



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

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LATINO COMMUNITY

Rev. Frank Eldridge—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
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YOUTH MINISTRY

Michael Falbo—Youth Group Director
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Chairman of Parish Council – Fred Visconti – 203-744-2311
Chairman of Finance – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183

ST. PETER PARISH**SEPTEMBER**

25 SAT	5:00 PM	† Richard Pagano
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
26 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Sean Baird and Erin Shea
	10:30 AM	† Doris Henderson
	12:00 N	† Immac Thampoe
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
27 MON	<i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Arthur Amacher
	12:10 N	† Immac Thampoe
28 TUE	<i>St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Shirley Miller
	12:10 N	† Nora Corey
29 WED	<i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Paul Hart
	12:10 N	† Kathleen Heller Kortan
30 THU	<i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† James Lynch
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
1 FRI	<i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Therese Ruppert
	12:10 N	† Geri Cuccio
2 SAT	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	
	7:30 PM	† Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	† Terry Ruppert
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
3 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† James Kovacs
	10:30 AM	† Monica and Joseph Progreske
	12:00 N	† Suzanne Dunn
	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—September 19, 2021.....	\$ 6,174
Online Giving—September 19, 2021.....	\$ 1,085
Shortfall.....	\$ 3,241
Parking Lot Collection—September 19, 2021.....	\$ 2,741
Online Parking Lot—September 19, 2021.....	\$ 1,881

Thank you for your support.

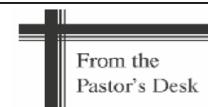
Father Mecca

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Robert J. Genualdi Ricardo M. Rios

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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

DANBURY, CT

This weekend seems to be a good time to update the parishioners on what has transpired to date regarding the quasi-parish of Our Lady of Aparecida and St. Peter Parish. I have had some information to share with you for a couple of weeks now, but there were other topics that had to go into the bulletin. The timing seems to be better than in previous weeks as the quasi-parish's petition for a zoning change in order to purchase the property belonging to Michael's Grove (formerly Capellaro's Grove) on Vail Road in Bethel was approved last week. The quasi-parish is looking for larger space to accommodate all of its pastoral affairs, having outgrown the building at 61 Liberty Street. As you may recall, one of the primary issues when we first engaged in conversations in 2019 was space. It appears now that the purchase will go forward.

As the quasi-parish has moved forward in its desire to move into larger quarters, both it and the parish have been anxiously waiting for the split of the parish's mortgage. The diocesan legal office was working on it with Union Savings Bank. The split between what is owed on 61 Liberty Street and our parking lot happened on August 18. The balance on our mortgage prior to the split was \$332,853.26. With the split, the parish's outstanding loan is \$137,682.53 and the quasi-parish's is 195,170.73. (The parish was paying down the principle faster than the Brazilian Community over the last eighteen years.)

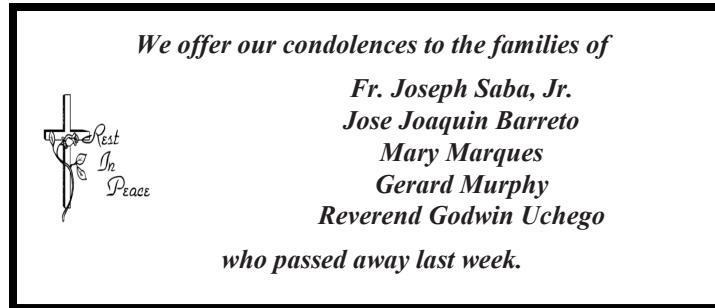
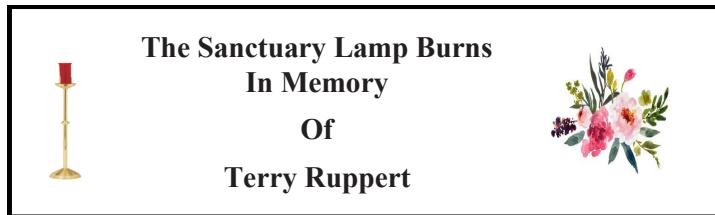
Mary-Anne Blount prepared a bit of the history of the loan for us. In July 2003, our parish took out a loan for \$2,117,000 to pay for the properties which became the parking lot and for 61 Liberty Street at an interest rate of 5.75%. That figure represented \$1,653,268 on our parking lot land and \$463,732 on 61 Liberty Street. The Brazilian Community was responsible for that portion of the loan. In 2012, our interest rate dropped to 5%. At that point, we had reduced our portion of the loan to \$1,329,313. Your generosity to the monthly parking lot collection and the rent we receive from the Connecticut Institute for Communities has brought us a very long way.

At the time of the split in August, the interest rate was modified from 5.0% to 3.5%. This adjustment in interest rate means for us that our monthly payment has fallen from \$5,151 to \$1,870.

Lastly regarding the property at 61 Liberty Street, the diocesan legal office drew up a quit claim document last week. Our Trustees, as the lay members of the corporation, and I signed off, and on Monday we sent the quit claim to the Bishop and Vicar General, the President and Vice-President of the corporation to sign. I thought I would have had the completed copy by the time I wrote this column, but we can say that within days now 61 Liberty Street will become the property of the quasi-parish.

—Fr. Mecca

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Youth Ministry Fall KICKOFF!!!

St. Peter offers two programs for our middle school & high school teenagers. Both programs meet throughout the year in the basement of St. Peter School and offer teenagers a chance to dive deeper into their faith through community & fellowship with their friends and peers!

The 99 – Fridays (1x a month) 6:00pm-8:00pm

Fall Kickoff – Friday, Oct. 22nd

F.Y.I. – Sundays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Fall Kickoff – Sunday, Oct. 3rd

All middle school and high school teenagers are welcome to join any time! Please contact the Youth Minister if you are interested in attending or signing up!



40 Days for Life—Diocese of Bridgeport Fall 2021 Campaign—Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired more than 1,000,000 volunteers! Please join us at one of the two vigil sites in the Diocese, Bridgeport and Danbury. For the Danbury location information visit [information](http://40daysforlife.com/Danbury) visit 40daysforlife.com/Danbury or contact Sharon and Peg at Danbury40DFL@protonmail.com.



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. 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.

Our 8th graders were given a presentation by Immaculate High School students (Michael and Michelle Fisher, former St. Peter students) and Denise Suarez, Director of Admissions on Wednesday. In addition to learning more about Immaculate High School, the students were treated to some delicious donuts, and they received an Immaculate t-shirt!

On Thursday, the teachers in grades 3-5 participated in a day-long professional development opportunity focusing on reading and writing workshop which included demonstration lessons in classrooms by the presenter. It was a great day of learning and reflection for our teachers.

"Love Our Lady and make her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible." — St. Padre Pio

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

ST. PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to all the families who joined us last Sunday for the blessing of the Catechists and the start of the new religious education school year. Sunday Oct. 3, 2021 classes will begin with parent orientation. Parents and students are requested to come to your child's class to meet your child's catechist and to learn about the upcoming school year. At this time you will receive the calendar and other information about your child's class. Parents and students must wear a mask at all times while in the building. The orientation sessions will run in 25 minute increments. Once your child's session is complete we request that you exit the building so we can prepare for the next session. You will receive an email early this week with the details for your child's class.



Please note that the office will not be open during the orientation sessions. If you have any matters to discuss the office will be open at 12:00 until 1:30 on Oct. 3.

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

PARISH EVENTS

Save the Date—

St. Peter Cabaret

October 23, 2021

7:00 p.m.

in the Parish Hall

Masks must be worn.

All guests must be vaccinated.

Enjoy an evening of music from the 40s, 50s, 60s and more. Dessert will be served during intermission.

Come to the Cabaret!

The 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, who He is, who He claimed to be, what He did and what His teaching and life mean for each of us today. Join the group of us who will hear Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels and as he gives an in-depth look at the gospel accounts of Jesus’s Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Jesus’s divinity. Dr. Pitre will present our Lord, Jesus, as the divine Son of God, fully human and fully God.

This study will occur on 9 consecutive Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7 PM in the Parish Hall beginning on Sept. 23 and go through Nov. 18th, 2021. The study workbooks will only cost each participant \$20.00 instead of the usual \$25.00 as we attained a better pricing!

Come and learn more about our Savior. There is still time to join us-you can catch up!!

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Los Ángeles Guardianes - 2 de octubre

Nuestra fe nos enseña que ninguno de nosotros está solo, porque desde el mismo instante en que un alma es creada por Dios para un nuevo ser humano - especialmente desde que la gracia de los sacramentos lo envuelve con su luz inefable - un Ángel perteneciente a las santas falanges de los espíritus celestes, es llamado para permanecer a su lado durante todo su peregrinaje terrestre.

No debemos olvidar nunca la presencia de nuestro Ángel Guardián, de ese príncipe celeste, que jamás debe enrojecer por causa nuestra. El respeto por su presencia supone una continencia siempre respetuosa y deferente, un homenaje conforme a la dignidad del cristiano, Templo del Espíritu Santo, amigo de Jesucristo, admitido a la comunión del Cuerpo y Sangre divinos, después de haber sido regenerados por el agua del bautismo.

El Ángel Guardián no está solamente presente, sino que su compañía desborda de ternura y de amor, lo que requiere de parte nuestra, frente a ellos, un amor pleno de ternura; es decir, de devoción. La devoción agrega un elemento más a la piedad filial, incluso en aquella que practicamos y mostramos para con Dios. Una piedad devota quiere decir, una piedad delicada que conlleva la donación de toda el alma, de todo el corazón.

El Ángel de Dios está siempre con nosotros, con su solicitud y su afecto excepcional. Es necesario, por tanto serle devoto. La devoción se actualiza en la práctica de la oración cotidiana, en la invocación al iniciar y al terminar la jornada, pero también a todo lo largo del día; especialmente cuando las cosas son un poco complicadas y difíciles.

Si usted esta interesado en unirse a un equipo para preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar cada dos meses, por favor pongase en contacto con Christine en 203-525-2607. Gracias

Morning of Reflection: Participating in the Mystery of Christ. How do we learn to live “in Christ”, our Savior and God? Our religion is about relationship . We will reflect on how we can live our Catholic faith rightly. Join Yvette Lessard in the Parish Hall on Thursday, September 30 from 10 -11:45.

OTHER EVENTS

Come celebrate Mass with us **For Those Affected by Addiction, October 9, 2021 at 12:00 N at St. Rose of Lima RC Church, 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470.** The celebrant is a priest in recovery!

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE

Saturday, October 2

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 3 (after 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.

Last chance to drop off at the Parish Hall:

Wednesday, September 29

From 4 to 8 p.m.