

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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - MONDAY through FRIDAY
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OFFICE NUMBERS

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PARISH STAFF

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LATINO COMMUNITY

Rev. Frank Eldridge—203-743-2707



SEPTEMBER

2 SAT	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
4 MON	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Ellen Boyle
	12:10 N	† Tom and John Needham
5 TUE	<i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Josephine and Stephen Merto
	12:10 N	† Timmy Beckett
6 WED	<i>St. Bruno, Priest;</i>	
	<i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Eugene horch Family
	12:10 N	† Katherine and John McNamara
7 THU	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Kay Curran
	12:10 N	† Frances and Antonio Scalzo And Family
8 FRI	7:30 AM	† Eddie Baldwick
	12:10 N	† Cathryn Costello
9 SAT	<i>St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
	<i>St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>	
	7:30 PM	† Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	† Thomas Gallo
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
10 SUN	7:30 AM	† Rosemary Lariccia
	9:00 AM	† Nhung Nguyen
	10:30 AM	† Marybeth Garavel
	12:00 N	Our Parishioners
	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 26, 2021.....\$ 6,461
Online Giving—September 26, 2021.....\$ 2,892
Shortfall.....\$ 1,147

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED
Ezequiel Almonte-Dilone Paulina Armijos
Daphne Carranza Gianna Carranza Kathleen Gomez
Daisy Pillacela Dana Pillacela

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 Wiecezak



Welcome Fall! Many of us enjoy the fall season for what it offers—cooler temperatures, no air conditioning, apples and apple pie, mums, and the panoramic leaf colors. Among the things of summer that we don't want to give up is the extended daylight and the garden vegetables. October is the month of the Rosary, the feast day being this coming Thursday, the 7th. We usually have an evening devotion around this date, but this year we are thinking of having it within the context of Vespers in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I would very much like to bring our English and Spanish speaking parishioners together for a joint Rosary. In order to work out all the details, we have chosen Friday, October 22 for our devotion.

Religious Formation classes begin this week with parent orientation. Barbara and her staff split the orientation of catechists into two Sundays. Our younger students are using some new textbooks. Barbara surveyed several series over the summer. I like what she proposed. It is strong on doctrine, and the books are appealing. Older students will be using the on-line program. Younger children respond better with a book; older kids are more challenging to engage. The on-line program is quite good. The lessons run about 20 minutes and are followed by a review which the student completes. At class, the catechist discusses with them the material. The catechists monitor the students' time with the on-line lesson, so they know who has and who has not done the work. Today, parents will meet their child's catechist, learn about the instruction and obtain all the information they need for the year. With this parent orientation we are also trying to build better family catechesis wherein the whole family and not just the child has active role in faith formation.

RCIA, too, is part of faith formation, and I should have included the RCIA team in my remarks two weeks ago on Catechetical Sunday. The RCIA, which is now in the first stage called Inquiry, is meeting at present on Thursday evenings. In a few weeks, the folks will shift to attending Mass together with instruction afterwards. We have a few people who are seeking to complete their reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. These early weeks are fluid as folks learn about the process and decide whether or not they can make the commitment to stick with the formation in the faith.

Bishop Caggiano has informed us that work has begun on creating a chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) in our diocese. Ours would be the 28th chapter of the national organization. The purpose of YCP, as the Bishop explained, is to engage young adult Catholics who have begun their professional careers in the life of Church and to offer them opportunities to grow spiritually with like-minded young people. More information will be

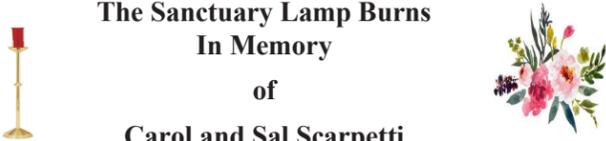
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

forthcoming, but right now the Bishop is looking for some older professionals who are faithful Catholics to volunteer to serve on a local board of directors. Perhaps we have such a person within our parish. Call me if you think you would be willing to serve in this capacity.

Our diocesan church is putting forth with quite a bit of energy on initiatives to foster the spiritual renewal of our people especially following the effects of the pandemic. Our parish in its own way is doing the same. I have been slow to inform you of an on-line source for Catholic programming of all sorts to which we have taken a subscription. I will make that the first item on next week's column.

—Fr. Mecca

**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory
of
Carol and Sal Scarpetti**



We offer our condolences to the families of

**Michael Ducanic
Thomas McLachlan
Lucia Tin
Mary Williams**

who passed away last week.



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 40daysforlife.com/Danbury or contact Sharon and Peg at Danbury40DFL@protonmail.com.



*****SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS*****

First Friday Mass focused on the Feast of St. Therese. The fifth grade students were responsible for organizing the Mass along with their teacher, Mrs. Galante, and Father Mecca. Students were reminded to do small things with great love for the Glory of God, just as St. Therese would do!

Our preschool students took a trip to the Senior Center on Thursday to pick up hats and mittens which were generously hand - crafted by the seniors! Thank you, thank you...

Our whole school had a dress down day (one of two) to raise money for our school-wide Box of Joy service project on Wednesday. Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the United States and facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Using donated dollars, staff members will purchase needed toys and supplies on the approved list, and then students will pack up the boxes to be shipped to various developing countries around the world. This is a simple and tangible service experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poorest of the poor in developing countries. It is a chance to spread the Good News of God's love with children worldwide.

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

*****ST. PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION*****

Religious Education Classes : Today is parent orientation for all classes. If you have not received an email about your child's class and the orientation time, please come to the office today and we will assist you. Please note that today's orientation times are slightly different from the regular class time. Beginning October 10, 2021 classes will begin either at 9:00 or 10:30 please check with the office if you do not know which session your child was placed. All information about the class, the class schedule, and the sacraments (if your child is in a sacramental class) will be discussed during the orientation. Parents and students who come to the orientation are required to wear a mask while in the building.



Come, See, Restore : Today is the start of our efforts to raise funds for the restoration of the Sacred Heart statue. Last week the statue made the car trip to NY for the restoration to begin, this is also a good time for us to begin our own spiritual restoration. In addition to fundraising activities throughout the year, anyone wishing to donate should contact the religious education office, 2037431048. Donations of any amount are appreciated. For more information check out our Restoration Blog at www.stpeterdanb.org ,click under Faith Formation.

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

OTHER EVENTS

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive will take place in our parish the weekend of October 16 and 17 after all the Masses. All proceeds benefit Ability and Beyond.

MAGNIFICAT a Ministry to Catholic Women invites you to a prayer breakfast on Saturday, November 6th, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Tashua Knolls Golf Club, 40 Tashua Knolls Lane Trumbull, CT 06611. Our Guest speaker, Catherine Chomiak, will share how prayer, Trust, and God's Mercy heals our Hearts. Cost \$25.00 per person, reservations required by November 1, 2021. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, please call Carol Flynn 203-775-3875 or email magnificatthmi@gmail. Invitation is available in the Women's Ministry Section of the Diocese of Bridgeport website. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Bautizos

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

Confesiones

Domingos a las 4:00 p.m.

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.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

San Francisco de Asís - 4 de octubre

Francisco era un joven despreocupado, llevaba una vida mundana y soñaba con ser un gran caballero militar lleno de glorias, y por eso aprovechando su bienestar económico no dudó en intentarlo, solo que Dios tenía una gran misión para él: lo necesitaba para "reconstruir su Iglesia".

Era hijo de un conocido comerciante de la pequeña ciudad de Asís. Su padre esperaba que su hijo continuara con la empresa de familia, pero Francisco había decidido ser pobre entre los pobres y vivir sólo para predicar el amor de Dios.

Este "llamado" lo tuvo después de enfermarse gravemente, cuando cayó prisionero tras haber participado en la batalla entre Asís y Perugia. Convaleciente en su lecho, oyó una voz celestial que le exhortaba a "servir al amo y no al siervo". La desilusión de un ideal al que aspiraba y la visión que tuvo al estar enfermo, provocaron en el joven Francisco una gran crisis. De regreso a su ciudad comenzó a buscar refugio en el silencio del bosque, se volvió más reservado, solitario y taciturno, pero también más atento a las necesidades de los demás y más generoso con los pobres.

Un día vagando por el campo en busca de tranquilidad interior, se encontró con un leproso y superando el rechazo instintivo provocado por el fuerte olor de las llagas, lo abrazó, lo besó y le entregó el dinero que poseía. El fin de su crisis la encontró a los pies de la Cruz en la iglesia de San Damián. Allí nuevamente escuchó una voz que le decía: "repara mi casa que está en ruinas". Francisco con una alegría indescriptible en el corazón, se puso manos a la obra para reparar la capilla, sin comprender que Dios le pedía de cumplir una obra más grande: reparar su Casa, la Iglesia. Pero no tardó en comprenderlo.

Del año 1209 al 1224, Francisco se dedicó a predicar el Evangelio. A él se unieron varios discípulos a los que llamaba "frayles", es decir, "hermanos", iniciando la Orden Franciscana. Luego dio la bienvenida a la joven Clara y con ella nació la Segunda Orden Franciscana. Más tarde fundó una Tercera Orden para aquellos que deseaban vivir como penitentes, con reglas adecuadas para los laicos.

Murió reposado en como él quiso, en la tierra desnuda, la noche del 3 de octubre de 1226 en la iglesia de Santa Maria de los Ángeles en Asís. Fue canonizado por el papa Gregorio IX el 16 de julio de 1228. Los restos del "Pobrecito de Asís" se veneran en la basílica dedicada a él en Asís.

Vivió el Evangelio en cuerpo el alma. Todo a su paso tenía aroma a luz nueva, renovada en el amor a Cristo. Sin duda con Francisco se renueva no solo la Iglesia, sino que comienza un nuevo mundo, un mundo en continuo diálogo con el Creador, un mundo de eterna fraternidad, que es solidaridad y generosidad con el más pobre.

OCTOBER 3, 2021

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!

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!