

We remember and honor those who died in the service of our country.

#### 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. Bernardo C. Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar Rev. Paul Merry, In Residence Rev. David J. Riley, In Residence

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - MONDAY through FRIDAY 104 Main Street, Danbury, CT

#### **OFFICE NUMBERS**

Phone: 203-743-2707 and Fax: 203-794-1928 Email Address - <u>office@stpeterdanb.org</u> Website - <u>www.stpeterdanb.org</u>

#### PARISH STAFF

Dr. Glen Segger, Music Minister gsegger@stpeterdanb.org Dr. Nancy Engel, Children's Choir - 914-741-1670

#### LATINO COMMUNITY

Rev. Bernardo Rodriguez—203-695-7665

#### QUASI PARISH OF OUR LADY OF APARECIDA

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

#### SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE

Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895 School Fax: 203-748-5684

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8 203-743-1048 or stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Michael Falbo—Youth Group Director 203-743-1048 or ygstpeter@gmail.com

Chairman of Parish Council – Fred Visconti – 203-744-2311 Chairman of Finance – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183 Homebound Ministry – Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak, CSFN 203-743-2707, Ext. 22 ST. PETER PARISH

DANBURY, CT

### on Ass incentions

#### **MAY**

23	SAT	5:00 PM	†	Alice Myers		
		7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass		
24	SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners		
		9:00 AM	†	Mary Duxbury		
		10:30 AM	†	Barbara and Joe O'Donnell		
		12:00 N		Edward McCaffery		
		5:00 PM		Spanish Mass		
		7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass		
25	MON	St. Bede the	e Vei	nerable, Priest & Doctor of the Chui		
				, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene		
	de Pazzi, Virgin					
		8:00 AM	†	In Memory of those who died in		
				Service to Our Country		
26	TUE S	St. Philip Ner	i, Pi	riest		
		7:30 AM	†	Elisabetta and Domenic Ciliberto		
		12:10 N	†	Sadowski Family		
27	WED	St. Augustin	e of	Canterbury, Bishop		
		7:30 AM	†	Remy Papp		
		12:10 N	†	Roberta Boffelli		
28	THU			Peter Caruso		
		12:10 N	†	Katherine Sopoci		
29	FRI	7:30 AM	†	Helen and Charles Clarke		
		12:10 N	†	Louis, Mary and Celia Basher		
<b>30</b>	SAT	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory		
		5:00 PM	†	Gloria Bucci		
		7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass		
31	SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners		
		9:00 AM	†	Jeanne Mulvihill		
		10:30 AM	†	Elvis Ariel Novas		
		12:00 N	†	Alice Myers		
		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—May 17, 2020\$	
Online-Giving—May 17, 2020\$	-
Shortfall\$	
Thank you for your support. Father	Mecca

#### KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Daniel Alvarez Richard Botelho Marie Carroll Nubia Dekker Lissette Delgado Kathleen Fitzsimmons Elizabeth Ianelli Neil Kochan Luba Krumseyn Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin Rev. Paul Merry Joseph O'Donnell Patrick Ruth Ann S. Gerardo Saquinaula Rick Sarcia Kenneth Towery Elias Warchak

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.

Prom the Pastor's Desk You notice that our bulletin looks like its old self this weekend. That is because Carol Lemoine has broken out of isolation. Her children gave her permission to return to the office after May 20. I am delighted to see her and to have our little office begin to resume business. We are open to our parishioners for the usual transactions but with a few protections for our staff. We are all over 60 years, you know, and I want to give Carol and Mary's children a bit more confidence that I am looking after their mothers' well-being! And, the office is small. We would like to limit the number of guests to one at a time, so we ask to call for an appointment between 10 and 2. We also ask that everyone coming in wears a mask and uses hand sanitizer. I've set up a little table in the entrance with the personal protection stuff. We may also do one way traffic where by people enter through the side (business office) door and exit through the center front door to cut down on people squeezing by one another.

Our Collaborative Committee met with Bishop Caggiano via Zoom last Thursday evening to review our progress on the details of the implementation of the quasiparish-parish relationship. Prior to the outbreak of the virus, the pastoral and administrative sub-committees completed their assignments. The more involved work fell to the finance sub-committee which had to research and look at the last two fiscal years to come up with an equitable sharing of certain expenses. We have more work to complete in that area, but the sub-committee made big strides. We, as a whole, will meet again with the Bishop with the expectation of having all the arrangements completed. Once we do, a document can be written and go through the approval process at the diocesan level. At the same time the pastoral councils of the parish and quasi-parish will review it, comment on it and, I expect, assent to it. The aim is for us to begin living under the terms of the relationship on July 1.

A question that has been part of our shared relationship has been the Sunday Mass schedule. I did not want to say anything definitively until the Agreement was signed and sealed. Had it not been for the disruption caused by the virus, we would have reached that goal by May1 under the schedule we had set. Since it will be well into June now for us to get there, I feel I can and should inform you that the current Mass schedule will not change. Therefore, we are opening the Mass book for intentions for the remainder of this year's Sundays. You may call us or email us to book Masses for loved ones.

Although Sister Mary Bernard has not been coming into the office or able to go to nursing homes and to parishioners' homes, she keeps up with our elderly at home by phone each week. During these days of confinement, Sister has begun a Rosary crusade with thirteen homebound parishioners. Monday through Friday at 9:30. She and the

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

thirteen pray the Rosary with the WTN network. She tells me that they have been praying for the end of the epidemic and for the safety of our parish families. We certainly appreciate their prayers for our behalf, and we sincerely thank them. Anyone who would like to join them is welcome.

It is the Memorial Weekend holiday. Our Mass tomorrow is for all the men and women who gave their lives for liberty and freedom. May God grant them the reward of eternal life for their sacrifice.

---Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the families of
Dolores Betz
Judith Catalano
Domenica Mazzoli
John J. Wochek
who passed away last week.

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



Mission Statement: 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.

Registration for PK-8 continues to be underway at St. Peter School. Please email

zsolis@spsdanbury.org or mtorre@spsdanbury.org for more information or to set up a time to

visit the school once we are open. Our office hours are from 8:30 - 1:30 (M-Fr)

This week our students created some acrostic poems about Mass and Jesus. Here are some samples...

Makes your day a good one! Mary
Adore Jesus Christ. Angels
Sing with pride and joy Stable
Silent while you are listening... Star

Joyful Beautiful Passionate Truthful Savior

Please be sure to follow St. Peter School on Twitter and Facebook to keep up with the latest news.

"Genuine love is demanding, but its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes." Pope Francis

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

## FIRST COMMUNION DATE: JULY 11, 2020



In accordance with the state and Bishop Caggiano's plans to return to normal practices we are planning for the First Communion Masses to take place on Saturday July 11.

Please visit the parish website for additional information and the online First Communion HomeRetreat. All students are required to email their final project to <a href="mailto:stpeterfu-ture@stpeterdanb.org">stpeterfu-ture@stpeterdanb.org</a>. We look forward to receiving completed projects.

#### Registration 2020/2021

For complete details, visit the St. Peter website at stpeter-danb.org. Go to Faith Formation and click on "Religious Education Registration" for all details. There will be no in person registration times in the office. All registration forms must be mailed.

#### My Catholic Faith Delivered

Students who are using MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com please remember that you must complete up to chapter 20. Letters were mailed last week to students who need to complete their work.

Once you have completed the chapters you will receive a final assessment that must be emailed to <u>stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org</u> by June 10. Advancement to the next grade will be based on your

Mass attendance, class attendance and midterm grade (prior to the closure) and the chapters you have adequately completed.

Stay Well and Prayerful!

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education



#### YouTube Channel

Please check out our YouTube channel **St. Peter Youth Group** for weekly videos of prayer and reflection!

#### **Zoom Meetings**

The youth groups will continue to meet via ZOOM, a platform where teens can virtually engage one another and play games, as a way to stay connected to the parish and be engaged in their spiritual lives.

> —Michael Falbo, Director of Youth Ministry ygstpeter@gmail.coom