

## 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



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

### OFFICE NUMBERS

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### PARISH STAFF

Dr. Glen Segger, Music Minister  
[gsegger@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:gsegger@stpeterdanb.org)  
Dr. Nancy Engel, Children's Choir - 914-741-1670

**LATINO COMMUNITY**  
203-743-2707

### 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.

### 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](mailto:stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org)

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Michael Falbo—Youth Group Director  
203-743-1048 or [ygstpeter@gmail.com](mailto: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 Wieczak, CSFN  
203-743-2707, Ext. 22

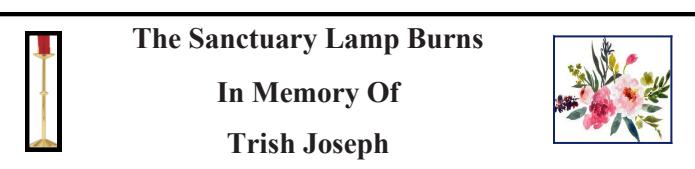
**ST. PETER PARISH****MAY**

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|---------------|---|---|
| <b>8 SAT</b>  | <b>5:00 PM</b>                            | † Agnes and Martin Lynch and Margaret Rasmussen |
|               | <b>7:30 PM</b>                            | Brazilian Mass                                  |
| <b>9 SUN</b>  | <b>7:30 AM</b>                            | Our Parishioners                                |
|               | <b>9:00 AM</b>                            | † Marion McGlory                                |
|               | <b>10:30 AM</b>                           | † Michele DiBuono                               |
|               | <b>12:00 N</b>                            | † Angela Doutney                                |
|               | <b>5:00 PM</b>                            | Spanish Mass                                    |
|               | <b>7:30 PM</b>                            | Brazilian Mass                                  |
| <b>10 MON</b> | <i>St. Damien de Veuster, Priest</i>      |   |
|               | <b>7:30 AM</b>                            | † Palma Cerminara                               |
| <b>11 TUE</b> | <b>7:30 AM</b>                            | † Nettie Mecca                                  |
|               | <b>12:10 N</b>                            | † Mary C. Riley                                 |
| <b>12 WED</b> | <i>Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs</i> |   |
|               | <i>St. Pancras, Martyr</i>                |   |
|               | <b>7:30 AM</b>                            | † Nettie Mecca                                  |
|               | <b>12:10 N</b>                            | † Bob McNulty                                   |
|               | <b>5:30 PM</b>                            | Lena Eriequez                                   |
| <b>13 THU</b> | <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>              |   |
|               | <b>7:30 AM</b>                            | † Martie Haugh                                  |
|               | <b>12:10 N</b>                            | Frances and Arthur J. Mannion and Family        |
|               | <b>7:00 PM</b>                            | Our Parishioners                                |
| <b>14 FRI</b> | <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>              |   |
|               | <b>7:30 AM</b>                            | † Eleanor Anne Lockhart                         |
|               | <b>12:10 N</b>                            | † Thomas Gallo                                  |
| <b>15 SAT</b> | <i>St. Isidore</i>                        |   |
|               | <b>7:30 AM</b>                            | † Souls in Purgatory                            |
|               | <b>5:00 PM</b>                            | † Jeannette Farrah                              |
|               | <b>7:30 PM</b>                            | Brazilian Mass                                  |
| <b>16 SUN</b> | <b>7:30 AM</b>                            | † Father Bernardo Rodriguez                     |
|               | <b>9:00 AM</b>                            | Our Parishioners                                |
|               | <b>10:30 AM</b>                           | † Rita Helstowski                               |
|               | <b>12:00 N</b>                            | † Salvatore Moffa and Family                    |
|               | <b>5:00 PM</b>                            | Spanish Mass                                    |
|               | <b>7:30 PM</b>                            | Brazilian Mass                                  |

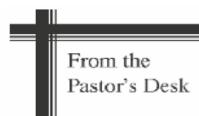
Our weekly goal.....\$10,500  
**SACRIFICIAL GIVING—May 2, 2021.....\$ 6,400**  
**ONLINE GIVING —May 2, 2021.....\$ 1,947**  
**Shortfall.....\$ 2,153**

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Richard Botelho  
Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Kristin Harrison  
Elizabeth Ianelli Frank Luciani Teddy Marchione  
Christopher McLaughlin Gloria McKee Samantha Miller  
Joseph Pepin Luciana Perreira Sr. Mary Bernard Wieczak

**DANBURY, CT**

I signed a contract this past week for new controls for the church building. Early in the fall (just as the cooling season was ending) the controls were not responding correctly. We thought, naively, that we could get a company in and replace the system before the heating season began. As all the parishioners who come to daily Mass at 7:30 well know, that was not the case. We spent the entire winter manually turning on and shutting off the boiler. We did not want to use the same company we used at the time that the new air conditioning system went in. The service man seemed competent, but the controls were not keeping to the program, and our ability to over ride the set program or make adjustments failed. Finding another company proved challenging. I thank Rick Palanzo for the many initial and follow up calls he made. As he said to me, many of the companies work with large buildings and were not interested in a small job. Finally, Universal Building Controls, a company that Rob from Mulvaney Mechanical (Mulaney installed our air conditioning) suggested, responded. The owner, Andy DiVicino, not only agreed to take on the project, he recommended that we give him permission to pursue an energy saving grant from Ever-source. We are grateful to Andy for that offer because our project was approved to the tune of \$6,000 which is just about half of the total work. How nice is that!

We achieved a milestone in the We Stand With Christ Capital Campaign on Tuesday. The Diocese made the first deposit of our share of the dollars to the parish. \$61,956.06 was transferred into a special account intended only for renovation work on our church. As you recall, the Development Office first takes off from the top of the money contributed our 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal which amounted to \$78,000. Next it took our share of the expenses related to the campaign--\$47,881. Now, as money comes in from the pledges, those dollars are split 50-50 between the three diocesan Foundations and us. We are on our way! Please, note that I did not make a typo when I wrote 2020. Our campaign was several times delayed and was supposed to have been completely conducted in calendar year 2020, but then came the pandemic.

Our participation in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal was delayed as we were wrapping up the campaign well into the winter months. This year's Appeal is built around the theme, "Arise." I have not spoken to you at all about this year's ACA because my mind has just not been able to take it on. I know that our registered parishioners received a letter in April requesting that we join in this campaign. I have my letter and pledge form on my desk and haven't looked at it since it arrived. I need to do that, and I need to belatedly "kick" off the campaign with you by speaking at our Masses which I am doing this weekend. The ACA's goal is 8.1 million which is the lowest that it has been in years. The reason being that the contributions to the We Stand With Christ Capital Campaign are funding and earning interest for the three Foundations (Faith, Charity, and Education). We are

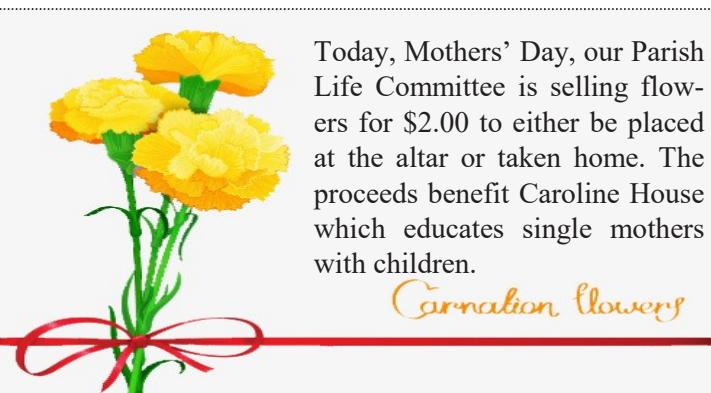
## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

seeing the desired results of the capital campaign. You might recall that the ACA goal had gotten as high as 11 million. Our parish goal this year is \$58,000. That figure is quite an adjustment from the past when it was \$120,000. Two things brought our number down. One being WSWC; the other being that the Brazilian community is now assessed a goal separate from ours. To date, 52 donors have given \$27,497.

Having myself generously pledged to the We Stand With Christ, I understand that we may not be so quick to make a gift this year while we are paying off our other pledge. So, I am particularly requesting the assistance of our parishioners who did not join in the WSWC campaign. No gift is too small, and many gifts will add up to get us to the finish line and provide the Diocese with the means to fund a broad range of essential ministries, programs, and agencies that deliver pastoral care and human service within Fairfield County. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

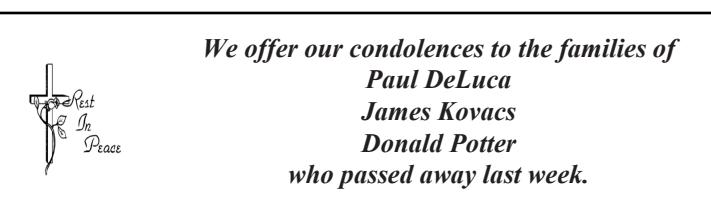
Bingo re-opened on Wednesday, and it was a success all around. We had 56 players in attendance, there were no issues regarding compliance to protocols, and we made money! I thank Brenda Farrah for leading us back into action and to all the volunteers who returned to the roster. As one said last night, "It's like we never left."

—Fr. Mecca



Today, Mothers' Day, our Parish Life Committee is selling flowers for \$2.00 to either be placed at the altar or taken home. The proceeds benefit Caroline House which educates single mothers with children.

*Carnation flowers*



We offer our condolences to the families of  
Paul DeLuca  
James Kovacs  
Donald Potter  
who passed away last week.

**Ascension of the Lord—Thursday, May 13**

**Masses:**

**Wednesday—Vigil 5:30 p.m.**

**Thursday—7:30 a.m., 12:10 N and 7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday—Spanish Mass at 5:30 p.m.**



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

#### What has St. Peter School been up to?

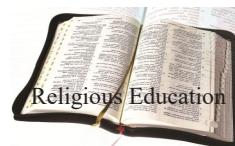
This week we celebrate our teachers and staff for all that they do to contribute to a positive school climate at St. Peter School. We are grateful for the way they motivate students and make learning fun. We thank them for being good listeners and gentle guides. We pray for them as they follow the special calling they have each been given. Our teachers were remembered throughout the week with small mementos and a special luncheon on Friday.

Thank you to all the parishioners who continue to scan Box Tops for Education. I am pleased to report that Saint Peter School received a check for \$219 this week for the period of November to March. It was a delightful and unexpected surprise!

We continue to accept registrations for students at St. Peter School. If you know anyone who is looking for a school that is family oriented, faith-based, and academically focused, please invite them to call the school office for more details.

St. Peter School is seeking a Director of Early Childhood effective immediately. Please email [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mtorre@spsdanbury.org) for details.

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal



#### Religious Education Office Hours :

The office will be open from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for registration and any other matters- a Spanish interpreter will be available. New students please bring your birth certificate and baptismal certificate for registration.

**Pass on The Good News:** What good news you ask ? The good news of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Registration for 2021/2022 begins today and we are expecting most current students to re-register as well as new students registering for the first time or returning to the program after being away for a while. We are looking forward to the new year and a return to in-classroom instruction, but we need your help so we can ensure that there is a space for everyone. Volunteer to be a catechist so you can join us in helping these students learn and grow in our faith. Classes are offered on Sunday morning after the 9:00 am Mass. We will provide you with the training, class material and support. We need your loving heart for Jesus and the Church. If you want more information please contact us in Religious Education 203-743-1048 or email:[stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org)

#### Religious Education Schedule

June 26 - Confirmation

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

MAY 9, 2021

### **COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO**

Pasen la Buena Noticia:

¿Que buena noticia se preguntan? La buena noticia de Jesús Cristo y nuestra fe Católica. La registración para 2021/2022 comienza hoy y estamos esperando que nuestros estudiantes que vuelven a registrarse así como nuevos que se registran por primera vez o que regresan después de estar ausentes por un tiempo. Estamos entusiasmados por recibir el año y el regreso a clases en persona, pero necesitamos su ayuda para asegurarnos que hay espacio para todos. Sé un voluntario para catequista bilingüe ayudando a nuestros estudiantes a aprender y crecer en nuestra fe. Las clases son los domingos después de la misa de las 9:00 a.m. Nosotros les proveeremos con entrenamiento, materiales para la clase y apoyo. Necesitamos su corazón amoroso a y Jesús la iglesia. Si necesita más información por favor contactenos al (203) 743-1048 Religious Education o email: stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org

*The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Mother. The Rosary will be prayed in front of Mary's statue on the Rectory lawn at noon Saturday, May 15th. Please join us in honoring our Mother.*



### **Solemn Vespers and Benediction**

Save the date! The St. Peter Schola will be singing Solemn Vespers for Corpus Christi on Friday, June 4, at 7:30 pm. Vespers, also known as the Office of Evening Prayer, is a contemplative liturgy of psalms and prayers. There will also be Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Liturgy of the Hours**

St. Peter will be celebrating Solemn Vespers on June 4. You may be asking: What is Solemn Vespers? What is the Liturgy of the Hours? Our music director, Glen Segger, will be hosting a 3-week Zoom course that will examine the history, theology, and shape of our Catholic tradition of daily prayer, including Vespers. Come learn about our Catholic prayer heritage from the comfort of your own home on Tuesday evenings (May 18, May 25, and June 1) beginning at 7:30. Register online or by calling the church office.

May 9, 2021



## CLOTHING DRIVE

Sponsored by  
St. Peter School

**April 26 through May 16**

**Acceptable Items:**

Clothing for men, women and children, shoes, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, soft household items (linens, towels, quilts, blankets and curtains), Stuffed animals, bikes and scooters and car seats (only together with base) and strollers are needed.

Items may be left at the front doors of the School between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. throughout the week. Items must be separated (e.g. all clothes in one bag, all shoes in another and soft household items in yet another.)

**It's time for Spring Cleaning!**

