

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

Rev. Frank Eldridge, S.A. Parochial Vicar

Rev. David J. Riley, In Residence



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gsegger@stpeterdanb.org

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Rev. Frank Eldridge—203-743-2707

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Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895
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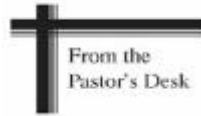
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203-743-1048 or spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

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JANUARY



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|--------|--|------------------------------|
| 15 SAT | 5:00 PM † | John Esposito |
| | 7:30 PM | Brazilian Mass |
| 16 SUN | 7:30 AM | Our Parishioners |
| | 9:00 AM † | Lucia Tin |
| | 10:30 AM † | Audrey Aderman |
| | 12:00 N † | Vincent Casturani |
| | 5:00 PM | Spanish Mass |
| | 7:30 PM | Brazilian Mass |
| 17 MON | <i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i> | |
| | 7:30 AM † | Douglas Walcutt |
| | 12:10 N † | Father John Juliani |
| 18 TUE | 7:30 AM † | Lemoine Family |
| | 12:10 N † | Antonietta DiBuono |
| 19 WED | 7:30 AM † | Kathleen Teaser |
| | 12:10 N † | Douglas Wolcott |
| 20 THU | <i>St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr</i> | |
| | <i>St. Sebastian, Martyr</i> | |
| | 7:30 AM † | Souls in Purgatory |
| | 12:10 N † | Antoinette and Richard Galla |
| 21 FRI | <i>St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> | |
| | 7:30 AM † | Thomas Charles Pepin |
| | 12:10 N † | Maureen Fenton |
| 23 SAT | <i>Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> | |
| | 7:30 AM † | Chris and Tom Gallo |
| | 5:00 PM † | Atanacia Tapia |
| | 7:30 PM | Brazilian Mass |
| 23 SUN | 7:30 AM † | Tom Curran |
| | 9:00 AM † | Lucia Tin |
| | 10:30 AM † | Philomena and Joseph Trieu |
| | 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.

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—January 9, 2022.....\$ 6,662
 Online Giving—January 9, 2022.....\$ 1,797
 Shortfall.....\$ 2,041
 Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



We offer our condolences to the family of
Charles Duell
who passed away last week.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED
Gianne Cashabamba

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

Well, Sundays during winter can be tricky business. Last week’s forecasts for freezing rain frightened everyone, causing a rather low attendance. It seemed that numbers picked up somewhat as the morning progressed and folks could see that the light rain was not freezing on contact with surfaces. Because of the light attendance, I am repeating a little of what I wrote last week for everyone who missed it.

I spoke about the virus, which in all honesty we are tired of hearing about. But, I needed to tell you that we are encouraging all parishioners whether we are vaccinated or not to wear a mask during Mass. The surge may have hit its peak, as some scientists are speculating this week, but Bishop Caggiano is saying that the Diocese “strongly recommends that people wear masks while attending Mass in the interest of protecting others during the surge.” As you know, the parishes are following the mandates for wearing masks at indoor gatherings set by the local municipalities. We do not have a mandate here, but it does make good sense to protect ourselves at the present time.

Last week I opened with a glance at Christmas thinking that it would be the last words about it. But I have an addendum. At Monday’s parish council meeting, Christine Moore in her role as Chairperson of the Community Concerns Committee reported to us that we assisted twenty families at Christmas. She informed us that this year the need presented to us was not for gifts or help with rent but for food. The families who approached the parish are working this year but running out of money for staples. Thank you to all of you who from the Angel Tree took requests for food cards. Christine was able to supply all twenty families with cards and have leftovers to put in the safe for anyone else who may come to us for help. Again, thank you for your goodness.

Speaking of the council meeting, one item up for discussion was the Selection Committee. Staying on our schedule to hold an election, the members suggested individuals to make up the Selection Committee. It is up to Fred Visconti and me to approach them and ask if they are willing to serve in this capacity. We need five parishioners for this committee who will accept the task of recruiting candidates for the election to the council in April. They Selection Committee will present to the parish a slate of candidates by the first Sunday in March and prepare a flyer with some biographical information about each person to distribute to the parishioners.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At the meeting, I informed the Council that our Trustee, Tony Rizzo, Sr., told me of his decision to step down as a trustee. Tony said that he believed that there should be a turnover of the trustees from time to time. Having served for quite a number of years, he felt it was time for someone else to assume the role. As I told Tony, I've been very pleased with our trustees, so I never had the inclination to make a change. I thank Tony most sincerely for his dedication to the parish and for his many insights over the years. The parish corporation according to Connecticut statutes must have an annual meeting prior to February 1. Given that looming deadline, I needed to quickly choose a successor, and I turned to Bob Talarico. There is no written criteria for a trustee, as far as I know, but my own criteria is that the individual should be a longstanding parishioner who is highly invested in the parish, who stays informed, who loves it, and supports its ministry within the community. Bob easily fits this description. Bob has agreed to serve along side Michael McLachlan. Thank you, Bob!

Lastly for today, Fr. Leonel passed on the good news that Our Lady of Aparecida Quasi-Parish closed on the former Michael's Grove property in Bethel. That is exciting news for the community as now they will have plenty of space for meetings and social events. I am pleased that they have been able to achieve this long hoped for desire. Congratulations to them!

—Fr. Mecca

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



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 one of the following

at mrepole@spsdanbury.org, mcorrea@spsdanbury.org,

or mtorre@spsdanbury.org or call the school office - 203 - 748 - 2895.

As we get ready for Catholic Schools Week, several events are already in the works. For example, the dollars collected from the Dress Down Days will go toward care packages for our front line health care workers. Last year we focused efforts on Danbury Hospital, and this year we will focus efforts on local Urgent Care facilities who are truly overwhelmed these days. We will also be sending a care package to military personnel along with special heartfelt and thankful messages from students.

Our St. Peter Disciples of the Month are: Kindergarten - Davi DeAndrade; First Grade - Monica Quinde; Second Grade - Jemuel Valdez; Third Grade - Vinny Figueiredo; Fourth Grade - Brianna Villa; Fifth Grade - Briana Macas; Sixth Grade - Naomi Sanango; Seventh Grade - Jadiel Guzman; and Eighth Grade - Allan DeAlmeida. These students are being recognized for the actions they do every day as related to the Gospel Value - Prayerfulness. Some of the actions include: helping friends say prayers, taking their time during prayer, leading group prayer, showing reverence during prayer, and being an active participant during religion class.

We are so proud of all of our students for choosing to walk closer to Jesus every day!

"Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others..."

St. Pope John Paul II

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Email Update

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our request to update your emails. Please remember to let us know if you change your email or prefer that we send emails to a different email address other than the one we have on file. We rely on emails to get the latest information about your child's class and/or class cancellations. Check your email account, including spam on a regular basis.



Religious Education Classes Remain Online

All students with an online class will receive the Zoom invitation by email. If you do not receive the link, please email the office by Saturday so we can send you the invitation before classes begin on Sunday morning. Parents with a student in FHC I, and Credo classes if you have not picked up your child's book please come to the office, we will open today until 4:00 or during the week. If you come on a weekday, call the office first, 203-743-1048.

First Communion II & Confirmation Classes

Sacramental classes are meeting in person this week. If your child is not feeling well before class or has been quarantined for any reason, please let us know that he/she will not be in class.

Events Calendar

January 2022

16- Lesson 12

23-Lesson 13 - Quiz #4 on Lessons 10 -12 postponed until live classes resume

30 - No Class

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

The 2022 Mass Book is Open!

You may call or come in with your Mass Intentions for 2022. The number to call is 203-743-2707.



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. 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 (payable to St. Peter Church) 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.

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Se nos nota, en primer lugar, en que nos asociamos para procurar la liberación de tantos seres humanos que se encuentran indefensos ante la violencia que se ejerce contra ellos para causarles la muerte. Nunca antes en toda la historia de la humanidad una idea, la de que la vida de los más débiles depende de la opinión de los que tienen poder sobre ellos, había causado tanta muerte y tanta injusticia como ahora. Las víctimas se cuentan por millones y la mayoría de los estados miran para otro lado a la hora de proteger y defender el más básico de todos los derechos. Ante esta situación los provida nos juntamos: unimos nuestros esfuerzos a los demás para representar un impulso eficaz que salve vidas. El provida no va por libre defendiendo una opinión personal: se une a otros para hacer frente a una de las mayores injusticias de que ha sido testigo la historia humana.

Los provida, por otro lado, predicamos también con el ejemplo. Nuestro compromiso con la vida se nota en que la cuidamos y respetamos integralmente. Por eso rechazamos todo aquello que ponga la vida humana en situación de riesgo evitable: tanto la propia como la de todos. Sería incoherente que un provida adoptase rutinas, hábitos y vicios que desdiciaran lo que afirma defender. Así, un provida rechaza las drogas por respeto a su vida, rechaza superar los límites de velocidad por respeto a la vida de los demás, y rechaza el deterioro medioambiental por respeto a la vida de todos. Pero, además, la coherencia va más allá de sus acciones y llega también a sus opiniones: un provida no puede estar a favor de la pena de muerte, ni de la violencia mortal en ninguna circunstancia.

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.

Grupo de Oracion

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

Horario de Oficina

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

Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners...

Dear Father Mecca and the parishioners of St. Peter Church, we at Birthright of Greaser Danbury, want to thank you for including us in your Christmas Angel Tree.

We are thankful for your gifts of diapers and baby clothing. These will be given to our moms upon the birth of their babies.

Because of the help we receive like yours, we have been able to keep our office open all these months throughout the pandemic.

God bless you all in the new year!

Sincerely, Birthright

Thank you from all of us at Ability Beyond, Grand Street...

You are making a difference. Your commitment to discovering, building, and celebrating the Ability in all people is deeply valued.

Dear Father Mecca and St. Peter Parishioners,

Thank you for all you have done to bring joy to the residents and graduates of Renewal House during this holiday season. Your generous donations to our Christmas Wish List program brought many smiles on Christmas day.

Your long-standing support for the work of Renewal House has given many older adults the tools and services they need to heal from trauma and restore their lives. Today, men and women who had been traumatized by homelessness late in life are leading stable lives in safe housing. Many are giving back to the community that supported them through their volunteer work and their support of neighbors who are struggling.

You have made a significant difference in many lives, and we are grateful.

With thanks and warm regards,

Janice Wiggins

Executive Director

Children's Choir



When will our Children's Choir return to the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass? It's been almost two years!

Our hope is to begin rehearsals for the Children's Choir sometime in February when our current COVID surge subsides. If all goes well, our goal will be to have a full Children's Choir in place at Mass in time for Lent. Current plans will be to have choir rehearsals on Thursday afternoon (not Tuesday). All children interested in participating in the choir, along with their parents, are invited to an informational session on Thursday, February 3, at 5:00 p.m. More details to follow.

—Glen Segger, Music Director

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