

ADVENT PRAYER

Time of Faith
Week 1 of 4



ALMIGHTY GOD,
STRENGTHEN THE RESOLVE OF
YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE TO
PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF
YOUR CHRIST BY WORKS OF
JUSTICE AND MERCY, SO THAT
WHEN WE GO FORTH TO MEET
HIM HE MAY CALL US TO SIT AT
HIS RIGHT HAND AND POSSESS
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR
SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD FOR
EVER AND EVER.
AMEN.


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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



**QUASI PARISH OF
OUR LADY OF APARECIDA**

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

SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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PARISH STAFF

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LATINO COMMUNITY

203-743-2707

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



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

28 SAT	5:00 PM	† Anne and Nick LaPorta
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
29 SUN	7:30 AM	† Sal Staffieri
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	† Ethel C. Walsh
	12:00 N	Sarez Family
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
30 MON	<i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Lenore Gantert
	12:10 N	† Josephine Piccoli
1 TUE	7:30 AM	† Lawrence J. Cardinal Sheehan
	12:10 N	† Penelope Wilder
2 WED	7:30 AM	† Roy Harris
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
3 THU	<i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Thomas Liddane
	12:10 N	† Josephine Piccoli
4 FRI	<i>St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Vincent Keilty
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
5 SAT	7:30 AM	† David E. Young, Sr.
	5:00 PM	† Florence and Jim Vulcano
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
6 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Sean Baird
	10:30 AM	† Phyllis Smalley
	12:00 N	† Angelee Neidermeyer
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

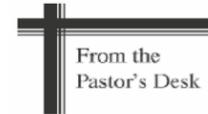
On the weekend, if the intention of the Mass is yours, please see an usher about bringing up the gifts.

Our weekly goal\$ 10,500
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—November 22, 2020.....next week
 Online-Giving—November 22, 2020next week
 Shortfall.....next week

Thank you for your support. **Father Mecca**

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Daniel Alvarez Richard Botelho Nubia Dekker
 Kathleen Fitzsimmons Kristin Harrison Elizabeth Ianelli
 Dan Land Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin
 Joseph Pepin Luciana Perreira Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*



From the Pastor's Desk

Today Advent begins, and as a Church we begin a new year of Grace. I was thinking how different the month ahead of us may turn out to be. On the news, we are hearing predictions of a very difficult six to eight weeks. I also heard the expression of a ‘dark winter.’ We have also heard that the death toll will now likely reach 300,000 by the end of the year. We are watching the out of control spread of the virus on TV, grateful that the spike we are seeing here is not as bad as what we experienced in March-April. But, will we return to those conditions? It seems certain that this month before Christmas will be more somber than any Christmas we have known since Pearl Harbor was attacked. Already I have heard it said, and, in truth, have felt myself, that there will be no Christmas. But, there will always be Christmas. Maybe without much of the hustle and bustle of the month, we will more fervently feel Christmas in our hearts. And, given the pall that hangs over us, maybe we need to experience Advent more than ever. Because of the stress and sadness we feel due to the pandemic and the President and his allies’ destructive onslaught against the foundation of our democracy, it is imperative for all of us to find God present in our hearts, in our lives.

Advent, which from Latin means ‘coming,’ is that time of waiting, praying, hoping, and rejoicing. We call upon our Savior to come—to come into our heart, to come into our home, to come into our workplace, to come into our society. We need God’s presence to sustain us, heal us, and redeem this world from the disfiguration of evil and sin. Pope Francis has written, “God’s coming is the root of our hope, the certainty that among the tribulations of the world, God’s consolation comes to us. This consolation is made not of words, but of presence—of God’s presence that comes among us. The announcement marks our Advent starting point. We know that, despite any favorable or contrary event, the lord will not leave us alone. He came two thousand years ago and will come again at the end of time, but he also comes also today in my life, in your life. Yes, this life of ours, with all its problems, anxieties and uncertainties is visited by the Lord. Here is the source of our joy. The Lord has not grown tired and will never tire of us but wishes to come to visit us.”

If you maintain the custom of an Advent wreath, the candles will remind you of the light of Jesus piercing through the darkness we experience. Even if you don’t have a wreath, any candle burning this month will help direct our thoughts toward the light of Christ.

The Angel Tree spun off other trees! We go through so much trouble to keep distancing at Mass that we did not want to be counterproductive by creating a

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

circumstance where people cluster. Each tree has angels representing each of the organizations. The agencies requested gift cards this year because they were uncertain if people want to go out shopping. However, if you are shopping and you want the experience of purchasing a gift for someone, take an angel for Birthright (code: BR) which is looking for baby items.

Our musicians are offering the Festival of Lessons & Carols this year on Friday, December 18. Mark your calendar. As we did last month, this beautiful combination of Scripture and song will be streamed, so if you are not comfortable coming in person you can listen and enjoy the service via your computer.

—Fr. Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the families of
Fred Felicissimo
Jean Heron
Susan Schullery
who passed away last week.*



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory Of
Lawrence Connor



Music Notes—

Our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on Friday, December 18, at 7:30 pm. This year, the St. Peter Schola (our talented cantors Ashley, Jilian, Wes, and Anthony) will be singing carols composed or arranged by women composers. Those wishing to attend in person should make their reservations through Eventbrite. The Festival will also be live-streamed on our website and our parish choir's Facebook page. See our website for full information.

—Glen Segger, Music Minister



Our leadership program (CREW) helped run a Half-Day Confirmation Retreat this past Sunday! The program is designed to help highschool teens build up their leadership skills as they work with the younger teens in our Religious Education programs. Check out some of the photos!



SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS

What has St. Peter School been up to this past week?

Thank you for supporting our Wreath Fundraiser. We sold over 80 wreaths this year!

Our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser is underway...

As we enter into the season of Advent on November 29th, we enter the time of "devout and joyful expectation." It is the season of waiting and anticipation of the birth of Christ. Students will use this season to ready their hearts for Jesus and find ways to improve their relationship with Him.

We continue to offer prayers for St. Peter Parish during this time when so many community members are facing challenges.

"Advent = Hope, Peace, Joy, Love"

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A Few Reminders For Online Classes

If you do not receive the invitation to the Zoom invitation for your child's class each week please call the office 203 743-1048. Remind your child to keep the camera on throughout the entire session - a blank screen could result in your child being marked absent for the class.

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Información

Mi página: www.catolicosdigitales.org. Visítenla, por favor. Les será de gran provecho

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 oficina parroquia 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.

Intenciones Misa dominical

En el vestíbulo de la Iglesia, 15 minutos antes de la Misa, puede pedir su intención al servidor allí apostado.

Grupo de Oración

7:00 p.m. en la iglesia San Pedro Dirigente Jorge Ordonez 914-760-5545.

Coro Parroquial

Suspendido hasta la autorización del Obispo Dirección de Alejandro Servín.

Veritas Catholic Network

Visit Veritas to share exciting new programs on our local EWTN affiliate Catholic radio station: 1350AM WNLK. More information is available at: www.veritascatholic.com.

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ANGEL TREE

As you can see the Angel Tree once again adorns our vestibule. Due to COVID, Christmas parties will not be taking place. Therefore, gifts will need to be delivered. We are asking for your help by returning your angel gift no later than December 13.

Our Advent Angel Tree will assist Ability Beyond (AB), Birthright** (BR), Catholic Charities Morning Glory Program (MG), Family & Children's Aid, Interfaith AIDS Ministry (IAM), Renewal House (RH), St. Peter School (SPS), and St. Peter Church** (SPC). There will be baskets in the vestibule to collect your gifts on December 6 and December 13. Thank you for your kindness.



Thank you for your generosity by helping with the Thanksgiving dinners this year. We were able to help 60 families plus give out dinners to single individuals. Thank you.



St. Peter School Wreath Sale

Thank you to all who purchased wreaths. They are available for pick up this weekend -

November 28 and 29

Parish Hall

