

Wise Men Still Seek Jesus



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.

Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

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Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

Rev. Frank Eldridge, S.A. Parochial Vicar

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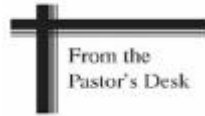
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JANUARY



Merry Epiphany! The Feast of the Epiphany arrives quite quickly this year. Wasn't it just New Year's Day? Yes, it was, and now it's Epiphany, Little Christmas, or Three Kings Day. We have to keep up! So many of us like this feast which commemorates the manifestation of Jesus to the nations. Jesus is recognized by the Magi, or kings, from the East—three non-Jews who seek out the King of Israel. Jesus' kingship is not earthly and neither is His Kingdom, of course, but He is God and therefore King of the world and of every living soul. As we hear in the psalm, "all peoples on earth shall adore Him." In a homily he wrote for this great feast day, St. Leo the Great (d.451) who promoted the celebration of Christmas, said:

"It was a wondrous loving provision of the Divine plan that a nation which dwelt in the far off country of the East and was cunning in the art of reading the stars, should receive a sign of the infant's birth who was to reign over Israel. The splendor of a bright new star appeared to wise men and filled their mind with such wonder as they gazed upon its brilliance, that they could not think they ought to neglect what was announced to them with such distinctness. And, as the event showed, the grace of God was the disposing cause of this wondrous thing who, when the whole of Bethlehem itself was still unaware of Christ's birth, brought it to the knowledge of the nations who would believe and declared that which human words could not yet explain through the preaching of the heavens."

I hope you enjoy a pleasant day today to round out "the holidays." The official end of the Christmas season for the Church, by the way, is the feast of the Baptism next Sunday. The days this week are part of the Christmas Season. The reading each day comes from St. John's first letter. John, who declared "God is Love" in his Gospel has some objectives in mind in this letter. He wants to emphasize that God is Light and Love and that Jesus is the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. The teaching of the Incarnation was not universally accepted but was vigorously challenged. Pagan thinkers and writers considered matter to be essentially evil or dirty. As the body is matter, therefore, divinity would never assume one. St. John upholds the two equal natures of Jesus. Through his Incarnation, Jesus could fully identify with us and fully make us what he is. This is what we set out to do during the year—be Jesus.


1 SAT	9:00 AM †	Vita Mecca
	5:00 PM †	Omar Gutierrez
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
2 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM †	Nettie Scapecchia
	10:30 AM	Peace in the Family
	12:00 N †	Anthony Flipowicz
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
3 MON	<i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N †	Jada Mourning
4 TUE	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Joseph LoStocco
	12:10 N †	Mary McNulty, Henry Kilby And James McGarrigle
5 WED	<i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Adele Colatorti
	12:10 N †	Mary William
6 THU	<i>St. Andre Bessette, Religious</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Donald Pepin
	12:10 N †	Marion McGlory
7 FRI	<i>St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM †	John P. Kirk
	12:10 N †	Eugene Wisniewski
8 SAT	7:30 AM †	Philip J. Mancini
	5:00 PM †	Rita Timan
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
9 SUN	7:30 AM †	Rosemary Lariccia
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM †	Lucia Tin
	12:00 N †	Robert Africano
	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.


Totals to be published next Sunday.

Our weekly goal.....	\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—December 19, 2021.....	\$ 7,006
Online Giving—December 19, 2021.....	\$ 1,862
Shortfall.....	\$ 1,632

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Bible (Study) & Bites begins January 6 through February 24, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We are studying:

Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God

The topics are:

- **Jan. 6—The New Eve**
- **Jan. 13—The New Ark**
- **Jan. 20—Mother of the Messiah**
- **Jan. 27—The Queen Mother**
- **Feb 3—The Perpetual Virgin**
- **Feb 10—Mother of Sorrows**
- **Feb 17—The New Rachel**
- **Feb 24—Questions and Answers**

Please submit this form with cash or check for \$18.00 in Church basket or drop it at the rectory by January 2, 2022..

Name: _____

Phone# _____

Enrolling in Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God - Bible Study & Bites Program.

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



Happy New Year to all from the St. Peter School Community!!

May 2022 be filled with joy and hope for brighter days ahead!

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes :Classes resume on January 9, 2022. Students with online work should complete up to and including chapter 11. If your child is not feeling well or is being quarantined for potential exposure to COVID keep your child home and please email us as well if your child will not be in class. The office email is spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org
Come, See, Restore - The restoration project continues. Visit the parish website for photos and an update on the restoration process. To date we have raised \$656.82, thank you to all who have donated. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact us 203-743-1048.



Events Calendar

January 2022

2 - No Class

9 - Lesson 11

Happy New year!

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Los sabios de Oriente trajeron a Jesús: oro, incienso y mirra. Conocemos el significado de estas ofrendas pero un poco menos su impacto en nuestra oración...

El oro define al rey, el incienso celebra a Dios, la mirra anuncia su muerte. Estas ofrendas traídas por los reyes magos a Jesús simbolizan los fundamentos de toda oración.

La oración es real

Ella celebra el esplendor de este Dios que es nuestro rey. Se hace alabanza, rinde gloria, lo que también se llama «doxología» (como, al final del canto de un Salmo, la invocación «Gloria al Padre, al Hijo, al Espíritu Santo»).

La oración es un incienso

El incienso es un aroma que arde al elevarse hacia el cielo. Nuestra oración se hace súplica de la tarde y, si asciende en humo, va directa al cielo, oliendo agradablemente. Sí, la oración es humo: es una actividad gratuita e improductiva, que solo sirve para amar. Por lo tanto, es esencial.

¡Y que cesemos por fin de pretender que el tiempo dedicado a la oración sea arrebatado por el cuidado del prójimo! Nadie, ni siquiera la persona consagrada más activa, pasa todo el día entregándose a su prójimo. Es ella, por el contrario, la que más reza.

Por otro lado, la oración arrebatada muchos momentos preciosos al ensimismamiento, a la ligereza de la vida y a la insoportable pesadez del ser.

La oración es como la mirra

La oración no es una distracción, una ocupación inocente, una actividad que no involucra. Cualquiera que penetra en los senderos de la oración pasa por una muerte segura: la muerte del hombre viejo, de sí mismo, de lo que no pone Dios en el primer lugar.

La oración no se contenta con meditar sobre la Pasión de Cristo. Ella conduce a vivirla tú mismo.

¿Qué oración ofrecer a Dios?

Según el día, ofreceremos una u otra ofrenda: oro, incienso o mirra. En realidad, el que ora ofrece cada día un poco de las tres. Los reyes magos son el alma cristiana que adora al Niño.

La adoración cristiana no es un simple deber, el culto de una religión que nos ha visto nacer. Ella nos marca con la cruz de Cristo.

Esto explica la prisa de los magos que vinieron precisamente a adorar, también explica a todos los Herodes del mundo, a quienes a veces nos parecemos, o bien de quienes debemos escapar yendo por otro camino.

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