



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 – 5:30 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. Bernardo C. Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Paul Merry, In Residence
Rev. David J. Riley, In Residence



BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY

Rev. Leonel S. Medeiros,
Episcopal Vicar for Brazilians
203-730-9071

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - MONDAY through FRIDAY
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OFFICE NUMBERS

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PARISH STAFF

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gsegger@stpeterdanb.org
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Rev. Bernardo Rodriguez—203-695-7665

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Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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203-743-1048 or stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Michael Falbo—Youth Group Director
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Chairman of Parish Council – Fred Visconti – 203-744-2311

Chairman of Finance – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183

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203-743-2707, Ext. 22

Prayer Line—Mary Ellen Dunbar — 203-743-2707



OCTOBER

5 SAT	5:00 PM	† Eddie Baldwick
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
6 SUN	7:30 AM	† Rosemary Lariccia
	9:00 AM	† Eugene Horch Family
	10:30 AM	† Linda Rosvally
	12:00 N	Our Parishioners
	5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
7 MON	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Carol and Sal Scarpetti
	12:10 N	† Nicholas Olivo
8 TUE	7:30 AM	† Cathryn Costello
	12:10 N	† Michael A. Durkin
9 WED	St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest	
	7:30 AM	† Kay Curran
	12:10 N	† Xavier Cyr Family
10 THU	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	† Sylvia and John Botelho and Family
11 FRI	<i>St. John XXIII, Pope</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Francis Coelho
	12:10 N	† Edward Dyer
12 SAT	7:30 AM	† Thomas J. Gallagher Family
	5:00 PM	† Anne Laurie
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
13 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Peter Parzuchowski
	10:30 AM	† Glenn Schwarz
	12:00 N	† Joseph Marasco
	5:30 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.



This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns

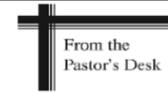
In Memory Of

Peter Parzuchowski



SACRIFICIAL GIVING—September 29, 2019.....\$ 8,073
 Online-Giving—September 29, 2019.....\$ 1,050
 Our weekly goal\$ 10,500
 Thank you for your support. Father Mecca

Please remember St. Peter Parish when preparing your will. A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our parish.



The news that has dominated our week here in the Diocese has been the release of Judge Holzberg's report on clerical abuse. A year ago Bishop Caggiano announced that he commissioned the Honorable Robert Holzberg, a retired Superior Court judge and a partner in the firm Pullman & Comley of Hartford and Bridgeport to serve as counsel and lead investigator to research and produce a comprehensive analysis of clerical sexual abuse of minors, the Diocese's knowledge of such abuse, and its response to allegations and information presented to it. I pulled out last year's bulletins, and it was on October 7 that I informed you of the investigation. At that time, I quoted the Bishop as saying, "I believe that the Church is facing a moment of crisis that demands honesty and repentance from the bishops and decisive action to ensure that these failures will never happen again."

Bishop Caggiano has written a letter to the people of the Diocese which he asked to be made available. The report in its entirety or summary form can be read on the diocesan website www.bridgeportdiocese.org. I have not yet read it, although a few weeks ago at the presbyteral meeting, Judge Holzberg provided us with a summary. The pattern of our diocese's response to abuse mimicked that of every other diocese. Where there was credible evidence priests were moved, the victims and their suffering were generally unattended to, and former bishops emphasized cover up to prevent scandal over all other considerations. Such was the culture of the day. That is no longer so. Two things happened. The sins of the church came to light (Jesus said what is done in darkness will come to light) through the efforts of just individuals, and throughout society we have grown to stop shoving sexual abuse under the rug because it is too ugly to deal with.

The irony is that the cover up of sexual abuse of minors within the Church has produced a scandal of much greater magnitude than had the bishops reported it and rooted it out when it happened. More children and adolescents were hurt and damaged for a lifetime than should have been, the Faithful, disgusted, turned away, the Church's reputation plummeted, our good works and our witness to Jesus and to the Gospel in society overshadowed.

We all learn in the course of our days that the only direction in life is forward. And so, as a Church, we go forward, taking responsibility for our sins but building a greater life of truth and virtue.

As I was looking at last year's bulletins, I also caught sight of the column after our September flood of the parish hall. We are going to re-bless our renovated space at the dinner to be held on October 19. The dinner will be our first parish gathering in the hall since the completion of the work. The theme is Italian—everyone likes Italian! All the food will be freshly prepared here. Talk to some friends and get a group together or come yourself and make new acquaintances. It will be a "Bella Notte."

—Fr. Mecca

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, October 7

Marian Devotions

7:00 p.m.

On the Feast of the Holy Rosary we will hold our devotions which consist of Benediction, the Rosary and Litany of Mary. Come honor Mary in prayer and song!



We offer our condolences to the family of

Mary "May" Lee

who passed away last week.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jason Aguilar, Jr. Athena Jimbo

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Richard Botelho Marie Carroll Nubia Dekker Neil Kochan
Luba Krumseyn Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin
Joseph O'Donnell Linda Ray Patrick Ruth Ann S.
Rick Sarcia Elias Warchak*

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Are you an adult (18+) Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the normative way in which non-Catholics – those un-baptized as well as those baptized into other Christian denominations – enter the Church. It is also the way baptized Catholics who never received any catechesis and didn't receive Eucharist and Confirmation complete their Sacraments of Initiation. The Inquiry Period continues. We will meet weekly at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings for those who would like to explore the process. To express interest or to learn more, please call the office (203-743-2707).

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



This Friday St. Peter School staff and students celebrated **First Friday** which coincided with the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. The seventh grade did a great job helping to lead the Mass. Students were encouraged to bring a picture of their

pet to Mass for a blessing and to remember St Francis's love of all beings.

Our Gospel Value for the month of October is **Hope**. Our students have already begun reflecting on this value. Stay tuned...

We have also started to put together our **family board** which revolves around the theme - Change the World with Kindness. Our families continue to send in pictures and statements about how they change the world with kindness already. Examples: "Everyone thinks to change the world, but no one thinks of changing themselves." "Teach your children to give and forgive. They are the future." "No matter what someone is going through, always be nice to each other." "Let's spread love." "Have Jesus Christ in your heart and all the crosses of the world will look like roses."

Be sure to follow St Peter School on **Facebook, Instagram and Twitter** for newsy updates and interesting information about the school during the summer months. **Don't forget St. Peter Church (@StPeterDanbury1) is on Twitter!** Take a look when you get a moment to keep up with the latest information from around the world relating to Catholicism, discover daily inspiration, and follow interesting groups!

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal



All middle school and high school teens are welcome to join one of our programs and/or come to our events. To register contact the Director of Youth Ministry at ygstpete@gmail.com.

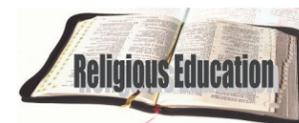
- Sun. Oct 6th – 6:30pm-8:30pm F.Y.I. Meeting
- Fri. Oct 11th – 7pm-9pm Junior YG Meeting
- Sun. Oct 13th – 6:30pm-8:30pm F.Y.I. Meeting
- Fri. Oct 25th – 7pm-9pm Junior YG Meeting Halloween Party
- Sat. Oct 26th – Field Trip to Lake Compounce (All teens in gr 6th-12th are welcome. See Mr. Falbo for details)

Youth Group has BEGUN!!!

The Youth Groups have begun again for the 2019-2020 year! This past Friday & Sunday our Junior YG & F.Y.I. groups met and enjoyed a fun evening together playing games and getting to know each other! If you haven't been to youth group yet and would like to come out, please come to our next meetings!

—Michael Falbo, Yourh Director

October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary because we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary each October 7. Families pray the Rosary together!



Saint Peter Calendar

- Sun Oct 6 **Religious Education Classes.**
- Mon Oct 7 **Latino Prayer Group.** 7:00 p.m. in Church
Marian Devotions. 7:00 p.m.
- Tue Oct 8 **Prayer Group of Reparation.** After 12:10 Mass
Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room
Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Wed Oct 9 **Bingo.**
Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
Bible Class with Fr. Bernardo. 1 p.m. in MR
- Thu Oct 10 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri Oct 11 **Latino Choir.** 7:00 p.m.
- Sun Oct 13 **Religious Education Classes.**
- Mon Oct 14 **Latino Prayer Group.** 7:00 p.m. in Church
- Tue Oct 15 **Prayer Group of Reparation.** After 12:10 Mass
Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room
Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
Men's Society. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Wed Oct 16 **Bingo.**
Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
Bible Class with Fr. Bernardo. 1 p.m. in MR
- Thu Oct 17 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri Oct 18 **Latino Choir.** 7:00 p.m.
- Sat Oct 19 **Bella Notte—Pasta Supper** 6 p.m. PH
- Sun Oct 20 **Religious Education Classes.**
- Mon Oct 21 **Latino Prayer Group.** 7:00 p.m. in Church
- Tue Oct 22 **Prayer Group of Reparation.** After 12:10 Mass
Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room
Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Wed Oct 23 **Bingo.**
Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
Bible Class with Fr. Bernardo. 1 p.m. in MR
- Thu Oct 24 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri Oct 25 **Latino Choir.** 7:00 p.m.
- Sun Oct 27 **Religious Education Classes.**
- Mon Oct 28 **Latino Prayer Group.** 7:00 p.m. in Church
- Tue Oct 29 **Prayer Group of Reparation.** After 12:10 Mass
Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room
Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.

Music Notes:



Those of you attending the Sunday 10:30 Mass may have noticed that we are singing a different musical setting for the Responsorial Psalm. The Colledgeville Chant Psalter was composed by Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB, from St. John's Abbey in Colledgeville, Minnesota. Fr. Ruff and I were students together at the Yale Institute of Music some 20 years ago! He has since gone on to become one of the foremost experts in Gregorian Chant. The Colledgeville Chant Psalter are English settings of the Psalms composed in the style of Gregorian Chant. I like this setting of the Psalms very much as the flow of the Chant sets the text of the Psalms in a very natural way. In time, I hope to introduce this setting of the Psalms to our other weekend Masses as well.

—Glen Segger, Music Minister

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

¡Demos gracias al Dios eterno!

Invitamos a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad a que participen de algunos ministerios de la Iglesia, si así lo desean hablen con las siguientes personas:

Lectores: Johanna Cardona

Ministros Bienvenida: Carlos Arpi

Coro Parroquial: Alejandro Servin

Bautizos

Cuartos Domingos de cada Mes. Contacten con Ana Espinal para el formulario y la información sobre la clase pre-bautismal.

Bodas

Deben contactar con el P. Bernardo al menos con 6 meses de antelación. Es necesaria la preparación requerida por la Diócesis.

Horario de Oficina

De Lunes a Viernes, de 1:30 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. En español pregunten por Ana Espinal. De miércoles a viernes a cualquier hora previa cita telefónica con el P. Bernardo

Grupo de oración

Todos los lunes en el Hall a las 7:00 p.m. Líder: Jorge Ordoñez

Coro Parroquial

El coro parroquial tanto de niños como de adultos se reúne para ensayar todos los Domingos a las 3:30 p.m. bajo la dirección de Alejandro Servin.

CONFESIONES

Todos los domingos a las 4:00—5:00 p.m. en la Iglesia. También pueden llamar a la Rectoría y hacer una cita con el P. Bernardo.

El 12 de Octubre celebraremos, como ya es costumbre, la HORA SANTA a las 7:00 p.m.

A todos aquellos adultos que no estén bautizados, vengán de otra religión o no hayan recibido los sacramentos de Comunión y Confirmación, se les invita a que se pongan en contacto con el Sr. Alvaro Tovar

JOIN US IN THE VINEYARD

For families with children who are entering Kinderarten and/or First grade we invite you to join us in the **Vineyard** ! Each week beginning **October 6** from 10:45 am – 11:30 am there will be Bible stories, crafts and family activities. Sessions will follow the religious education calendar, each week that we hold classes there will be a **Vineyard**adventure. There is no need to register for these sessions simply drop in with your child and experience God together. Sessions will be held in St. Peter School. There is no charge for these sessions, however you will be asked to sign in each time you come. All students **must be accompanied by a parent**. We cannot permit a child to stay unless there is a parent with them.

Religious Education Classes—Thank you to all the parents who joined the parent orientation sessions. First days are always a bit hectic and chaotic and we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we got all the students to their classes.

Just a few reminders as we begin the first full class schedule. Classes begin at 10:30 am and finish at 11:45 am and please enter through the front door only. If you are running a bit late in picking up your child please check the classroom first and then come to the office as all teachers have been instructed to take the students to the office to wait for their parents.

If your child's teacher informs you that your child is not on her class list please come to the office so we can resolve the matter and get your child to the correct classroom.

Students in Sections 2,3 and 4 have online work and this Sunday there will be assistants making sure that all students have their passwords and user names and are able to login to www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com.

Upcoming Events

Oct.13 – Family catechesis – Communion 1 and Communion 2

Oct. 20 – Family Catechesis – Sections 1, 2 and 3

Oct. 27 – Family Catechesis – Section 4 Salvare

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

**You are invited to pray the Rosary
in honor of Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 N
next to the Rectory
in front of Mary's Statue**



In case of rain, the Rosary
will be prayed in the church.

“This is the night, it's a beautiful
night and we call it:

Bella Notte”



**October 19
6:00 until 10:00 p.m.**

Join us for a night of Pasta and Music in our new Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$20 per person and on sale after all Masses. Seating is limited. Advanced sales only.

St. Peter Parish Life Committee is in search of vendors for our Christmas Fair, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in our Parish Hall. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Brenda at 203-790-5818.

*****OTHER EVENTS*****

St. James Food Pantry is in need of volunteers at the Pantry on the third Friday of each month from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please call Jill at 203-748-3561 if you would like to help.

40 Days for Life, September 25 through November 3—A life-saving campaign held around the world. Will you speak for those who cannot speak for thousands? Danbury location is the public right of way outside Planned Parenthood, 44 Main Street. For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/danbury/>.

Catholic Charities Celebrity Breakfast—supporting the programs of Northern Fairfield County, takes place Thursday, October 17 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Amber Room Colonade. The guest speaker is Dr. John Murphy, Chief Executive Office of Nuvance Health. To purchase tickets go to www.ccfairfield.org/event/2019celebritybreakfast. Individual tickets are \$65; a table of 10 \$600. RSVP by October 7.