

First Sunday of Advent

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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Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

Rev. Frank Eldridge, S.A. Parochial Vicar

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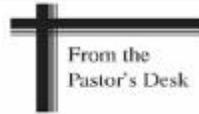
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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



27 SAT	5:00 PM	Elizabeth McCaffery
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
28 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† All Souls
	10:30 AM	† Joseph Hocking
	12:00 N	† Anne and Nick LaPorta
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
29 MON	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	† Immac Thompoe
30 TUE	<i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	
	7:30 AM	† James Cunningham
	12:10 N	† Andrew Vill
1 WED	7:30 AM	† Nettie Scapeccia
	12:10 N	† Lawrence J. Cardinal Shehan
2 THU	7:30 AM	† Roy Harris
	12 :00 N	† Jose Joaquin Barreto
3 FRI	<i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Jim Lynch
	12:10 N	† Chris Gallo
4 SAT	<i>St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	† Florence Vulcano
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
5 SUN	7:30 AM	† Ken Seeley, Jr.
	9:00 AM	† James Kovacs
	10:30 AM	† David E. Young, Sr.
	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.

All totals to be included in December 5th bulletin.

Our weekly goal.....	\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—November 21, 2021.....	\$
Online Giving—November 21, 2021.....	\$
Shortfall.....	\$
Parking Lot Collection—November 21, 2021.....	\$
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Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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We begin the new liturgical year today with the First Sunday of Advent. Isn't this a special time of the year as we start at the beginning with God's promise of salvation? I invite you to enjoy Advent. As I have probably said several times, this time of the year lends itself to meditation and reflection. The low angle of the sun and its early setting bring our activities to an earlier conclusion than in the spring and summer. The long evenings provide us with time to reflect on the wonder of the Incarnation. Our preparations for Christmas can certainly keep us busy, filling our days, and that is ok and enjoyable as long as we are maintaining a consciousness of the beautiful mystery of the God made man.

We are offering some vehicles for meditation. We have the Advent issue of *The Word Among Us* for your use. We put them out last week and there are copies out again for the taking. We also picked out three of many Advent programs on FORMED, the free Catholic resource to which we subscribed. I highlighted a mix of programs. One is a daily meditation that you can receive by email (for those who prefer electronic), another is a series of videos on the meaning of Christmas, and the third is a program for children. FORMED has many other Advent programs. Follow the instructions on the bottom of the box to access them. We also stuffed the bulletin today with a flyer whose theme is the light of Christ for First Sunday of Advent reading.

The flyer dovetails nicely with the arrival of the Peace Light to our parish on Friday evening at 6 p.m. We may be the only community in the area which receives the Peace Light. Michael Flabo, our Youth Group, and local Scouts began to welcome the light a few years ago. You may or may not be familiar with it. The international Peace Light originated in 1986 in Austria. The movement's aim is to spread a continuous flame lit from the oil lamps at the grotto of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem along with a message of peace and friendship. The Peace Light arrives in our country at New York's JFK where many organizations light lanterns and the flame begins its journey around the U.S. Scouts are the largest portion of the worldwide distribution. If you would like to capture the flame of Bethlehem for your home, bring a lantern to the prayer service. There will be a table set up where you can place it.

The Advent Angel Tree is up in the vestibule. Once again, the parish has teamed up with several social service agencies in the city, and we, ourselves, are helping

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families we know who need assistance. I realize that the trend at the agencies has been to request more and fewer gift cards for their clients. I have heard parishioners say that there is more joy in purchasing a gift for someone than a gift card, but we can understand the popularity and simplicity of gift cards. The shoppers among us will find requests for gifts on the tree; the rest of us will be delighted by the ease of picking up a gift card!

You have noticed that in addition to the Advent flyer there is a letter from Bishop Caggiano announcing the publication of annual financial reports. Every parish, school, and diocesan institution will make available to the Faithful its end of the fiscal year financial report. You might remember the statements that were required under the first parish Financial Manual issued by Bishop Lori. Those statements fell out of use and are replaced with this new report. Mary-Anne Blount, our accountant, is preparing a written statement which will accompany our report.

I wish and pray that we will enjoy a peaceful and reflective Advent.

—Fr. Mecca

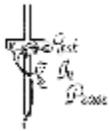
The Peace Light, symbolic of the Light of Christ especially evident at Christmas, is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among all people of the world regardless of race, ethnicity or creed. Many churches, scout roops, and associated community organizations use the Peace Light in Advent worship services, parish tree lighting events, and other special ceremonies. Some groups even maintain the Peace Light year-round using the flame to ignite their Sanctuary Lights, Baptismal Candles, and Votive Lamps.

Each year in late November, a child from Austria lights a lantern from the continuously burning candle in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the site of Jesus birth. The light, known as the Peace Light, stored in special explosion-proof lanterns, is then flown with a safety adviser back to Vienna, Austria, where it is shared with delegations from across Europe who distribute it with a message of Peace to their own countries for use at ecumenical services. Scouting organizations then take the light to houses of worship, hospitals, homeless shelters, nursing homes, and places of public, cultural and political importance - to anyone who appreciates the significance of the "gift".

—Michael Falbo, Youth Minister

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS

We offer our condolences to the families of



*Thomas Jennings
Patricio Lema
Felix Pidala*

who passed away last week.



Mission Statement: St. Peter School exists to provide a nurturing environment where students become Disciples of Jesus Christ, embrace the love of lifelong learning, and believe in the dignity of all people.

If you have a child who is ready for Preschool and would like more information about the program at St. Peter School for this year or for the 2022/23 school year, please contact mrepole@spsdanbury.org, mcorrea@spsdanbury.org or mtorre@spsdanbury.org or call the school office—203-748-2895.

Our K-8 students are preparing for the Christmas concert on December 6th! I have had a chance to hear them sing and, even with their masks, they sound wonderful.

Our December Gospel Value of the month is prayerfulness. This is the perfect season to treasure prayerfulness, and I know our students will continue to take this to heart as Advent begins. It is a time of waiting in "joyful and devout expectation."

"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots." Isaiah 11:1

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal



Peace Light - Prayer Vigil!

Friday, December 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Please join us for our third annual prayer vigil to promote peace!

The vigil will begin outside in the parking lot across from the church and continue inside.

All are welcome!

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Calling All Shepherds and Angels : We need you for the living Nativity during the children's Mass on December 24. If your child would like to participate please contact us at spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org We will have a dress rehearsal December 19 at 12:15 pm after religious education classes. Costumes will be selected at this time.



Come, See, Restore Project : To date \$517.55 has been donated. The latest update is that Tracey has begun the process of repairing and restoring our statute. She's sculpted two fingers and one toe replacing the broken ones. She is beginning to sand away the layers of paint from the years. Shortly we will have photos on the website. So keep checking under Faith Formation.

Calendar of Events

November

28 – No Class

December

5 - Lesson 8

12- Lesson 9

19– Lesson 10 Quiz lessons 7 –9

26 No Class

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

**Advent on
FORMED**

Parishioners can access free of charge many programs to enhance our spirituality this Advent. Here is a small sample of what is available to you.

Reflections on “The True Meaning of Christmas” with Dr. Michael Barber. Learn more about the biblical accounts of Jesus’ birth and the meaning behind favorite Christmas customs.

Daily reflections received as an email by Dr. Tim Gray.

The Days of Advent/Los dias del Adviento for Children. A daily video led by Brother Francis (animated).

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. Enter our zip code or parish name
3. Enter your name and email
4. YOU ARE IN

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En la historia de Dios todo es nuevo, actual y se renueva constantemente en nuestras vidas

¿Cómo vives los días antes de Navidad? La llegada está a la vuelta de la esquina, o podríamos decir que Jesús ya llegó y nunca se ha ido. ¿Entonces por qué celebramos una llegada que ya sucedió hace milenios? ¿Quizá porque es una nueva oportunidad para acoger al Amor? Un recordatorio vivo presente que intensifica la relación con el Verbo encarnado

La espera que ha llegado

Es verdad que en Adviento nos preparamos esperanzados para vivir un acontecimiento histórico, espiritual, personal y familiar que cambió la vida de la humanidad hace dos mil años.

Pero también es ocasión para tomar conciencia que Jesús ya está aquí, entre la humanidad, y que nunca se ha ido.

Es, podríamos así decirlo, una espera que ya ha llegado, porque en la historia de Dios todo es nuevo, actual y se renueva constantemente en nuestras vidas.

Ha nacido y nace, ha llegado y llega; es un continuo camino y llegada en la vida de los hombres, como prometió.

Recuperar la esperanza

En los tiempos que corren es fácil perder de vista el verdadero sentido de lo que estamos a punto de vivir. No solo desde un punto de vista interior sino también exterior.

Las ganas por juntarnos para la cena, hacer la compra de los regalos, y hacer gestiones de última hora, ocupan la mayor parte de nuestra mente y tiempo.

También las preocupaciones y tristezas pueden opacar esa luz interior que permite ver y sentir que el Amor habita en cada uno. ¡Démosle oportunidad para que llegue a cada uno, una vez más! ¡Démonos oportunidad para recibir a Jesús en nuestro hogar!

Bautizos

Cuartos Domingos de cada Mes. Contacten con Ana Espinal para el formulario y la información sobre la clase pre-bautismal.

Confesiones

Domingos a las 4:00 p.m.

Horario de Oficina

De Lunes a Viernes, de 1:30 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. En español pregunten por Ana Espinal.

Grupo de Oracion

Todos los Lunes, a las 7:00 p.m. en el subsuelo de la Iglesia. Lider: Jorge Ordonez.



Thank you to all who contributed in any way to our collection for thanksgiving. We were able to fill over 50 baskets of food and give _____ meals to those eating alone. May God bless you all!

The 2022 Mass Book is Open!

Few Masses are available on weekends.

There are plenty of weekday Masses

Call the Office to request your Masses.

Calling the young people of the parish!!!

Would you like to serve Jesus in a special way? We are looking for Altar Servers! If you are interested, please contact Michael Falbo at 203-743-1048.



ANGEL TREE

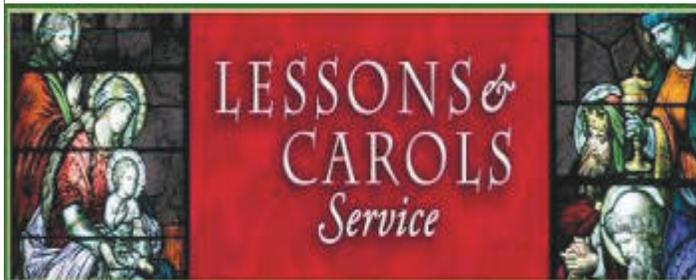


As you can see the Angel Tree once again adorns our vestibule. Due to COVID, Christmas parties will not be taking place. Therefore, gifts will need to be delivered. We are asking for your help by returning your angel gift no later than December 13.

Our Advent Angel Tree will assist Ability Beyond (AB), Birthright**(BR), Catholic Charities Morning Glory Program (MG), Family & Children's Aid, Interfaith AIDS Ministry (IAM), Renewal House (RH), St. Peter School (SPS), and St. Peter Church** (SPC). There will be baskets in the vestibule to collect your gifts on December 5 and December 12.

Thank you for your kindness.

Please join us on Friday, December 17, for our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. Lessons and Carols is a beautiful liturgy in which the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine scripture lessons. The readings are interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and choir anthems. What a wonderful way to welcome Jesus into our hearts during the Christmas season. This year will be the fifth time we are having Lessons and Carols. Why not make this St. Peter tradition part of your Christmas tradition!



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