questions? They will be sent our way eventually. Right now, I am asked to identify four people. If participating in something as unique as being part of a universal Church deliberation, let me know. I must submit our delegates before...you guessed, September 15.

Don’t forget that the parish picnic is next Sunday, the 12th. Tickets are available after Mass this weekend and on the 12th at the picnic. We are purchasing more than we have done in the past due to the virus in place of having home made Latino food, sides, and dessert. We regret that

TWENTY- SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

move because the picnic becomes less “homey” but it is a concession that the picnic committee thought we should make this year. I hope that we will still have the great crowd that we have had in the past because it has been such a pleasurable event.

After too much inclement weather, it looks like we are going to have a terrific holiday weekend. I hope you enjoy it.

—Fr. Mecca

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST PREP SESSION—

Area 8th grade students are invited to register for a High School Placement Test Prep Session on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9-11 a.m. at Immaculate High School in Danbury, CT. The fee is \$50 and includes a review of mathematics, reading, language arts skills, and general test-taking strategies, along with a textbook to continue practicing prior to the actual exam later this fall. Space is limited. Register at www.immaculatehs.org/hsptprep. Gain the confidence and skills to help you perform your best! To learn more about Immaculate and the admission process, visit www.immaculatehs.org/inquire.

CHOIR OPEN HOUSE



Do you like to sing, and always wondered what it might be like to be a part of our parish choir? Come to our OPEN HOUSE this Thursday, September 9, from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. You will not only learn more about what it’s like to be a part of our choir, but will experience the joy of singing with others! No future commitment is expected; but who knows, just might just discover that God may be calling you to be a part of our exciting parish choir community.

—Glen Segger, Musical Director



SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS

For information about registering your child at St. Peter School, please contact mcorrae@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.

Dr. Repole is our Early Childhood Director, and recently she had the chance to pose for a picture with Bearington in front of St. Peter School for a publication titled "Bearington In and Around Danbury." Be on the lookout for her picture and the cutest story about a bear who travels all around Danbury to help our youngest students learn about the many fun and important places in town!

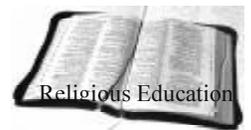
On September 1, students took part in a mini prayer service for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. A couple of our 8th grade students led the prayer for the whole school.

Thank you to St. Peter parishioners for generously donating much needed school supplies for our students. You always amaze us with your kindness! We have already distributed the much needed supplies to some of our students.

As we begin a new school year, we always welcome your prayers!

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

WELCOME BACK TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education 2021/2022 school year begins with Mass at 9:00 am on Sunday September 19. All students are must attend Mass for the installation of our catechists and volunteers. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 3, 2021. An email was sent this week to all parents of registered students, notifying you of your child’s class placement, room number and class time. If you have not received this information or have any further questions, please call the office on 203-743-1048.

All classes will meet in the assigned classroom at St. Peter School. All students must wear a mask while in the building and in class.

THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE

Saturday, October 2

Sunday, October 3 (after all Masses)



WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT ACCEPT:
toys, stuffed animals, books, magazines,
clothing, shoes, electronics, appliances,
mattresses, baskets, glass vases, cassettes
and VCR tapes, and luggage.

We will accept small pieces of furniture.

Drop off times at the Parish Hall:

Saturdays, Sept. 11, 18, and 25

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesdays 15, 22 and 29

From 4 to 8 p.m.

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Are you an adult (18+) Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the normative way in which non-Catholics – those un-baptized as well as those baptized into other Christian denominations – enter the Church. It is also the way baptized Catholics who never received any catechesis and didn't receive Eucharist and Confirmation complete their Sacraments of Initiation. The Inquiry Period begins on September 23 when we will begin weekly Thursday evening sessions for those who want to explore the process. To express interest or to learn more, please call the office (203-743-2707).

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Cada 8 de Setiembre, la iglesia católica celebra universalmente el día del nacimiento de la Virgen María, esto es exactamente 9 meses después de la festividad de la Inmaculada Concepción del día 8 de Diciembre.

Su origen se remonta hasta el siglo V en Jerusalén, más precisamente en la basílica de Santa Ana, en donde ya se celebraba la fiesta del nacimiento de la Bienaventurada Virgen María, misma que posteriormente fuese incluida en el Calendario Tridentino y ha permanecido como tal hasta nuestros días.

Las primeras menciones de esta celebración, nos llegan por medio del evangelio apócrifo «Protoevangelio de Santiago» y además, gracias a múltiples testimonios que datan de los años 400 al 600 (que han sido posteriormente confirmados por hallazgos arqueológicos). Según estos, debió existir una catedral en honor de María Santísima, junto a la piscina probática.

Más tarde y posteriormente al año 603, el patriarca Sofronio de Jerusalén «el de la lengua de miel», afirma que ése es el lugar exacto en donde nació la Virgen María.

Sabemos que la bienaventurada y gloriosa María siempre virgen, salida del tronco real de la familia de David, nació en la ciudad de Nazareth, y fue educada en Jerusalén.

Oración de San Juan Pablo en el nacimiento de la Virgen María ¡Oh Virgen naciente, esperanza y aurora de salvación para todo el mundo, vuelve benigna tu mirada materna hacia todos nosotros, reunidos aquí para celebrar y proclamar tus glorias!

¡Oh Virgen fiel, que siempre estuviste dispuesta y fuiste solícita para acoger, conservar y meditar la Palabra de Dios, haz que también nosotros, en medio de las dramáticas vicisitudes de la historia, sepamos mantener siempre intacta nuestra fe cristiana, tesoro precioso que nos han transmitido nuestros padres!

¡Oh Virgen potente, que con tu pie aplastaste la cabeza de la serpiente tentadora, haz que cumplamos, día tras día, nuestras promesas bautismales, con las cuales hemos renunciado a Satanás, a sus obras y a sus seducciones, y que sepamos dar en el mundo un testimonio alegre de esperanza cristiana!

¡Oh Virgen clemente, que abriste siempre tu corazón materno a las invocaciones de la humanidad, a veces dividida por el desamor y también, desgraciadamente, por el odio y por la guerra, haz que sepamos siempre crecer todos, según la enseñanza de tu Hijo, en la unidad y en la paz, para ser dignos hijos del único Padre celestial!

Amén.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

PARISH PICNIC

September 12, 2021

Vespucci Lodge

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Our Men's Society will be grilling hamburgers, sausage and hot dogs on buns. Potato Salad, Cole slaw, Macaroni Salad, and Garden Salad will be provided. **Latin American dishes will also be served.** Dessert is Ice Cream.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person.
Children: 8 to 12 years old \$5.00 and
those 7 and under are free.

We are asking Volunteers to offer musical entertainment such as playing a musical instrument (of your choice) or maybe you'd like to sing! We are also in need of volunteers to setup, breakdown and serve. Please call the parish office to volunteer!



Meeting for volunteers Thursday, September 9 in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.



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