



Church Picnic



Today



Join Us!

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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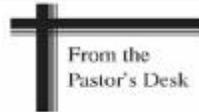
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SEPTEMBER



11 SAT	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
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
13 MON	<i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Ann Hines
	12:10 N	† Adrian Howard
14 TUE	<i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Paul Hart
	12:10 N	† Neil McCaffery
15 WED	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Donald Blackwell
	12:10 N	† Frank Lee Robinson
16 THU	<i>St. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	† Fr. Bernardo Rodriguez
17 FRI	<i>St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Robert Ginty
	12:10 N	† Immac Thampoe
18 SAT	7:30 PM	† Peter Gallagher
	5:00 PM	† Paul Hart
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
19 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Gail Baird
	10:30 AM	† Clarence Godfrey
	12:00 N	† Our Parishioners
	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—September 5, 2021..... \$ 7,571
 Online Giving—September 5, 2021.....\$ 2,057
 Shortfall.....\$ 872

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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 Anderson Sanchez Samantha Sinchi*

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 Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Kristin Harrison
 Jenna Henderson Elizabeth Ianelli Thomas Jennings
 Elizabeth Levesque Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin
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Today is our Parish Picnic. Deborah and Bryan Hocking, our chairpersons, and their committee have been planning out the many details and are ready for us. Ticket sales at Mass have been lower than in previous years, making predictions for the number of people to feed tricky. In past years, we have sold almost as many tickets “at the door” as we have beforehand. We are used to that, but the guesswork this year is complicated by how hesitant our parishioners may be by the continued presence of the virus. We will not know until this afternoon. We have made the best shot at estimating attendance as we can. If we ordered too much, we will pass on the food to the bingo kitchen. The men from the Men’s Society will be at the grill cooking hamburgers, hotdogs and sausage. We have trays of Hispanic favorite dishes, sides, and dessert. The weather is in our favor, thanks be to God. Come by the Vespucci Lodge for all or some of the afternoon. I look forward to seeing lots of people, but unwittingly, I agreed to a private baptism at 2:30, so I will have to run out for an hour.

Attendance took a dip last weekend, so I have decided to repeat two items from last week’s column because I could use your response. The first item has to do with a Global Synod which the universal Church is going to have beginning soon and culminating in 2023. Pope Francis has asked that every diocese in the world participate by providing feedback for the preparatory document. The dioceses in turn are asking their parishes to select four delegates who are involved in the life of their parish to participate in a parish-level discussion of the issues to be presented. Bishop Caggiano envisions that there would be two meetings necessary. I will say, again, the details of the topics and questions are vague at this point, but for now I must submit our delegates names by Wednesday. Please inform me if you would like to participate in this unique opportunity to be part of a worldwide survey of Catholics.

The second item has to do with an initiative of the diocese’s Leadership Institute. It is promoting a parish reading group. It 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 end of our conversations, everyone from the diocese who participated will be invited to a discussion with the author and for lunch on October 15. We have been asked to send in the number of parishioners by September 15 for the book order. If you would like to join the conversation, let me know right away! If we have a group form, we will decide amongst ourselves the best times to meet.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our religious formation classes begin next weekend, Catechetical Sunday, as they should with families at the 9 a.m. Mass. Barbara will present the catechists for a blessing, and then I will bless our families, invoking the Holy Spirit to guide and to enliven the children's faith and study. We are grateful to be back to in-person instruction. Our children learn best this way, certainly, but also, we just cannot be formed properly as a Christian apart from the community of believers. I thank from the bottom of my heart our returning and new catechists. Thank you for your generous hearts. Our staffing is ok, but that doesn't mean we couldn't use a few more helpers! Call Barbara to offer your assistance. Thank you!

—Fr. Mecca



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. 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.

This week at St. Peter School was busy as the students dove into their schoolwork! It is always exciting to watch learning unfold in all of the classrooms at St. Peter School. The K-2 teachers had a chance to work with a literacy consultant on Wednesday in person! Together, they analyzed student work and observed the consultant in action as she modeled mini-lessons in the first and second grade classrooms. These sessions are very powerful as we continue to strengthen our student's foundational literacy skills across the board.

We are almost ready to share our theme for the 2021/2022 school year! It is a collective effort and we are closing in on the focus for this school year. One thing we have added this year is the Disciple of the Month. Each month a student from each grade will be chosen who embodies what it means to be a Disciple of the Month based on the value for the month.

Faithfulness (taking responsibility in all areas of life) is the September virtue. Have a blessed week!

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

We offer our condolences to the family of

Dominick Delvino

who passed away last week.



Vespers for the Feast of St. Hildegard

This Friday, September 17, we will have sung Vespers in honor of St. Hildegard of Bingen. Hildegard was a remarkable 12th-century nun, who is best known for her visions, poetry, and chant. She also wrote treatises on medicine and the natural sciences. A most remarkable medieval woman, Pope Benedict declared her a saint in 2012, and designated her a Doctor of the Church. Vespers will begin at 7:30 pm. Please join us in honoring St. Hildegard on her Saint Day!



—Glen Segger, Musical Director

Religious Education Schedule Update

The Religious Education 2021/2022 school year begins with Mass at 9:00 am on Sunday September 19. All students are requested to attend Mass for the installation of our catechists and volunteers. Sunday, Oct. 3rd will be parent orientation, please check your email for your child's class time. Orientation will be in your child's assigned classroom in St. Peter School. Parents are requested to come to this first class with your child. Everyone entering the building must wear a mask. . If you have not received this information or have any further questions please call the office on 203-743-1048.



CAMBIO DE HORARIO PARA LA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

El año escolar de la Educación Religiosa 2021-2022 empezara con la misa de las 9:00 am el domingo 19 de septiembre. Se solicita a todos los estudiantes que asistan a la misa para la instalación de nuestros catequistas y voluntarios. El domingo 3 de octubre será la orientación para los padres, por favor revise su correo electrónico para conocer el horario de la clase de sus hijos. La orientación será en la habitación asignado a su hijo en la escuela de St. Peter. Solicitamos a los padres que vengan a esta primera clase con sus hijos. Todos los que estarán en el edificio deben usar una máscara. . Si no ha recibido esta información o tiene más preguntas, llamen a la oficina al 203-743-1048.

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

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).

**Order of Malta, American Association in CT
Lourdes in a Day**

Come enjoy! **Lourdes in a Day**, Saturday, September 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, West Hartford, CT 06107.

All especially the sick, handicapped and frail, are welcome to wash in the water of Lourdes. Mass, Sacrament of the Sick, confessions, Adoration, Benediction and the Rosary are also included. There will be talks for the Malades and the Caregivers and a relaxing complimentary lunch. For Questions or reservations call Mark Sullivan 860-523-1405

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Fiesta de la Santa Cruz -14 de septiembre

El ver la cruz con fe nos salva

Jesús dijo: "como Moisés levantó a la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado (en la cruz) el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna" (Jn 3, 14-15). Al ver la serpiente, los heridos de veneno mortal quedaban curados. Al ver al crucificado, el centurión pagano se hizo creyente; Juan, el apóstol que lo vio, se convirtió en testigo. Lee: Juan 19, 35-37.

Fuerza de Dios

"Porque la predicación de la cruz es locura para los que se pierden... pero es fuerza de Dios para los que se salvan" (1 Cor 1, 18), como el centurión que reconoció el poder de Cristo crucificado. Él ve la cruz y confiesa un trono; ve una corona de espinas y reconoce a un rey; ve a un hombre clavado de pies y manos e invoca a un salvador. Por eso el Señor resucitado no borró de su cuerpo las llagas de la cruz, sino las mostró como señal de su victoria.

Síntesis del Evangelio

San Pablo resumía el Evangelio como la predicación de la cruz (1 Cor 1,17-18). Por eso el Santo Padre y los grandes misioneros han predicado el Evangelio con el crucifijo en la mano: "Así mientras los judíos piden milagros y los griegos buscan sabiduría, nosotros predicamos a un Cristo crucificado: escándalo para los judíos (porque para ellos era un símbolo maldito) necedad para los gentiles (porque para ellos era señal de fracaso), mas para los llamados un Cristo fuerza de Dios y sabiduría de Dios"

Hoy hay muchos católicos que, como los discípulos de Emaús, se van de la Iglesia porque creen que la cruz es derrota. A todos ellos Jesús les sale al encuentro y les dice: ¿No era necesario que el Cristo padeciera eso y entrara así en su gloria? Lee: Lucas 24, 25-26. La cruz es pues el camino a la gloria, el camino a la luz. El que rechaza la cruz no sigue a Jesús. Lee: Mateo 16, 24

Nuestra razón, dirá Juan Pablo II, nunca va a poder vaciar el misterio de amor que la cruz representa, pero la cruz sí nos puede dar la respuesta última que todos los seres humanos buscamos: «No es la sabiduría de las palabras, sino la Palabra de la Sabiduría lo que San Pablo pone como criterio de verdad, y a la vez, de salvación» (JP II, Fides et ratio, 23).

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THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE

Saturday, October 2

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Sunday, October 3 (after Masses)



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We will accept small pieces of furniture.

Drop off times at the Parish Hall:

Saturdays, Sept. 18, and 25

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

Wednesdays 15, 22 and 29

From 4 to 8 p.m.

PARISH PICNIC

September 12, 2021

Vespucci Lodge

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Tickets are \$10.00/ person.
Children: 8 to 12 \$5.00 and
those 7 and under are free.**

The next **Bible Study & Bites** program is entitled "The Case For Jesus -The Biblical and Historical Evidence For Christ". This program is for those who are interested in learning more about the person of Jesus Christ, who He is, who He claimed to be, what He did and what His teaching and life mean for each of us today. Join the group of us who will hear Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels and as he gives an in-depth look at the gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Jesus's divinity. Dr. Pitre will present our Lord, Jesus, as the divine Son of God, fully human and fully God.

This study will occur on 9 consecutive Thursday evenings from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall beginning on September 23 and continuing through November 18, 2021.** The study workbooks will only cost each participant \$20.00 instead of the usual \$25.00 as we attained a better pricing!

Come and learn more about our Savior.

Please submit this form with cash or check \$20.00 in Church basket or drop it at the rectory by Sept. 18, 2021.

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