

### **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. Frank Eldridge, S.A. Parochial Vicar

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DECEMBER

4 SAT	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
6 MON	<i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Gerard Murphy
	12:10 N	†	John DeMartino
7 TUE	<i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Mary Williams
	12:10 N	†	Moroney Family
	5:30 PM		Our Parishioners
8 WED	<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Marion Mannion
	12:10 N	†	Bishop Walter W. Curtis
	7:00 PM	†	Jeanne Mulvihill
9 THU	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Maria Panek
	12:00 N	†	Judy Silva
10 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Mary Beth Garavel
	12:10 N	†	Stanislau Panek
11 SAT	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	†	Joan Kilby
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
12 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Ann Pirone
	10:30 AM	†	Dominick Conetta
	12:00 N	†	Maria Carmella Moffa
	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—November 21, 2021.....	\$ 6,878
Online Giving—November 21, 2021.....	\$ 2,102
Shortfall.....	\$ 1,540
Parking Lot Collection—November 21, 2021.....	\$ 2,698
Online Parking Lot Collection.....	\$ 1,795
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—November 28, 2021.....	\$ 7,203
Online Giving—November 28, 2021.....	\$ 2,307
Shortfall.....	\$ 991

Thank you for your support.

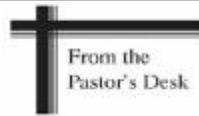
Father Mecca

**WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Valery Lopez Georgina Morocho Rosalyn Morocho  
Alison Perez Matthew Suquilanda*

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

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



In the 2021 revised Financial Manual there is a provision for a date annually when every parish, school, diocesan institute, and the Diocese itself will publish an annual financial report. Bishop Caggiano settled on the first Sunday of December. At the clergy meeting on Monday he announced that we will keep this “Accountability Sunday” on this weekend each year. You may recall the financial reports that the Financial Manual used to require. I never really understood them, our finance committee never thought that they were helpful, and I gather that many others did not either. In fact, at last Monday’s meeting the Bishop revealed that they did not make a great deal of sense to him. So, with the issuing of the updated Manual, the Finance Department adopted a new format. We are required to post it on our website. We may, if we like, publish it in our bulletins. I’ve chosen to place it in this bulletin as not all of us who are interested in the finances of our parish want to go online to access the statement. In addition, I asked Mary-Anne Blount, our accountant to draft a commentary for you. With input from the members of the parish finance committee, she offers us the accompanying summary of our income and expenses for the last fiscal year which ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Let’s talk about the doors! I am excited that the work has commenced. Two weeks ago, three workmen from Baut Studios arrived from Pennsylvania. On Monday they removed the stained glass from the doors and put in its place the black panels. The following day, they removed the transoms. I watched for a while as they meticulously cut the glass from the frame. The vestibule is quite dark as a result. I miss the light that would shine through. It’s going to be a dark winter, but sometime this spring the stained glass will return accompanied by new and better operating doors. I thank everyone who is participating in the We Stand With Christ Capital Campaign for making the improvements possible.

Christmas is coming, and I suspect some of you are curious about the Christmas Mass schedule. So am I. I need another week to pull it together. I am waiting to receive some feedback from our Hispanic parishioners. We’ve moved the Mass in Spanish practically all over the place. I’d like to find the right time this year. In addition, I received a request for a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. It’s a reasonable request, and we have enough priests to cover it. Do we really need it? No, but it is a time slot that quite a number of parishioners like. I can tell you with certainty that there will not be a vigil Mass any earlier than our usual 4 p.m. The Holy See permitted Masses to begin in the afternoon last year so as to make room for more Masses due to social distancing. As you

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

remember, we could only seat 100 people at a time in our church. The restriction is not in place this year, hence there is no exemption from the law which says that a vigil Mass may not be celebrated before the time of first vespers, i.e., 4 p.m.

We are blessed with a magnificent choir which loves to offer praise to God through music. You know, of course, that the Church has always understood the transcendent power of the arts to draw us to God and into the mysteries of faith. With this in mind, our choir is offering again this year on next Friday the beautiful ceremony of Lessons & Carols. You really must come. Believe me, you and I need it—the beauty, the opportunity to reflect and to be moved, and experience the meaning of Christmas.

Catholic calendars are available to us courtesy of the Jowdy-Kane Funeral Home. We have them in both English and Spanish. Please help yourself to one. I thank Dan Jowdy for sponsoring the calendars.

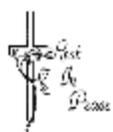
—Fr. Mecca

### Catholic Young Adults

**Home for the Holidays—Friday, December 10 at 7:00 pm at St. Edward the Confessor in New Fairfield.** The evening consists of an Advent talk by Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR with a roast beef dinner, gift giving, Christmas music and more for the young adults. Fr. Toussaint will share the story of his own journey to priesthood and the work that he does with the Franciscans, as well as address the challenges present for young adults in the Church.



**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns  
In Memory  
of  
Marybeth Garavel**



*We offer our condolences to the family of  
Msgr. Nicholas Grieco  
who passed away last week.*



**Remember:**

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a holy day of obligation.**

**Masses are: Tuesday, the vigil, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday Masses 7:30 a.m., 12:10 noon and 7:00 p.m.**

**\*\*\*SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\***



**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 - 2023 school year, please contact mre-pole@spsdanbury.org, mcorrea@spsdanbury.org or mtorre@spsdanbury.org or call the school office at 203-748-2895.

With the Christmas concert, which includes the Nativity pageant, on Monday, the staff and students have been practicing, practicing, practicing! The students are very excited about performing for their families. You are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for supporting our Wreath Fundraiser. We hope you are enjoying your wreath if you purchased one from us this year!

As we celebrate the joys that make up this holy season, may we be forever grateful for the people who surround us with God's love every day. We pray for them. We hold them close to our hearts. We cherish the many memories we have shared together as we wait in anticipation of what is to come...

During the second week of Advent, we will reflect on peace at St. Peter School; may we be peacemakers in our own lives and in our world.

*“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.” — Mother Teresa*

\*\*\*SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION\*\*\*

Calling All Shepherds and Angels : We need you for the living Nativity during the children’s Mass on December 24 at 4:00 pm. If your child would like to participate, please contact us



at [spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org](mailto: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 : The restoration is well underway; three new fingers and a toe have been sculpted and placed. The base of the statue is now in the process of being restored and replaced in some parts. To date \$537.55 has been donated. Thank you to all who have donated. We are one fourth of the way toward the full restoration costs. Please help if you can.

**Events Calendar**

**December**

**5 – Lesson 8 - Adoration is cancelled today**

**12- Lesson 9**

**19-Lesson 10 -Quiz lessons 7-9; all classes Adoration**

**26- No class**

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

**Redemptoris Mater Seminary Christmas Concert**

**December 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Matthew Church in Norwalk**

The concert is offered at no charge with a suggested donation of \$25.00 to be paid on line at [www.rmbridgeport.org](http://www.rmbridgeport.org) or at the church prior to or after the event. If you would like to attend the reception that follows, contact [events@rmbridgeport.org](mailto:events@rmbridgeport.org).

**LECTURE**

Chris Stefanick, internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host, will speak on his new book “Living Joy: 9 rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day” on December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Edward the Confessor Church, New Fairfield. The goal of the presentation is to examine the nature of Christian Joy and impart the wisdom one needs to experience joy to the fullest as part of the Christian life. With evidence, experience, and common sense, Chris presents nine rules that will explain how to overcome the obstacles that are keeping believers from living with the joy that Christ promised.

The cost of the evening is \$15 and that includes a copy of the new book. Registration is available online at [formationreimagined.org/event/living-joy](http://formationreimagined.org/event/living-joy).

**COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO**

El año de San José llega a su fin, pero que San José se quede en nuestra familia

Como papá o mamá tenemos la posibilidad de continuar cada día encomendando nuestra familia a San José. Por: Silvia del Valle | Fuente: Catholic.net

Vienen la tentación de dejar en el olvido a San José después de que pase la Navidad y eso sería una pena ya que hemos visto que San José tiene un lugar muy importante y especial, por ser el padre de Jesús en esta tierra.

**PRIMERO.** Si aun no la tienes, coloca una imagen de San José en tu altar familiar.

Es cierto que como personas, necesitamos signos visibles para mantener presente a las personas que queremos o para no olvidar eventos o circunstancias importantes en nuestra vida.

**SEGUNDO.** Conoce las Virtudes de San José y aplícalas en tu familia.

Las virtudes son esos hábitos buenos que caracterizan a alguien y que pueden compartir con los demás y seguir su ejemplo para adaptarlos a tu propia vida, por lo que es muy bueno conocer las de San José.

Entre otras están la paciencia, la mansedumbre, la amabilidad, la ternura, la obediencia, la acogida y calidez, la valentía, la creatividad, el silencio y principalmente el trabajo.]

**TERCERO.** Haz o renueva tu consagración a San José.

Una consagración es propiamente una dedicación voluntaria a Dios y ponerse bajo la protección y cuidados de un santo en particular, pudiendo pedir su auxilio e intercesión en las diferentes situaciones y eventos de nuestra vida.

**CUARTO.** Adopta una jaculatoria a San José.

Existen varias ya establecidas como "Bendito San José, aumenta nuestra fe", pero también podemos hacer nuestras propias oraciones y jaculatorias que salgan de nuestro corazón.

**Y QUINTO.** Encomiéndale tu familia a San José.

San José es el modelo de padre, por haber tenido el honor de ser el papá terrenal de Jesús, conocer las angustias y necesidades de una familia y tener que defender a su hijo de las asechanzas de los que le querían hacer daño, por esto, no tuvo reparo en recibir los mensajes de Dios en sueños y ponerlos en práctica, obedeciendo con amor.

Así que es muy importante que encomendemos a nuestra familia a su protección y auxilio.

**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.

**Dedication of the Merry Chimes**

The Merry Chimes will be dedicated at the 10:30 am Mass on December 19. What are the Merry Chimes, you may ask? They are a set of chimes (similar to tubular bells) that were installed inside our pipe organ last month. These chimes were donated in loving memory of Fr. Paul Merry by several of our parishioners. These chimes will be blessed and played for the first time at Mass on Dec. 19. Come hear our beautiful organ, which now will literally have all the “bells and whistles!”



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.

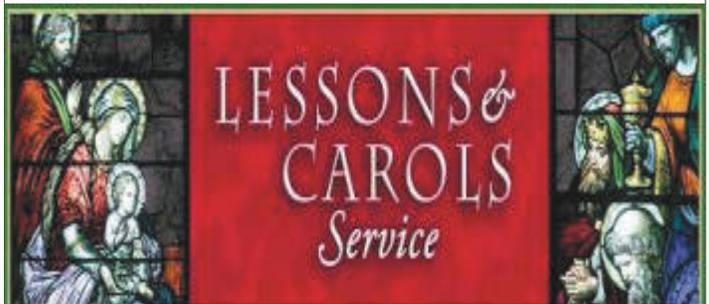
See our Thanksgiving Basket giving—



Thank you for your generosity!

May God Bless you!

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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