

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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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

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

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PARISH STAFF

Dr. Glen Segger, Music Minister

gsegger@stpeterdanb.org

Dr. Nancy Engel, Children's Choir - 914-741-1670

LATINO COMMUNITY

203-743-2707



APRIL

10 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Thomas Liddane
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
11 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Leticia Rances
	9:00 AM	†	Patricia McGuire
	10:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	†	Robert Erwin
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
12 MON	7:30 AM	†	Lorenzo Hernandez
	12:10 N	†	Father John Guilani
13 TUE	<i>St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Mercedes Garcia
	12:10 N	†	Michael Corey
14 WED	7:30 AM	†	Penelope Wilder
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
15 THU	7:30 AM	†	Margaret Goldrick
	12:10 N	†	Father Paul Merry
16 FRI	7:30 AM	†	James Lynch
	12:10 N	†	Father Bernardo Rodriguez
17 SAT	7:30 AM	†	Mary Larson
	5:00 PM	†	Salvatore Bucci
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
18 SUN	7:30 AM		Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak
	9:00 AM	†	Loan Huynh
	10:30 AM	†	Susan Gavin
	12:00 N		Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500
 SACRIFICIAL GIVING Easter—April 4, 2021..... \$12,191
 ONLINE GIVING Easter—April 4, 2021.....\$ 4,768

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
 In Memory Of
 Marybeth Garavel**

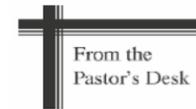
KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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

We offer our condolences to the family of

Francesca Rodriguez

who passed away last week.



Happy Easter! Today is the octave day of Easter, and in the longstanding tradition of the Church we complete Easter Day. Like Passover, Easter is so important, so significant that it cannot be a one day holiday. The Gospel for this Sunday never changes. It is always St. John's account of both the evening of that first Easter Day when Jesus appears to the Apostles, and we presume his mother and others, gathered in the upper room and the octave day. The Apostles, Mary and the close followers heard from Mary Magdalene, in the morning about her experience seeing and speaking to the risen Lord. Peter and John reported all the details of the empty tomb. I wonder if the rest of them went to see it for themselves. How could they resist *not* going? What about Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus? Don't you imagine that they, too, went over to the burial site? I wonder how much buzz there was in the city. How quickly was the news of the empty tomb disseminated? The disciples have passed the day probably together in bewilderment and anxiety. Evening comes and Jesus appears to them. St. John makes the point that the door was locked. Did Jesus open the door and walk in, did he pass through it, or did he just appear? Whatever the circumstance, his appearance was supernatural and startled everyone, and naturally so. Jesus wishes them peace and imparts upon them the Holy Spirit who will help them understand, take away their confusion, anxiety, and fear.

And, importantly, Jesus' wish of peace imparts forgiveness for their abandonment, for Peter's denial. The fruit of His Passion, death and Resurrection is the forgiveness of sin. For this reason, St. Pope John Paul II declared this Sunday as Mercy Sunday. In today's Liturgy we should reflect on God's merciful love. Our parish this year will observe a Holy Hour at 3 p.m. during which we will pray the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Our attendance for Easter shot way up from previous weeks. Including the Vigil Mass, our total attendance amounted to 847 people. Marty Carangelo provided me with some interesting statistics. About 1/3rd of the people who made reservations for Easter Masses did not show up. And, about 1/3rd of the folks at each Mass were walk-ins without a reservation. Given that, we managed to seat everyone upstairs in the church and not use the parish hall for overflow seating. As we announced in last week's bulletin, as of this weekend we have ended the reservation system. We will seat people at a first come basis. When we hit our capacity, we will direct people to the parish hall where the Mass is streamed. We have no idea if Mass attendance will stay close to what it was on Easter and continue to grow as more of the population is vaccinated and feels ready to return to church. The best I

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

can say to you is not to arrive minutes before the start of Mass but to get here a little early if you want a seat. We will have to take some time to test this approach to see if it works.

I thank all of our parishioners who over the course of the last 9 months have cooperated with us by going through the trouble weekly to make reservation for Mass. Your willingness to do so helped us to anticipate not only if we were within the allowed capacity but also how we could most effectively seat you so as to make room for as many people as we were able. I know that calling or going to the website was tiring. Thank you for your patience and for hanging in there. I thank Carol Lemoine, our parish secretary for fielding the phone calls each week and for putting together the reservations from the website and phone calls onto one list for the ushers each week. Reservation is no longer required but keeping to capacity figures and distancing remain. Our ushers will continue to direct you to seats.

Happy Easter!

—Fr. Mecca

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.

For registration information for your child, please contact mtorre@spsdanbury.org zsolis@spsdanbury.org or call the school office - 203 - 748 - 2895. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is currently underway.

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

Our four day week was packed!

Tuesday was a day for students to ease back into learning. On Wednesday we had a visit from Theresa Sciallo from the Diocese. Since our Leaders of Tomorrow are unable to celebrate with a delicious breakfast at the Catholic Center as has been done in past years, she brought a letter from Foundations in Education, a certificate of congratulations from Bishop Frank, a homemade mask and a delicious cookie for each student. She took a short video of the students sharing a word of thanks for their sponsor. Our student recipients are: Isabella Oliveira Pinto (7th grade),

Darwin Villa (4th grade), and Emiliana Medeiros (1st grade). Please say a quick prayer for them as they continue along their spiritual and academic journey.

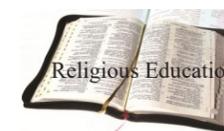
Our second graders and a few third graders made their First Reconciliation on Thursday. Thank you, Father Mecca, for guiding these impressionable young ones along their spiritual pathway.

Start putting together your clothes for the clothing drive to be held in May. Stay tuned for details about items which are acceptable and the date when items can be dropped off at the school.

Our students and staff members will be on a well-deserved vacation next week.

"When we contemplate the sufferings of Jesus, He grants us, according to the measure of our faith, the grace to practice the virtues He revealed during those sacred hours." – St. Angela Merici

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal



Registration 2021/2022 Religious Education: Registration for 2021/2022 will be Sunday April 18 and Sunday April 25. This registration is for students who are currently registered in the program and/or registered parishioners of St. Peter. New students will be given an application form to complete and will be notified of class availability. Registration will begin at 1:00pm and end at 4:00pm. Fees will remain at \$100.00 per child and are due at the time of registration.

April

- 11— Virtual Class- 10:30 -11:15 am Lesson 21
First Communion Class 10:15-11:30 am
- 18— Virtual Class— 10:30—11:15 am
First Communion Class 10:15—11:30 am
Registration for 2021/22 Religious Education Year
(Current Students and Parishioners)
- 25— Last Class—details coming!

May

- 1— First Communion 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

APRIL , 2021

Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners:

Dear Members of St. Peter's Parish,

We, at Birthright of Greater Danbury, want to thank you for your generous gifts from your annual Angel Tree.

Our office has remained open during this pandemic. We are grateful for the layette gifts and gift cards that we give to our moms upon the birth of their babies.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and wish you God's blessings in this New Year!

Sincerely,

Mev, Claire and Lenore

Co-Directors, Birthright



Teen Bible Study

Our high school and middle school teens meet 2x a month for bible study via ZOOM.

If you know a teen or have a son or daughter who would like to join, please have them contact the Director.

—Michael Falbo, Youth Director

Foundations in Education 2021 Virtual Hybrid Spring Benefit

Foundations in Education invites you to its re-imagined Virtual Hybrid Benefit on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our Honorees Dr. Julia M. McNamara and Lynn and Frank Mara of the New York Giants and participate in an online auction from the comfort of your home. All to celebrate and support Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide hundreds of children from low-and middle income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please contact Megan Quinn at 203-416-1671 or mquinn@foundationsineducation.org.

APRIL 11, 2021

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday



**Sunday, April 11
at
3:00 p.m.**

for the Divine Mercy Caplet, followed by Adoration and Benediction.