

### **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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### **SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE**

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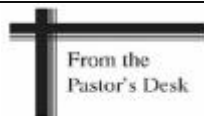
### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

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JANUARY



News is light this weekend. It always is during the *dead* of winter.

Not being a big tech person, I don't engage much in it. However, we all came to recognize the value of zoom meetings during the epidemic. We announced a few weeks ago that our Sunday Religious Education would go to zoom rather than in person classes for the month of January out of concern about the transmission of the virus to the children. We regret that on the last two Sundays we could not operate the virtual meetings successfully. Barbara and I apologize to our families who experienced the frustration of not being able to link up with their class at all or who were dropped. There was plenty of frustration on this end as well, as you can imagine. Despite efforts of some very capable minds for which we give thanks, kinks in the system were not worked out by early in the week. So, Barbara and I made the decision to return to in-person class rather than risk not being ready for prime time today. All classes are back in session in the school.

Jennifer Emminger, the Deputy Planning Director for the City, sent us an email and flyer regarding virtual public workshop for an affordable housing plan the city is working on. The workshop is tomorrow (Monday) evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Affordable housing is an important topic for all cities and towns, and the City is inviting residents to share their thoughts and comments which will guide the development of policies. There is also a survey that can be accessed. Jennifer sent along a flyer with the links to both the workshop and the survey which we have made available to you in the vestibule.

Our diocese received covid testing kits to be distributed to parishes with the aim of getting kits into the hands of people who need them. Deacon Patrick Toole has written to me offering us 300. I responded with my interest in taking them. If I can work out a pick-up before the weekend, they will be available to you at Mass; otherwise, I will have them at the rectory next week.


Next Sunday is the kick-off for the annual Catholic Schools Week, a week to celebrate and promote Catholic schools for what they are and offer to families, the community of the church, and to the greater society. Of course, because we are Catholics, the celebration also acts as an occasion to raise money for our schools which always face economic challenges. Education costs a great deal of money, and tuition can only go so high before it is out of the reach of families. We have a second collection next week for the support of Saint Peter School now in its 136<sup>th</sup> year. Kindly think about lending a hand in our school's mission to educate the entire child—mind, heart, and spirit.

22 SAT	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
24 MON	<i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Francis and Maria Lenox
	12:10 N †	Emmanuel Varapragasm
25 TUE	<i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Donna Cimino
	12:10 N †	Souls in Purgatory
26 WED	<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Mary C. Riley
	12:10 N †	Delores Von Bank
27 THU	<i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N †	Charles A. Riley
28 FRI	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Frances Marley O'Neill
	12:10 N †	Lily Reidy
29 SAT	7:30 AM †	Andrew Katkocin
	5:00 PM †	James Lynch
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
30 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM †	Robert Melvin
	10:30 AM †	Marion McGlory
	12:00 N †	Lucia Tin
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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 16, 2022.....	\$ 6,303
Online Giving—January 16, 2022.....	\$ 1,822
Shortfall.....	\$ 2,375
Parking Lot Collection—January 16, 2022.....	\$ 2,522
Parking Lot online—January 16, 2022.....	\$ 510
Christmas Collection 2021.....	\$19,113

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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Anthony Pelle, Jr. Rocky Placella Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the weekly offertory report, we have included the Christmas collection. We neglected to give it to you, and I forgot about it until a parishioner said to me last week that she had not seen it. We waited a couple of weeks for all the envelopes to arrive in the mail, and then forgot to place the total in the bulletin. I thank all of you for making generous gifts to the parish, and I thank the parishioners who are paying attention to our income!

—Fr. Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the families of*

*Reverend Robert J. Maty  
Manuel Concepcion  
Joseph Pepin*

*who passed away last week.*

**From the Office of the Bishop—**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:*

*The collection for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, held the weekend of January 22/23, 2022, encourages us to “Share Our Faith.” We are called to be in solidarity through prayer and action with our brothers and sisters in those countries. The Catholic faith is important to our Faith Family in those areas. Very often there are too few priests to meet the needs of the many communities they serve; or the communities themselves are simply too isolated to have access to needed personnel or resources to learn and live the faith we all share together.*

*Strategies to train and support evangelization leaders are vital to reach those who are disconnected from the life and mission of the Church in these parts of our world. With your support, Church leaders have been able to develop catechetical classes, youth programs and young adult ministries; as well as train lay leaders and catechists and expand religious and seminary formation*

*Supporting this collection makes a concrete difference in the lives of the Catholic Faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please take this opportunity to “Share Our Faith” with them through your financial generosity.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano*

*Bishop of Bridgeport*



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

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 [mrepole@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mrepole@spsdanbury.org), [mcorrea@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mcorrea@spsdanbury.org) or [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mtorre@spsdanbury.org) or call the school office - 203 - 748 - 2895.

**Important Note: We will be hosting an Open House for new families on Thursday, February 3rd from 5:30 - 7:00. Please RSVP by calling the school office.**

As we begin to prepare for Catholic Schools Week, we asked our students what they are most thankful for in their Catholic School Community... Here are some of their thoughts: "I get to learn about Jesus and his teachings." (5th) "We are a great community full of hope and love." (8th) "I have grown into a better and more faithful person." (8th) "We try to make good choices like Jesus did." (3rd) "We go to Mass weekly." (4th)

*“Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude.” – St Therese of Lisieux*

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

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

#### **In- Person Classes Resume today January 23, 2022—**

Thank you for your patience and perseverance over the past two weeks in our attempt to have online classes via Zoom. We will return to the classrooms this Sunday at the regular scheduled times and rooms. Entry will be through the front door and dismissal to the playground. All students must always wear a mask. 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.



#### **MY CATHOLIC FAITH DELIVERED**

Quiz 4 (lessons 11,12, 13) will be during class on February 6.

#### **Events Calendar**

##### January 2022

23—Lesson 13

30 - No Class

##### February 2022

6 - Lesson 14- Make up Quiz

6 - Confirmation Class 2:00 - 3:30 St. Peter School

13—Lesson 15

20 - No Class - Rite of Covenant Confirmation Class

JANUARY 23, 2022



Mark your calendars: organist extraordinaire, Peter Kasinski, will be returning to St. Peter Church on Friday, February 25 at 7:30pm. This time he will be accompanying the silent film "The Cameraman" starring Buster Keaton. If you attended his last engagement two years ago, you know this is an event you will not want to miss! The Cameraman is a delightful romantic comedy that is sure to entertain people of all ages, including families. Peter Krasinski will provide the accompaniment to this silent film on our Peragallo organ (I'll be sure to tell him about our new Merry Chimes!). Tickets will be \$20 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors.

**\*\*\*OTHER EVENTS\*\*\***

**IMMACULATE ACCEPTING FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**—The Admissions Committee is now accepting applications on a rolling basis. Visit [www.immaculatehs.org/admissions](http://www.immaculatehs.org/admissions) to learn more about scheduling a tour or applying for admission. Freshman applicants are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) - please register for the January 28 exam at [www.immaculatehs.org/hspt](http://www.immaculatehs.org/hspt). Questions? Call (203) 744-1510 x148 or email [admissions@myimmaculatehs.org](mailto:admissions@myimmaculatehs.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL'S 17TH ANNUAL GALA**—Immaculate High School presents "Together Again on Broadway" on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Location: Amber Room Colonnade, 1 Stacey Road, Danbury, CT 06810. For more information, please visit [www.immaculatehs.org/gala](http://www.immaculatehs.org/gala) or contact Alumni & Events Director, Jeannie Demko at [jdemko@myimmaculatehs.org](mailto:jdemko@myimmaculatehs.org) or (203)744-1510 ext. 158.

**COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO**

La Iglesia católica celebra la "Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos" del 18 al 25 de enero

La Iglesia católica, junto con muchas otras Iglesias cristianas en todo el mundo, celebra la "Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos" del 18 al 25 de enero.

El evento lleva por lema: "Nosotros hemos visto aparecer su estrella en el Oriente y venimos a adorarlo" (cfr. Mt 2, 2).

Se trata de una cita del Evangelio de San Mateo que recuerda la travesía de los Reyes Magos para venir a adorar al niño Jesús.

En esta semana todos los fieles están invitados a rezar por la unidad de todos los cristianos, que son convocados a compartir sus oraciones con otros y apoyar además las iniciativas ecuménicas.

Asimismo, el cardenal Mario Grech y el cardenal Kurt Koch invitan a todos los cristianos a orar por la unidad y a seguir caminando juntos.

En una carta conjunta enviada el 28 de octubre de 2021 a todos los obispos responsables del ecumenismo, el cardenal Koch, presidente del Pontificio Consejo para la Promoción de la Unidad de los Cristianos, y el cardenal Grech, secretario general del Sínodo de los Obispos, presentaron sugerencias para implementar la dimensión ecuménica del proceso sinodal en las iglesias locales.

"De hecho, tanto la sinodalidad como el ecumenismo son procesos que nos invitan a caminar juntos", escribieron los dos cardenales.

Camino sinodal y ecuménico

La Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos 2022, preparada por el Consejo de Iglesias de Próximo Oriente ofrece una buena oportunidad para orar con todos los cristianos para que el Sínodo se desarrolle en un espíritu ecuménico.

Al reflexionar sobre el tema, los dos cardenales afirman:

"Como los Reyes Magos, también los cristianos caminan juntos (synodos) guiados por la misma luz celestial y enfrentándose a las mismas tinieblas del mundo.

También ellos están llamados a adorar juntos a Jesús y a abrir sus tesoros.

Conscientes de nuestra necesidad de ser acompañados por nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo y de sus muchos dones, les pedimos que caminen con nosotros durante estos dos años y rogamos sinceramente que Cristo nos lleve más cerca de El y que así nos acerquemos unos a otros."

**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 St. Peter Parish,*

*Thank you so much for your generous donation to our Catholic Charities' Morning Glory Breakfast Program.*

*Your continued support is what keeps our program alive to serve the most needy in our community.*

*Happy New Year!*

*Sincerely,*

*Tamara*



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*Dear Father Mecca,*

*Interfaith AIDS Ministry (IAM) of Greater Danbury, Inc., would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for donating through your Angel Tree to the ADOPT a Family program this past holiday season. Because of your generosity and kindness we were able to bring such joy to our clients during this very special time of year. The donations we received from you were so kind and thoughtful. Our clients have expressed their gratitude and appreciation on how these donations have made a difference for them.*

*IAM was established in 1989 and instituted The Living Pantry in 1995 to meet the special nutritional needs of those living with HIV disease. We have a nutritionist on staff offering assessments, education and guidance to our pantry recipients. The Living Pantry distributes meats, fish, fresh produce, dairy items, bakery products, non-perishable food items and personal care items, while educating our clients living with HIV/AIDS and their families.*

*We thank you for improving the lives of those we serve and we wish you a beautiful happy, healthy New Year, full of joy and good health! If we can be of any assistance or address my questions or concerns you might have, please do not hesitate to call 203-748-4077.*

*With warmest regards,*

*Lucy Clementi, Executive Director*

*Theresa Barbara, Director of Operations*

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## 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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