



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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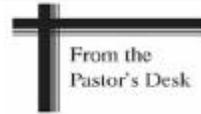
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SEPTEMBER



18 SAT	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	† Angela Doutney
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
20 MON	<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Colin O'Marra
	12:10 N	† Alice Sullivan
21 TUE	<i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	
	7:30 AM	Msgr. Kevin Wallin
	12:10 N	† Carmello DeMartino
22 WED	7:30 AM	† Donald Pepin
	12:10 N	† The Rossi Family
23 THU	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Arthur Amacher
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
24 FRI	7:30 AM	† Thomas Liddane
	12:10 N	† William Connor
25 SAT	7:30 PM	† Gloria Ann Tapia
	5:00 PM	† Richard Pagano
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
26 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Sean Baird and Erin Shea
	10:30 AM	† Doris Henderson
	12:00 N	† Immac Thampoe
	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.

Today is Catechetical Sunday. The third Sunday of September has been designated Catechetical Sunday by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Why? I would list two important reasons. The first is to draw attention to the critical ministry of catechesis, and it is critical. How will we know Jesus Christ unless someone tells us about Him? How will we know what we believe as Catholic Christians unless someone explains it to us? How did you and I learn our faith? The first catechists in our lives were our parents and, for us from a by-gone era, our extended families. Our parents formed us in matters of faith from an early age. Jesus and the saints were in our homes both through crucifixes and statues and in conversation. Our extended families were around, and everyone went to Mass and lived the Faith. There was a Catholic ethos all around us. We cannot forget our personal role as catechists for the younger generation. Sometimes we grow slack in maintaining a Catholic identity in our homes. Sometimes we keep our Catholicism all inside. Catechetical Sunday reminds us of how vital the atmosphere we create is. Through signs, symbols, words, and actions, we all have a role in handing on the Catholic faith.

Secondly, there were the Sisters, priests, and lay people who taught us our Faith in the classroom. If we went to Catholic schools, the Sisters maintained a Catholic environment that stressed daily prayer, devotion, and study of the catechism. As their ranks thinned, devote lay women joined the faculties of our schools. I think of the beautiful women who first joined the faculty of St. Peter School whom I met well after their retirement, but who openly loved the Lord, the Faith, and the Church. It was primarily these women, and some men, who taught us public school kids who came on Saturday mornings or after school. They were committed to teaching the Faith to us. Every parish throughout the world relies on women and men of good will and a giving heart to pass on the particulars of the Faith to the young. Catechetical Sunday holds them up to the parishioners for our recognition of the vital ministry which they perform and for our gratitude.

As you know from the weekly announcements from the bulletin or pulpit, we were in desperate need for catechists at the end of last year's session. No one can perform the ministry forever, after all, and some catechists retired. In the meantime, Barbara has done a spectacular job in convincing families to remain in formation after the Sacrament of First Eucharist is received. We would experience a huge drop in the number of children in formation from the ages of 8 to 12 until it was time for Confirmation. As more children stick with formation, the more catechists we need for children in this age bracket.

Our weekly goal.....	\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—September 12, 2021.....	\$ 5,717
Online Giving—September 12, 2021.....	\$ 1,767
Shortfall.....	\$ 3,016

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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lizabeth Levesque Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin
Samantha Miller Anthony Pelle, Jr. Joseph Pepin
Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

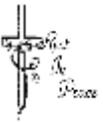
We have printed a list of our catechists, both those who have returned and those who are joining our religious formation team. I will say this at the 9 a.m. Mass where we will be gathered, but let me say it here for all our parishioners to read. I have the deepest respect and gratitude for the catechists. I thank them for having, as I said above, generous hearts, deep seated love for the Lord, and a willingness to give up their time to teach the young by word and example.

How will the children today know who the Lord Jesus is and what He taught? How will they know what our Catholic Faith is and why we follow it? They will know in large part because our parish catechists were with them to tell them.

At Mass we will pray for our catechists, families, and youngsters. May I request that in your personal prayers you keep our catechists and families in mind, asking the Holy Spirit to give them fervor and constancy in the Faith.

—Fr. Mecca

We offer our condolences to the families of



*Gregory Cerminara
Angelo Tuscano
Theresa Whiddon*

who passed away last week.

40 Days for Life—Diocese of Bridgeport Fall 2021 Campaign—Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers! Please join us at one of the two vigil sites in the Diocese, Bridgeport and Danbury. For the Bridgeport location information visit 40daysforlive.com/Bridgeport or contact Barbara at bgrabows@aol.com. For the Danbury location information visit 40daysforlive.com/Danbury or contact Sharon and Peg at Danbury40DFL@protonmail.com.

St. Peter's Men's Society is having its next meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2021 in the Parish Hall at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.



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.

Over the summer, St. Peter students were challenged to read as many books as possible. This week the students who read the most books in a classroom were presented with a Barnes and Noble gift card to further their reading adventures. Altogether, these eight students (Brenda Lemes, Daphne Ribeiro, Mayck Almeida, Brianna Villa, Mariluz Saldana, Kenneth Burdick, Jayden Quillagana, and Nicholas Oliveira) read over 200 hundred books! We are proud of ALL the students who participated in this challenge!

The eighth grade students travelled to Immaculate High School as part of their annual rite of passage this week. They spent several hours at the high school and got a taste of what the next chapter in their educational journey might look like if they chose to apply to Immaculate High School. It was an exciting day for them!

Our theme for the school year is: Building a Community of Faith and Service.

"Be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble." 1 Peter 33:8

Have a blessed week!

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

ST. PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. We are so grateful to Tanya Batista, Ashley Beckendorf, Kasey Beckendorf, Gisele DiFranco, Mike Falbo, John Feeney, Robert Ferrucci, Darly George, Eva George, Xochil Guzman, Gretchen Kraus, Jenny Liddane, Loreto McGough, Tom McGough, Susan Moran, Ha Nguyen, Halanda Nguyen, Carmen Perez, Raket Perez, Ashley Sanchez, Kaitlyn Tran, Keen Tung, Teik Tung, and Lucy Victorino who heard the call to serve as catechists. They have made it possible for our parish to return back in the classroom, to a vibrant religious education program forming our young parishioners. Today we especially pray for our volunteers and our families.

This year's theme is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us play, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith. No matter your role in the parish of St. Peter, a catechist - parent, ministry leader, chaperone, volunteer, prayer warrior - thank you for sharing your gifts.

Please note classes will begin October 3 – we will be sending more and updated information soon so please check your email.

God Bless

—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).

Are you a Vendor or a Crafter? St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish's 29th Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, November 6th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor applications are now available at stmarguerite.org under "Breaking News". Questions? Email fallfestival@stmarguerite.org or call 203-775-5117.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

El Padre Pío de Pietrelcina, un hombre que lleva a Dios -
Fiesta 23 de septiembre

Un santo fraile franciscano que tenía una sabiduría admirable y vivía sucesos extraordinarios El Padre Pío de Pietrelcina es un emblemático fraile franciscano. Su vida, básicamente oración y sufrimiento, está llena de maravillosos sucesos. Ante él, muchas personas sienten a Dios cerca.

Nació el 25 de mayo de 1887 en Pietrelcina, Italia. Al día siguiente fue bautizado con el nombre de Francisco. A los 12 años recibió la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión. Con solo 16 años entró en el noviciado de la orden de los Frailes Menores Capuchinos en Morcone, donde recibió el hábito franciscano y el nombre de Fray Pío. El 27 de enero de 1907 hizo su profesión solemne.

Tras convertirse en sacerdote el 10 de agosto de 1910, por motivos de salud permaneció con su familia hasta 1916. Entonces fue enviado al Convento de San Giovanni Rotondo, donde permaneció hasta su muerte.

El Padre Pío se sintió llamado a colaborar con Jesús en la redención del hombre, y lo hizo especialmente a través de su sufrimiento ofrecido y de la dirección espiritual, la confesión y la celebración de la misa.

También ayudaba a los necesitados con muchas obras de caridad, entre las cuales destaca la fundación de la Casa del Alivio del Sufrimiento.

Se dedicaba día y gran parte de la noche a la oración, que para él es «la llave que abre el corazón de Dios». Eso le ayudaba a estar permanentemente inmerso en las realidades sobrenaturales, e irradiarlas con palabras y obras.

Muchísimas personas lo buscaban para recibir consejo y consuelo. Y él ofrecía generosamente su asombrosa sabiduría. No son pocos los que relatan milagros y experiencias asombrosas relacionadas con la vida y la persona del Padre Pío.

Recurrió habitualmente a la mortificación para conseguir la virtud de la templanza, de acuerdo con el estilo franciscano. Durante muchos años soportó sufrimientos del alma y también dolores de unas llagas llamadas estigmas. Por ellas fue investigado y criticado. Y él aceptó con humildad y en silencio acusaciones injustificadas y calumnias.

El Papa: Padre Pío amaba a Jesús, recibió los estigmas y luchó contra el diablo

Falleció el 23 de septiembre de 1968, a los 81 años de edad. Muchísimas personas asistieron a sus funerales. Y su fama de santidad y milagros siguió creciendo hasta hoy. Fue declarado santo por la Iglesia católica en 2002.

Si usted esta interesado en unirse a un equipo para preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar cada dos meses, por favor pongase en contacto con Christine en 203-25-2607. Gracias

THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE

Saturday, October 2

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 3 (after 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. 25

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

Wednesdays 22 and 29

From 4 to 8 p.m.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's picnic—from the people who planned it, setup, attended, worked it and broke it down a huge "thank you"!

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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