

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

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

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**Homebound Ministry**— Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak, CSFN  
203-743-2707, Ext. 22

#### **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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Dr. Nancy Engel, Children’s Choir - 914-741-1670

#### **LATINO COMMUNITY**

203-743-2707



FEBRUARY

20 SAT	5:00 PM	† Thomas Liddane
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
21 SUN	7:30 AM	† Thomas Pepin
	9:00 AM	† Nhung and Can Nguyen
	10:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	† Butch Melody and Joe Halas
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
22 MON	<i>Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Rita Godfrey
	12:10 N	† Father Joseph Palacino
23 TUE	<i>St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Ellen O'Connor
	12:10 N	† Father Stephen Gleeson
24 WED	7:30 AM	† Crescente Bautista
	12:10 N	† Edward McCaffery
25 THU	7:30 AM	† Yvonne Marchi
	12:10 N	† Henry "Bud" Boucher
26 FRI	7:30 AM	† Anna Blinn and Marie Russo
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
27 SAT	7:30 AM	Jerry DeJulia
	5:00 PM	† Joseph Hocking
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
28 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Maria Vu
	10:30 AM	† Margaret Hartell
	12:00 N	† Anthony Filipowicz
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500  
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING—February 14, 2021.....\$ 5,989  
 Online-Giving—February 14, 2021 .....\$ 1,495  
 Shortfall.....\$ 3,016

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns**  
**In Memory Of**  
**James Carmody**

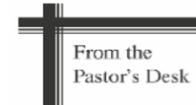




*We offer our condolences to the family of*  
**Patrick William**  
*who passed away last week.*

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

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



We have entered the holy season of Lent, a time for us to reflect a bit deeper and strip away, if necessary, things that make us less than a more fitting vessel where God dwells. I rather liked the opening prayer (the Collect) of last Sunday's Mass which asked God to fashion ourselves into a dwelling pleasing to Him. During Lent in a very laser focused way we seek the Grace to recognize sin, repent for it, and change our lives. That's what it's all about. Given the life of God at Baptism, the vessel that we are gets tarnished from time to time. Lent says "this is the acceptable time," that is, an appropriate time, before we celebrate Jesus' saving Passion to polish ourselves. We are on our way to being a more perfect dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

This past Sunday was a significant day for our parish's catechumens and candidates in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) program. I know it seems like we don't have a RCIA this year because the individuals and team members felt more comfortable holding the meetings via zoom. As with students absent from the classroom, we recognize that a good many things are lost when we are not together in a room sharing faith. But, it was either this compromise or no program at all. In fact, our Hispanic RCIA team opted not to instruct this year but to wait out the pandemic and resume catechesis later this year and present candidates for Initiation next Easter. We have four individuals, two of whom are comfortable going to the Rite of Election with the Bishop at St. Theresa's Church in Trumbull this afternoon. The ceremony is considerably adjusted, unfortunately, taking away a good deal of the affect of the rites. Recall last week's Gospel of the leper? What impact Jesus' touch had on him! We all are wishing to return to a time when we can place our hand on another's. Back to our candidates, we have two individuals—Ana Jimenez and Hector Tomas—who are to be baptized into the Catholic faith and two others--Sasha Nguyen and Alejandro Jimenez--who were baptized into the faith but who will now complete their initiation by receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation. All four will be present at the Easter Vigil.

To repeat some of what I wrote last week, we brought together several options for almsgiving during this Lent. Along with prayer and fasting, almsgiving is one of the disciplines of Lent. Scripture tells us almsgiving covers a multitude of sins. Sometimes we don't know what to do for others to offer direction. We teamed up with Catholic Charities' Fresh Market again this year. Not to duplicate the Daily Bread Pantry's distribution of food, Catholic Charities provides personal care items to folks. On the flap, you will see the products in demand. You can choose to give one, several, or all of the items

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

off the list. Another option may be to participate in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl or Catholic Charities' Loaves & Fish campaign. Both programs raise money to serve the hungry at home and abroad and both encourage that we fast/eat simply and offer to the poor what we would have spent on a full meal.

On the prayer side, obviously we can pray on our own, but there is also much to be gained by praying in community. The Stations of the Cross is a devotion that I recommend to you each and every year. Accompanying Jesus through His Passion and reciting the texts and prayers touches us deeply. We pray the Stations in English at 7 p.m. This year we have to cut out singing the *Stabat Mater*, the traditional hymn, but we are reciting the lyrics. I encourage you to participate.

—Fr. Mecca

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



Registration for the 2021-2022 School year has begun.

#### What have St. Peter School students been up to?

Between a Monday holiday and an unusual week of weather, our students continue to learn and thrive at St. Peter School.

Our Catholic Schools Week culminated last Friday with a mystery reader, Mr. Dan Jowdy, who delighted students with the story of Stone Soup.

Father Mecca treated the students to ice cream sandwiches later in the day, which is always a hit with the students!

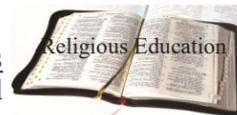
With the season of Lent upon us, our students are engaging in almsgiving and various Lenten activities. For example, our St. Peter School students will be pairing up with the parish Lenten Almsgiving effort this year. Our Middle School students will be creating a Caring Tree to celebrate caring and watch kindness grow.

*"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."*

—Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

—Mary Lou Torre, Pincipal

Sacramental Registration Forms and Fees First Communion and Confirmation registration forms are due. Please send in or drop completed forms with fees to the rectory.



### February and Class Schedule

#### February

21- Virtual Class – Lesson 16 due  
First Communion Class 10:15-11:30 am

#### March

07 - Virtual Class- 10:30 -11:15 am Lesson 18  
14 - Virtual Class- 10:30 -11:15 am Lesson 19  
First Communion Class 10:15—11:30 a.m.  
20 - First Reconciliation for First Communion Students

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

### COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

La Cuaresma que iniciamos es el camino hacia la plena luz de Pascua, es decir, hacia la renovación de la alianza bautismal con Dios. Para alcanzar esa meta hemos de convertirnos y creer la Buena Noticia. Hoy las lecturas nos dan los grandes temas de Cuaresma para nuestra meditación: el bautismo y la conversión. Como en el día de Noé, Dios hizo con Noé una alianza y también con nosotros. Él siempre es fiel a su palabra. A pesar de que hemos sido bautizados e el Espíritu, tenemos que luchar contra el poder del mal. En la Eucaristía recibimos la gracia para responder a Dios, de pie, por favor, para recibir a los celebrantes de esta misa.

#### Primera lectura: Gn 9, 8-15 (Pacto de Dios con Noé después del diluvio)

La primera lectura, tomada del libro del Génesis, refiere la alianza de Dios con Noé después del diluvio. Este compromiso de Dios con el ser humano existe todavía porque Dios quiere la salvación de todo el mundo. En el salmo pedimos que seamos fieles a nuestra alianza. Oigamos.

#### Segunda lectura: 1 Pe 3, 18-22 (Aquello fue un símbolo del bautismo que los salva)

En la segunda lectura, San Pedro nos descubre que el diluvio, en el tiempo de Noé, fue la prefiguración del bautismo cristiano. El bautismo, sacramento del agua, es eficaz por la muerte de Cristo que murió y resucitó por nuestros pecados. Escuchemos.

#### Tercera lectura: Mc 1, 12-15 (Tentaciones del desierto. Anuncio del Reino y conversión)

En el Evangelio de hoy, el evangelista Marcos nos presenta una corta escena de las tentaciones de Cristo en el desierto, tentaciones de la carne, el poder, el orgullo. Cristo empezó su ministerio diciendo: "Conviértanse y acepten mi Palabra", "Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio", nos decía el ministro cuando nos impuso la ceniza el miércoles pasado. Tenemos que creer en Jesús para salvarnos.

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FYI Gives Back to First Communion Students—  
Teens in our highschool youth group (FYI - Faith Youth Inspiration) decorated crosses on Valentines Day for our First Communion students. The teens prayed over all the crosses before packing them up, and are continually praying for our FHC students!  
Check out some of the pics!



—Michael Falbo, Youth Director

*Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners: Thank everyone who participated in your Christmas gift card drive for the children at Family & Children's Aid. We are so grateful for your effort on behalf of children in need.*

*We are so thankful for the support of friends like you; you are helping us provide continuous, vital care to kids with behavioral health needs in these uncertain times. Your contribution is important as our team continues to provide safe appointments to children and teens with a focus on optimism, play, and creativity.*

*Throughout the past year, our clients and their families have been faced with so many difficult challenges. Your efforts to collect donations for our kids makes a tremendous difference as we work to meet the needs of families in our community, and we are so grateful.*

*Warm regards,  
Terri Eberle Kate, JD, Development Writer*

*Thank you and blessings to all!*

### **Musical Notes:**



This Lent our cantors, and quartet at the 10:30, will be chanting the Ordinary of the Mass (Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei). The Catholic Church has a total of 18 Gregorian Chant Masses, many of which are suggested to be sung during a specific liturgical seasons. Mass XVII is suggested for use during Sundays of Advent and Lent. It's a beautiful chant setting that perhaps we will all get to sing together when this pandemic is over. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy listening to this wonderful Mass setting.

—Glen Segger, Director of Music

**LENTEN  
ALMSGIVING**



<b>Weekend of:</b>	<b>Item Requested</b>
February 28	Laundry Detergent
March 7	Shampoo and Deodorant
March 14	Tooth Paste and Tooth Brush
March 21	Toilet Paper
March 28	Dish Soap and Household Cleaners

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The church gives us the following regulations for Lent:

\*Fasting and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are required for those 18 to 60 years of age.

\*Abstinence from meat is required on ALL Fridays during Lent for all those 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is defined as eating, during the day, only one full meal and two light meatless meals. Eating between meals is not permitted, although liquids are permitted.

Abstinence is not eating meat at all during the entire day. Illness exempts one from these regulations.

**Stations of the Cross**

Join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.

