



The Holy Family

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,
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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



DECEMBER/JANUARY

25 SAT	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	9:00 AM †	Brazilian Mass
	10:30 AM	The Priests of the Parish
	12:00 N	Spanish Mass
26 SUN	7:30 AM †	Seeley, Ryan & Pomeroy Families
	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
	10:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	Scott Dunbar
	5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
27 MON	<i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	
	7:30 AM	Lucy Gosk
	12:10 N †	Phyllis Smalley
28 TUE	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	
	7:30 AM	Msgr. Kevin W. Wallin
	12:10 N	Schlichtig & McCaffery Families
29 WED	<i>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
	7:30 AM †	Mary Filardo
	12:10 N †	Immac Thampoe and Philip Savundararaj
30 THU	7:30 AM †	Joseph Lemoine
	12:10 N †	Thomas Kelly
31 FRI	<i>St. Sylvester I, Pope</i>	
	7:30 AM †	James Lynch
	12:10 N †	Souls in Purgatory
1 SAT	<i>New Year's Day</i>	
	9:00 AM †	Vita Mecca
	5:00 PM †	Omar Gutierrez
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
2 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM †	Nettie Scapeccia
	10:30 AM	Peace in the Family
	12:00 N †	Anthony Filipowicz
	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.

Totals to be published next Sunday.

Our weekly goal.....	\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—December 19, 2021.....	\$
Online Giving—December 19, 2021.....	\$
Shortfall.....	\$

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory
of
Rosemary B. Murphy**



KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH
*Daniel Alvarez Terry Austin Dorothy Bennett Richard Botelho
 Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Elizabeth Ianelli
 Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin Samantha Miller
 Anthony Pelle, Jr. Joseph Pepin Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*



Merry Christmas! Let the joyful greeting continue. Merry Christmas! I hope that you and your families experienced a delightful Christmas Day. Maybe we ate a little too much, but that's what holidays are for. We were celebrating after all the greatest of all gifts, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Continue the joy all week long.

Let me use my space today to thank the volunteers who once again have made our church look so beautiful. The creche went up early in the week, then Mike Halas arrived with the wreaths, poinsettias followed, and on Christmas Eve morning the flower ladies started the decorating under the direction of Jennifer Light. I want to thank all of the parishioners who contributed to the Christmas flower collection which allows us to give our church its festiveness. Our church is such a beautiful place to worship. The decorations give praise to God and express our joy in the coming of our Savior.

I know that you join me in thanking our musicians, Glen, Nancy, the cantors, and the choirs. They always come through with beautiful music. Christmas Eve at the 4 p.m. Mass was bitter-sweet. Sweet because the children and alumni who sang with Nancey touched our hearts. Bitter because that Mass was Nancy's last one with us. In case you missed the bulletin two weeks ago, Nancy retired as of the 24th. Let me again say thank you to her from all of us. Glen made plenty of use of the new "Merry Chimes" that we dedicated on the 19th in memory of Fr. Paul Merry. Now that we have them, I find myself asking how we lived without them for all these years. What a terrific addition to our august instrument, don't you agree? I thank the donors who have given us this lasting gift. Their names are on the dedication plaque that is adhered to the organ case just outside of where the chimes are installed.

And while I am giving thanks, I want to acknowledge everyone who sent the priests and staff greeting cards and gifts. Your warm sentiments and the pleasure of your treats are very much appreciated.

I have to turn to an unjoyful announcement. Earlier this month, Mick Falbo, our Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator, told me of his decision to end his stay with us. On the 12th, the last Confirmation class meeting for the month, Mike said good-bye to the students and parents. I recognize all the good work that Mike has done with our young women and men in Youth Group and in the Confirmation preparation. He has reached many of them, strengthened their faith and their tie to worship and to community. That's the goal of youth ministry! Mike's departure certainly creates a void that is not easy to fill. The parish is committed to youth ministry, and we will do our best to see what we can come up

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

with. The Confirmation program will be adjusted, as Mike lent to it his own particular mark, and we will be ready for the students when they return to class in January. Thank you, Mike, for your contributions to the growth and well-being of the parish. We wish you well in your future ministry.

Saturday, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, does not carry with it the obligation to attend Mass this year. Therefore, we have not scheduled a vigil. We will celebrate one Mass Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

—Fr. Mecca

Catholic Young Adults

On **Friday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Edward the Confessor Church, New Fairfield**, Bishop Frank Caggiano will join us for a Chinese Dinner, and then speak to the young adults about the ways in which the Church needs their presence and vision.

Bible (Study) & Bites begins January 6 through February 24, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We are studying:

Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God

The topics are:

- Jan. 6—The New Eve
- Jan. 13—The New Ark
- Jan. 20—Mother of the Messiah
- Jan. 27—The Queen Mother
- Feb 3—The Perpetual Virgin
- Feb 10—Mother of Sorrows
- Feb 17—The New Rachel
- Feb 24—Questions and Answers

Please submit this form with cash or check for \$18.00 in Church basket or drop it at the rectory by January 2, 2022..

Name: _____

Phone# _____

Enrolling in Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God - Bible Study & Bites Program.



SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS

Mission Statement: St. Peter School exists to provide a nurturing environment where students become Disciples of Jesus Christ, embrace the love of lifelong learning, and believe in the dignity of all people.

If you have a child who is ready for Preschool and would like more information about the program at St. Peter School for this year or for the 2022/23 school year, please contact mrepole@spsdanbury.org, mcorrea@spsdanbury.org or mtorre@spsdanbury.org or call the school office—203-748-2895.

St. Peter School was very fortunate to have Immaculate High School Musicians drop by recently for a quick, outdoor, holiday mini-concert before the Christmas break! We think they did a terrific job and we thank them for their enthusiasm and festive spirit! It was a fun way to begin the morning!

The Peace Candle was lit by every student at St. Peter School before departing Christmas break. The candle used to light the student's candle was lit from the Peace Light from Bethlehem. The students were awed by this experience and I know they were excited to share the quiet moment with their own families.

A huge thank you goes to Barbara Siano for sharing this tradition with us!

“The magic of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His presence.” – Unknown

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



May the beauty, peace and joy of this blessed season envelop you all with the infinite love of God, and the wonder of His only Son, our Savior, Jesus.

A joyous and blessed Christmas to all!

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

El Papa Francisco dirigió una oración a la Sagrada Familia, al celebrarse hoy su fiesta.

“Jesús, María y José, en ustedes contemplamos el esplendor del amor verdadero, a ustedes nos dirigimos con confianza.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, haz que también nuestras familias sean lugares de comunión y cenáculos de oración, auténticas escuelas del Evangelio y pequeñas Iglesias domésticas.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, que nunca más en las familias se vivan experiencias de violencia, cerrazón y división: que todo el que haya sido herido o escandalizado conozca pronto el consuelo y la sanación.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, que nuestros líderes espirituales y civiles despierten en todos los hombres la conciencia del carácter sagrado e inviolable de la familia, y su belleza en el proyecto de Dios.

Jesús, María y José, escuchen y atiendan nuestra súplica. Amén”.

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.

Grupo de Oracion

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

Horario de Oficina

De Lunes a Viernes, de 1:30 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. En español pregunten por Ana Espinal.

*****OTHER EVENTS*****

Birthright needs volunteers! Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests and caring and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are seven Birthright chapters in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.



Today as we contemplate the birth of Jesus, we must note that the Gospel of Christ is not a fairy tale, it is not a myth nor just an uplifting tale. The Gospel of Christ is the full revelation of God's plan for human beings and the world. It is a message that is both simple and grandiose, that prompts us to ask ourselves: what concrete project has the Lord placed in me, as he continues to make his birth present among us?

The nativity scene is like a living Gospel, reminding us of one essential thing: that God did not remain invisible in heaven, but came to earth, becoming a human child. God is not a distant lord or a detached judge, but a humble love, descended down to us. The child in the crib conveys his tenderness to us. The child with open arms tells us that God has come to embrace our humanity. It is good to stand in front of the nativity scene and there to confide in the Lord about our lives, to talk to God about the people and situations we care about, to share our expectations and concerns. We remember that Jesus came to us, that he became human like us, and that he accompanies us. In everyday life we are no longer alone, for he lives with us. He doesn't magically change things, but if we accept him, everything can change. Happy Christmas!

—Pope Francis