

Third 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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DECEMBER

11 SAT	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 Carmela Moffa
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
13 MON	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Frances Ferguson
	12:10 N †	Joseph James Abeyta
14 TUE	<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Paul Hart
	12:10 N †	Souls in Purgatory
15 WED	7:30 AM †	Father Joseph Saba
	12:10 N †	Edward Cardinal Egan
16 THU	7:30 AM †	Father Bernardo Rodriguez
	12:00 N †	Joan Schmiedel
17 FRI	7:30 AM †	James Lynch
	12:10 N †	Antonio Scalzo
18 SAT	7:30 AM †	Mary Pereira
	5:00 PM †	Alfred Farrah, Sr.
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
19 SUN	7:30 AM †	Charlie Greenwald
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM †	Michele DiBuono
	12:00 N †	Paul Hart
	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—December 5, 2021.....	\$ 8,162
Online Giving—December 5, 2021.....	\$ 1,887
Shortfall.....	\$ 451

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



We offer our condolences to the family of
Mary Le Febvre
who passed away last week.

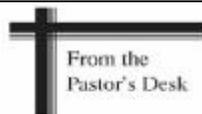


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Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry Dejulia Elizabeth Ianelli
Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin Samantha Miller
Anthony Pelle, Jr. Joseph Pepin Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*



It is Gaudate Sunday already! We are half-way through our Advent season. This fact can throw us into panic mode! On Friday (17th), the readings for the final week before Christmas begin the sequence of events preceding our Lord's nativity. It doesn't matter how many times we hear or read them for they never fail to touch our hearts with awe, wonder, love, and gratitude.

In a fortunate quirk of the calendar this year, the 17th falls on a Friday, a really good evening to catch a break from the routine of the week and attend the celebration of Lessons & Carols at 7 p.m. Lessons & Carols originated in the English Church which means the Brits call 'lessons' what we across the pond call 'readings.' There are nine scripture passages that begin with the fall of humanity into sin and trace God's promise of salvation and that promise's fulfillment in the birth of His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In between are hymns, carols or songs sung either by the choir or congregation. Every year Glen selects the most beautiful pieces. Some of the songs he has introduced have become pieces that I now need to hear every year at this time. I encourage everyone to attend, and I extend a particular invitation to families. Give the family the gift of the Christmas story and an opportunity to hear sung live sacred Christmas music that we do not hear on the radio.

It is with much regret that I have to tell you today the Nance Engel, our children's choir director is retiring. Christmas Eve Mass at 4 p.m. will be here last time with us. Nance informed me in June that the time had come to begin to let go of her teaching and her choral work with us. I held off telling you until we drew close to the time of her retirement. I hate to see Nancy go as she has been a treasure. I can and I will praise her here for her dependability, for her commitment to us, for her voice, for how she enhanced our 9 a.m. Mass with (before covid) with the sound of young angelic voices. But, above all, I thank Nancy and praise her for being a superb teacher and a mentor to dozens of our children for 15 years. The children learned music, yes, but they also gained an appreciation for worship, and their tie to the notion of parish and community was strengthened. Over the years, we got to watch these youngsters grow, and some "moved up" to the position of cantor, further enriching our worship. We will all miss Nancy's faithful presence. At the conclusion of the Christmas Eve Mass, we will acknowledge Nancy and wish her much happiness in retirement. God bless you Nancy.

On the topic of music, I will bless and we will dedicate a set of organ chimes in memory of Fr. Paul Merry that friends of his made possible. The "Merry Chimes" will be debuted for the parishioners at that Mass and for everyone else on Christmas Eve and Day.

THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



The annual Christmas concert on December 6th was conducted and orchestrated by our music teacher, Rachel Campbell. It was a beautiful evening. We hope you enjoy the pictures!

Our Christmas Wrap Shop is open! Thank you for supporting St. Peter School through this mini-fund raiser.

Our Gospel Value for the month of December is prayerfulness. At our whole school advisory meeting a week ago Friday, the students had a chance to further deepen their relationship with Jesus through prayer. Each group leader shared how we can ask God for what we need and trust that if we need it, God will provide it! As part of the meeting, the students wrote a quick thank you prayer to God and placed it in one of the Manger Prayer Stations (which were made by the middle school students in Innovation class.) Everyone ended the meeting with this prayer and the "Our Father": "Lord Jesus, you are a loving and caring God. Help us to remember that you are always ready to listen when we need to talk."

As the third week of Advent begins, we wish you

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."
- Pope Benedict XVI

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal



Nancy's First Choir

Christmas Schedule



Confessions:

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, December 18
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 p.m. Vigil
Children's Choir will begin singing at 3:30 p.m.
5:45 p.m. Vigil. Organ and Cantor
7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Spanish Liturgy
7:30 p.m. Brazilian Liturgy
11:30 p.m. Traditional Carols & Seasonal Music
12:00 Midnight - Solemn Mass with Organ and Choir

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day Masses:

7:30 a.m. English Liturgy
9:00 a.m. Brazilian Liturgy
10:30 a.m. Organ, Choir
12:00 Noon Spanish Liturgy



DECEMBER 12, 2021

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 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 \$656.82 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

12- Lesson 9

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

26- No class

January 2022

2 - No Class

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 or at the church prior to or after the event. If you would like to attend the reception that follows, contact 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.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Novena de Navidad

Lo hermoso de esta tradición de la novena de aguinaldos de Navidad es que es una celebración que recorre varios sitios diferentes como casa de vecinos, amigos y familiares, esto se hace para conmemorar las nueve etapas del viaje que hizo José y María, entre Nazaret y Belén.

Esta novena fue propuesta por el monje ecuatoriano Fray Fernando de Jesús Larrea, quien escribió la primera edición. Luego, la Madre María Ignacia realizó algunas modificaciones para hacerla más accesible sobre todo para los más pequeños, entre las reformas que realizó se encuentran: El ajuste de algunas oraciones con palabras sencillas, la agregación de los gozos y de la Oración al Niño Jesús que fue traducido del francés.

La novena de aguinaldos es una costumbre muy especial en países como Ecuador, Venezuela y Colombia. En otros países como México, Costa Rica, El Salvador o Panamá disfrutaban de una tradición similar en los días anteriores a la Navidad que se conoce como Las posadas.

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.

Horario Navideno

Diciembre 24 7:00 p.m. Salon Parroquial
(en el basement de la iglesia)

Diciembre 25 12:00 p.m. en la iglesia

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

ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.

THE AGENCIES INVOLVED WILL BE HOLDING THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTIES THIS WEEK.

Thank you for your kindness.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEN'S SOCIETY...



GREAT JOB!



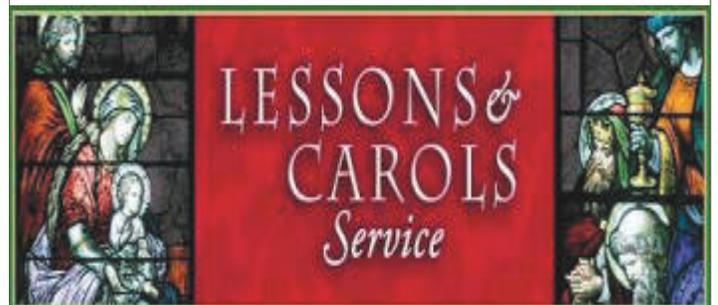
Please join us

Friday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

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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