

## 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](mailto:office@stpeterdanb.org)  
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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 [spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org)

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Michael Falbo—Youth Group Director  
203-743-1048 or [ygstpeter@gmail.com](mailto:ygstpeter@gmail.com)

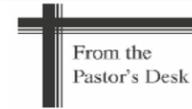
**Chairman of Parish Council** – Fred Visconti – 203-744-2311

**Chairman of Finance** – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183

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



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



28 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Kenneth Bedder
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
29 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Dung Thi Tuyet Ta
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Michael Chisdack
	12:00 N	†	Michel and Filippa Moffa
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
30 MON	7:30 AM	†	James Lynch
	12:10 N	†	John Grillo
31 TUE	7:30 AM		Helen and John Edmond
	12:10 N	†	George Losito
1 WED	<i>World Day of Prayer</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Thomas C. Pepin
2 THU	7:30 AM	†	Ireneo Despojado
	12:10 N	†	William Schlichtig
3 FRI	<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Brenda Hernandez
	12:10 N	†	Mary and Edgar Rodrigues, Sr. And Family
4 SAT	7:30 PM	†	Tom Peluso
	5:00 PM	†	Geraldine Hennings
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
5 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	James Kovacs
	10:30 AM	†	John Esposito
	12:00 N	†	Antonio 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.

Our weekly goal.....	\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—August 22, 2021.....	\$ 4,590
Online Giving—August 22, 2021.....	\$ 2,102
Shortfall.....	\$ 3,808

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns**

In Memory Of

**Ann Pirone**



*We offer our condolences to the families of*



*Arthur Amacher*

*Douglas Blackwell*

*Peter Gallagher*

*Colin O'Marra*

*Katherine Santoro*

*Dieu Ta*

*who passed away last week.*

Our St. Peter School begins classes on Monday in line with the Danbury Public schedule. We have some staffing changes this year and some physical changes which we are proud of. Our Principal hired a second grade and English language arts teacher. Last year, two weeks into class, the then newly hired second grade teacher, resigned to take a position in the public schools. Our Spanish/special education teacher stepped into the role. After a couple of weeks, the parents asked Mrs. Torre to keep her in 2nd grade as both they and their children loved her. That Amy consented to remain was a huge blessing as Mrs. Torre couldn't find anyone to hire. The new 2nd grade teacher is Lauren Galli, and Amy has move back to the third floor. Our English language arts teacher accepted a position two weeks ago in a private school where he can teach high as well as middle school students, a desire of his. We welcome Deanna DeVivirito to that class. In addition to the new hires, we welcome Paul Bellucci as our gym teacher. Paul is working on his Master's degree at Sacred Heart University and is part of a program with the diocese in which he gains classroom experience in one of our schools. Our parishioner, Marita Repole, has taken over as Pre-School Director. What a blessing it is for us. She is going to make a world of difference for our three and four year olds.

During the summer, we rearranged the furniture... again. The five foot distancing necessitated that we move grades with larger number of students went into one of the larger classrooms in the rear of the building, while smaller ones went to the front. The classrooms in the 1907 portion of the building are more generous in size than in the 1885 construction. Those moves mixed up the cohesiveness of the primary and middle school groupings. We restored the groupings. This year the distancing between students is 3 feet, so we were able to return teacher desks and bookshelves to the rooms. As for physical changes, the first floor has been transformed! It is brighter and beautiful. We are awaiting shipment of some trim and then some finishing touches, but one cannot help but be pleased with the fresh appearance.

While we are talking about school, I want to thank the Men's Society for holding the raffle to benefit the Sister Marita Daniel Scholarship Fund and all of you who purchased a ticket. There really is a place for Catholic education and specifically for this Catholic school. A few weeks ago a father came in with his 3rd grader, Juliesy. The parents live in the U.S. Juliesy was living with her grandmother in Central America. With her grandmother, and in the company of other adults, Juliesy was apprehended and separated from her grandmother.

You know the story of the children at the border. She lived in foster care until she was united with her parents here in town. Juliesy, who speaks English, was traumatized by the experience. Her parents looked for a school and decided on ours because they believe Juliesy will feel “safe” in our environment. Time and time again, parents tell Mrs. Torre and Martha our secretary that this school above others gives their children a sense of care and security. I think all educators try to provide this for students, but when the school is Catholic, families know that Christ and His Holy Spirit are here, and they want to be in His presence. This is certainly true of St. Peter School.

-Fr. Mecca

### Parish Choir



A few weeks ago, I sent an email out to current choir members asking them what they liked about being a part of our parish choir. Here are some of their responses: “I get to spend time with a great group of people;” “I enjoy learning new music, and learning about the time period the music was written in.” And my favorite response: “We get to learn about the relationship of the music we sing to our Church’s teachings.” Indeed, singing in the choir is not just about singing; it provides social and musical enrichment, faith formation, and can even be a source for stress relief! Please read the flyer in this week’s bulletin to learn more about what it’s like to be a part of our parish choir. Perhaps you might like to join us!

—Glen Segger, Musical Director

## 23rd Annual Twilight Cruise or Fishing Trip

Sponsored by the Men’s Society

The St. Peter’s Men’s Society would like to thank everyone who supported the Annual Boat/Fishing Trip, which benefits the Sister Marita Daniel Scholarship Fund.

The winner is John Dykhous.

Again, thank you for participating.



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

For information about registering your child at St. Peter School, please contact [mcorrea@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mcorrea@spsdanbury.org) or [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto: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.

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

### IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST PREP SESSION—

Area 8th grade students are invited to register for a High School Placement Test Prep Session on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9-11 a.m. at Immaculate High School in Danbury, CT. The fee is \$50 and includes a review of mathematics, reading, language arts skills, and general test-taking strategies, along with a textbook to continue practicing prior to the actual exam later this fall. Space is limited. Register at [www.immaculatehs.org/hsptprep](http://www.immaculatehs.org/hsptprep). Gain the confidence and skills to help you perform your best! To learn more about Immaculate and the admission process, visit [www.immaculatehs.org/inquire](http://www.immaculatehs.org/inquire).

### WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Sofia Laos Danyyel Lliguicota Amir Rodriguez  
Daniel Suarez Pablo Tapia*

### 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 Marchione Christopher McLaughlin Samantha Miller  
Anthony Pelle, Jr. Joseph Pepin Thomas Spooner*

Religious Education

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](mailto: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

**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 unbaptized 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).

**THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE**

**Saturday, October 2**

**Sunday, October 3 (after all Masses)**



**WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT ACCEPT: toys, stuffed animals, books, magazines, clothing, shoes, electronics, appliances, mattresses, baskets, glass vases, cassettes and VCR tapes, and luggage.**

**We will accept small pieces of furniture.**

**Drop off times at the Parish Hall:**

**Saturdays, Sept. 11, 18, and 25**

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

**Wednesdays 15, 22 and 29**

**From 4 to 8 p.m.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mcorrea@spsdanbury.org) o [mto-re@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mto-re@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 prebautismal.

## 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. Ice Cream for dessert.



**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.

**More Volunteers Needed!!!**

Our next meeting will be Thursday September 9th at 7 pm in the parish hall.



### BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION



Thank you to St. Peter parishioners for generously donating much needed school supplies for our students. You always amaze us with your kindness!

—Mrs. Torre, SPS Principal

The Community Concerns Committee would like to also thank our parishioners for their generosity. Each year you give to help our children as school opens. Thank you!

The next **Bible Study & Bites** program is entitled "The Case For Jesus—The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ:". This program is for those who are interested in learning more about the person of Jesus Christ. We will hear Dr. Brant Pitre draw evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the gospels as he gives an in-depth look at the gospel accounts of Jesus' Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Jesus' divinity. Dr. Pitre will present a case for Jesus as the diving Son of God, fully human and full God.

This study occurs on 9 consecutive **Thursdays evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall beginning September 23**. The study workbooks cost \$20.

**Come and learn more about our Savior.**