

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

Phone: 203-743-2707 and Fax: 203-794-1928
Email Address - office@stpeterdanb.org
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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

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 spreligioused@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 Wieczak, CSFN
203-743-2707, Ext. 22

ST. PETER PARISH**AUGUST**

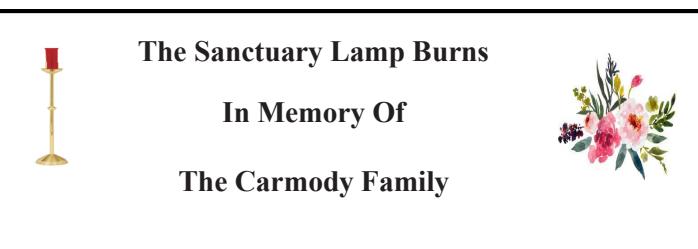
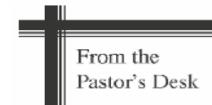
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|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 21 SAT | 5:00 PM | † Michael Heise |
| | 7:30 PM | Brazilian Mass |
| 22 SUN | 7:30 AM | † Pat Seeley |
| | 9:00 AM | Our Parishioners |
| | 10:30 AM | † Xuan Hong Tran and Anna Hong Tran |
| | 12:00 N | † Irene DeMartino |
| | 5:00 PM | Spanish Mass |
| | 7:30 PM | Brazilian Mass |
| 23 MON | <i>St. Rose of Lima, Virgin</i> | |
| | 7:30 AM | † Joseph James Abeyta |
| 24 TUE | <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> | |
| | 12:10 N | † John B. and Rose Marie Scalzo |
| 25 WED | <i>St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i> | |
| | 7:30 AM | † Vincent Shannoon |
| 26 THU | 12:10 N | † Mary Scattolini |
| | 7:30 AM | Msgr. Kevin Wallin |
| 27 FRI | <i>St. Monica</i> | |
| | 12:10 N | † Lawrence J. Cardinal Sheehan |
| 28 SAT | <i>St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> | |
| | 7:30 PM | † Jacqueline Gieralt |
| 29 SUN | 5:00 PM | † Kenneth Bedder |
| | 7:30 PM | Brazilian Mass |
| | 7:30 AM | † Dung Thi Tuyet Ta |
| | 9:00 AM | Our Parishioners |
| | 10:30 AM | † Michael Chisdack |
| | 12:00 N | † Michele and Filippa Moffa |
| | 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.

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| Our weekly goal..... | \$10,500 |
| SACRIFICIAL GIVING—August 15, 2021..... | \$ 6,458 |
| Online Giving—August 15, 2021..... | \$ 1,657 |
| Shortfall..... | \$ 2,385 |
| Parking Lot Collection—August 15, 2021..... | \$ 2,231 |
| Parking Lot Online—August 15, 2021..... | \$ 410 |

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca

**DANBURY, CT**

Our Parish Picnic is returning. Our date is Sunday, September 12. Our chairpersons for the event are Deborah and Bryan Hocking. We are grateful to them for taking on the logistics of planning and executing the many parts to make the picnic happen. We are aware, of course, of the issue with the virus, but we are going forward with the planning. The picnic will return to the grounds of the Vespucci Lodge, and once again, we express our gratitude to our friends at the Lodge for making their excellent facility available to our parish family. The picnic committee this year decided that we would not request parishioners to make and to bring food or dessert from home, but to purchase it. The men from the Men's Society, however, will grill hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausage. Mark your calendars for this popular parish event when we will be able to visit with one another and enjoy conversation and each other's company. Ticket sales begin this weekend, and, yes, we do make tickets available "at the door."

Aren't we all heartsick for the people of Haiti? What more can happen to them? They don't seem to get a break from either natural or man-made disasters. To experience a devastating earthquake that killed hundreds and left so many others without shelter and then to weather a tropical storm days later is unimaginable. Archbishop Jose Gomez, the Archbishop of Los Angeles and the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written every diocese proposing that the American Church act in unison by having a special collection to respond to the immense humanitarian crisis and rebuilding. Bishop Caggiano has, therefore, asked our parishes to take up a collection either this weekend or next. I suspect giving everyone a week's notice is best, so we will have the collection next weekend. I am sure that many of us want to do something for the suffering people of Haiti. Archbishop Gomez says in his letter that a sub-committee of the USCCB has approved the transfer of \$10,000 to each of the three affected dioceses in Haiti for church and parish building repairs. That sum seems like it would hardly be enough to repair one hole in a roof. Contributions to the nationwide collection will be parceled out to these dioceses and to Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA which are the official relief agencies of the United States Catholic Church.

I am happy to see that Yvette Lessard is returning this Thursday for a morning of reflection. Yvette is a certified spiritual director. We are very fortunate that Yvette enjoys sharing her gifts with us. We benefit from her deep spirituality and skills without having to travel to a retreat center. I enthusiastically recommend to you her mornings

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

of reflection. They are an opportunity to spiritually grow. Her topic this month, "Living the fruits of the Spirit in our daily lives," can be transforming.

St. Edward Parish has begun a Catholic young adults' group. Please see the advertisement for its latest gathering.

—Fr. Mecca

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Declan Andujar Elijah Lang Naelie Rodriguez
Abbie Sanchez Natalie Sanchez*

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Richard Botelho
Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Kristin Harrison
Jenna Henderson Elizabeth Ianelli Elizabeth Levesque
Teddy Marchionne Christopher McLaughlin Samantha Miller
Anthony Pelle, Jr. Joseph Pepin Sr. Mary Bernard Wieczak*

Parish Choir

After a year and a half of hiatus due to the pandemic, our Parish Choir is set to try its hopes on resuming this fall. Our first rehearsal of the season will be on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 pm. If you've ever considered being a part of our Parish Choir, this would be the perfect time to join! For more information on our Parish Choir, please visit our website, email our Music Director at Glen.Segger@stpeterdanb.com, or simply come up to the organ after Mass to speak directly with Glen.

—Glen Segger, Musical Director



Summer CREW Training

Every summer we bring newly confirmed teens and teens already in our leadership program together to train for the new year! Training includes an emphasis on prayer and community. Without a personal authentic relationship with Christ, one cannot serve or love another. And without working together as a unit/family/community nothing will be accomplished.

Over the next two months there will be four different trainings and a retreat that ties all our lessons together. If you know of a high school teen looking to volunteer or serve in the community, please have them email me.

Please pray for all the teens joining our leadership program. May Our Lady protect them and guide them on the pathway to Christ. —Michael Falbo, Youth Director



SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS

For information about registering your child at St. Peter School, please contact mcorrea@spsdanbury.org or mtorre@spsdanbury.org or call the school office - 203 - 748 - 2895. Our hours are from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. We continue to accept registrations for students at St. Peter School throughout the summer. 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.

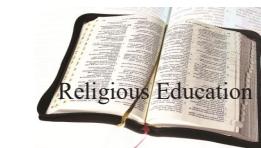
This week Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. McCabe and Mrs. Torre had the privilege of meeting about twenty-four of our new kindergarten students! They came ready to do some fun activities and brought all of that "first-time-in-school" excitement with them.

Next Tuesday, St. Peter School staff will come together for the annual staff meeting and luncheon. It is always pleasant to come together as a whole community to learn about the news for the upcoming school year and plan for the first days with our students. This year we welcome a new second grade teacher, an ELA teacher at the middle school level, a teacher assistant for the preschool, and some after school support staff.

Thank you to St. Peter parishioners for generously donating much needed school supplies for our students.

You always amaze us with your kindness!

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE: We will be open daily Monday to Friday - please call the office before coming 203-743-1048.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Please use our new email address for all emails : spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Classes begin September 19th with Mass at 9:00 am. All registered students must attend Mass for Catechetical Sunday and the blessing of the Catechists and families. More information will be emailed by late August..

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

Save the date—

Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3

THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE

Drop off times: Saturdays, Sept. 11, 18 , and 25

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednnesdays 15, 22 and 29

From 4 to 8 p.m.

Morning of Reflection: LIVING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR DAILY LIVES is our August topic. In this time of uncertainty and confusion, we need spiritual stability for ourselves and our world. The Fruits of the Spirit can provide us with the help we need. Join Yvette Lessard for this sharing on Thursday, August 26 from 10-11:45 in the Parish Hall.

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Are you an adult (18+) Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the normative way in which non-Catholics – those un-baptized as well as those baptized into other Christian denominations – enter the Church. It is also the way baptized Catholics who never received any catechesis and didn't receive Eucharist and Confirmation complete their Sacraments of Initiation. The Inquiry Period begins on September 23 when we will begin weekly Thursday evening sessions for those who want to explore the process. To express interest or to learn more, please call the office (203-743-2707).

SAVE THE DATE:
Wedding Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday, September 25
10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

The diocese will hold two gatherings for those celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or 50+ years of marriage in 2020/21 at St. Matthew Parish in Norwalk. Bishop Caggiano will celebrate both Masses. Registration will appear in the August edition of the Fairfield County Catholic or online beginning August 1.



COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Usted puede venir ahora a la oficina para hacer los pagos de las clases de educación religiosa. Por favor, llama antes de venir para asegurarte de que estamos en la oficina. El número es 203-743-1048. No estamos tomando ninguna nueva inscripción, pero agregaremos nuevas solicitudes a una lista de espera.

NUEVO DIRECCIÓN PARA EMAIL

Nuevo Dirección de email: Por favor usa nuestra nueva dirección de email para comunicación electrónica spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

NECESITAMOS MAS CATEQUISTAS

Hemos tenido una respuesta abrumadora a los últimos días de registro. Hasta ahora, estamos planeando 15 clases y contando. Esperamos con ansias el nuevo año y el regreso a la instrucción en el aula, pero necesitamos su ayuda para asegurarnos de que haya un espacio para todos.

Ofrézcase como voluntario para ser catequista para que pueda unirse a nosotros para ayudar a los estudiantes a aprender y crecer en nuestra fe.

Las clases se ofrecen los domingos por la mañana después de Misa de las 9:00 a.m.. Es posible que tengamos cierta flexibilidad para ofrecer un número limitado de clases durante la semana si prefiere enseñar durante la semana. Le proporcionaremos capacitación, materiales de clase y apoyo. Pero sobre todo necesitamos tu corazón amoroso por Jesús y la Iglesia.

Si deseas más información sobre el programa de educación religiosa, llama la Oficina de Educación religiosa a 203-743-1048 o por email: spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

Barbara Siano. Directora de Educación Religiosa Parroquia de San Pedro

ST. PETER SCHOOL

Padres de familia, les invitamos a considerar la posibilidad de enviar a sus hijos a nuestra escuela parroquial – de kínder a octavo grado. Usted puede recibir información poniéndose en contacto con: mcorrea@spsdanbury.org o mtoorre@spsdanbury.org o puede llamar la oficina a 203-748-2895. El horario de la oficina es de 8:00 A.M. a 2:00 P.M. Continuamos aceptando inscripciones para estudiantes de la Escuela de San Pedro durante todo el verano. Si usted o alguien que conoce que esté buscando una escuela orientada a la familia, basada en la fe y enfocada académicamente, por favor invítalos a llamar a la oficina de la escuela para más detalles.

Grupo de Oración

Todos los Lunes, a las 7:00 p.m. en el subsuelo de la Iglesia. Líder: Jorge Ordoñez

Confesiones

Domingos a las 4:00 p.m. en la Iglesia.

Bautizos

Cuartos Domingos de cada Mes. Contacten con Ana Espinal para el formulario y la información sobre la clase prebautis-

PARISH PICNIC

September 12, 2021

Vespucci Lodge

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Our Men's Society will be grilling hamburgers, sausage and hot dogs on buns. Potato Salad, Cole slaw, Macaroni Salad, and Garden Salad will be provided.



Tickets are \$10.00 per person.

Children: 8 to 12 years old \$5.00 and those 7 and under are free.

We are asking Volunteers to offer musical entertainment such as guitar, trumpet, or musical instrument playing, of your choice. Or maybe you'd like to sing! Please call the parish office to volunteer.



BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION



August 22

This year we are NOT requesting backpacks. We are supplying the students of St. Peter School with classroom supplies. Plastic bins will be in the vestibule of the church to collect your donations.

St. Peter School Wish List!!

Glue Sticks, Dry Erase or Expo Markers, Rulers, Scissors, Color Pencils, Regular Pencils, Crayons, Highlighters, Sticky Notes, 2 - Pocket Folders, 3x5 Index Cards, Marble Composition Books, 1" Binders - Any color

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ST. EDWARD'S YOUNG ADULTS

OPEN TO 18-35 YEAR OLDS

Fri, August 27 - 7pm

Jesus: Where is He?

Join us for a Theology-on-Tap style gathering with our guest speaker
Fr. Richard Veras,
Director of Pastoral Formation and Assoc. Professor of Homiletics
St. Joseph Seminary, Yonkers, NY

21 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812