



Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor
 Rev. Frank Eldridge, S.A. Parochial Vicar
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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LATINO COMMUNITY

Rev. Frank Eldridge—203-743-2707

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



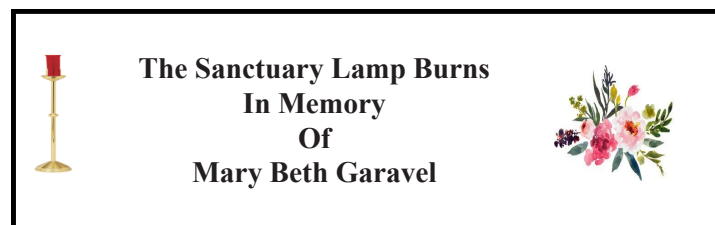
APRIL/MAY

14 SAT	5:30 PM	†	Agnes and Martin Lynch and Margaret Rasmussen
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
15 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Mary Hoddinott
	9:00 AM	†	Charles Duell
	10:30 AM	†	Anthony Totilo
	12:00 N		Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
16 MON	7:30 AM	†	Carmella Malozzi
	12:10 N	†	Helena Machate
17 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Kathryn Liddane
	12:10 N	†	Roman Czyz
18 WED	<i>St. John I, Pope and Martyr</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Dunbar and Wolf Families
	12:10 N	†	Immac Thampoe
19 THU	7:30 AM	†	Mary LeFebvre
	12:10 N	†	Mary Beth Garavel
20 FRI	<i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Robert Talarico
21 SAT	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	John Gigantiello, Sr.
	5:00 PM	†	Jeanette Farrah
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
22 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Mark Lavelle
	10:30 AM	†	Sister Helen Blodgett, SCN
	12:00 N	†	Anthony Russo & Alice Besse
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass

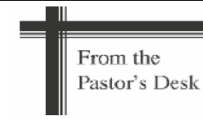
On the weekend, if the intention of the Mass is yours,
please see an usher about bringing up the gifts.

Our weekly goal.....\$10,500
SACRIFICIAL GIVING—May 8, 2022.....\$ 6,679
Online Giving—May 8, 2022.....\$ 2,034
Shortfall.....\$ 1,787

Thank you for your support. Father Mecca



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. Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak



From the
Pastor's Desk

It's here! Included in this bulletin is the flyer with the candidates for the Parish Council. We ran a little late in getting all the bios, formatting, and translating. The timetable we set out for ourselves projected that you would have the slate of candidates on the last weekend of April, and here it is the third weekend of May. The constitution for the parish council calls for elections in May with an annual meeting also in May. We will hold elections next weekend. Please take time to look at the candidates this week. A flyer will be attached to the ballot next weekend, so you will have the names and photos of the candidates to remind you of who is running. If you know that you will not be present at Mass next weekend, you can come to the rectory to fill out a ballot.

I want to thank two groups of people. First the members of the election committee made up of Janet and Patricio Guzman, Joan and Al Mead, Johanna Ordonez, and Paulette Pepin. Their job was to brainstorm and approach folks to ask them if they would be willing to serve on the Council. This committee will count the votes for us and announce who will be seated at the Council.

I thank the candidates themselves who agreed to serve if elected. They are Vannia Aragon, Mario Arreola, Bob Bailey, Geovanni Chalco, Felix Echavarria, Shelly Joseph, Toni Moore, Marita Repole, Fred Visconti, and Ed Ward. Please join me in thanking them for their interest in the parish and willingness to serve it in this capacity.

Our parishioners 18 years of age and older are eligible to participate in the election. On the ballot you will be asked to choose a total of 6 people—four from the English speakers and two from the Spanish speakers. As you may recall from last fall when you were asked to ratify the changes to the By-Laws, the sitting Council adjusted the seats of the Council to always include two of our Hispanic parishioners so that it is reflective of our parish membership. The Council and I believed that this step was important to demonstrate that we are one family in the Lord. You agreed at that referendum. There is much good will and enthusiasm within our Hispanic parishioners and a great deal of spirituality and talent. Their inclusion in the Council has the promise of facilitating better communication and sharing of time and talent for the greater good of St. Peter Parish.


On Saturday, we celebrated First Holy Communion with the children in Religious Formation. There were 43 youngsters who received the Lord Jesus. First Communion ceremonies are special days for the parish. We congratulate our children, and we pray for them that they will treasure the gift of Jesus in their hearts and always

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

desire to experience Him in the Mass. I thank Barbara Siano and Ashley Sanchez for instructing the children and guiding them to this special day in their lives. Remember: We are looking for catechists for next year so every child who seeks it may receive from us formation in the faith. You can help.

I messed up when Griffin Hospital called me last week. I was home working in the yard, without a calendar, and not in the mood to call into the office. The parish hall is not available this Sunday. The vaccination clinic will be held NEXT Sunday. Sorry for the error.

—Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the family of
Barbara Gravesen
who passed away last week.

PARISH EVENTS

Shred Day

June 11, 2022
9 a.m. to 12 noon
in the Rectory driveway

Working with Secure Eco Shred the cost is:
Bank box—\$10.00
Kitchen Garbage bag—\$15.00
Large (33 gallon) Garbage—\$20.00


Bring all your billing records, employment information or other sensitive documents that need shredding to the Rectory. All will be shredded into tiny, unrecognizable bits. For more information, please call the Rectory Office at 203-743-2707.

SAVE THE DATE: June 25/26. Our Strawberry Festival is back! We are looking for volunteers to setup, work it, breakdown, bake AND cutup strawberries. If you would like to help, please call the rectory at 203-743-2707.

VACCINE CLINIC POSTPONED

Griffin Hospital personnel will be here next Sunday, May 22, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. to administer the COVID-19 vaccines (all three available) or booster to children and adults who walk in.

No appointments are necessary.



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

If you or someone you know would like to register your child at St. Peter School, please contact mcorrea@spsdanbury.org, mrepole@spsdanbury.org, or mtorre@spsdanbury.org or call the school office - 203 - 748 - 2895. We are accepting registrations for PK through Grade 8. Tours are available by appointment only. We look forward to meeting new families!

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION For 2022/2023 Religious Education : Remember to send in your child's registration form by May 15. We are still in need of Catechists; especially for First Holy Communion 1.



Confirmation Update: Today, May 15, 2022, class will be in the parish hall from 2:00pm – 4:30pm. Please arrive by 1:50pm so we can start on time. Remember to bring your journal and a pen or pencil!!!! No excuses for not having it. Check your for additional information about the remaining schedule leading up to Confirmation Day.

SCHEDULE CHANGE : On May 22, 2022, after Mass, all classes will meet in their classrooms at 10:30 where attendance will be taken and then everyone will proceed to the playground for PRAYERS AND POPSCILES. An email will be sent to all students with more details. Parents, please join us and remember to thank your child's catechist- they make the program go!

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

Congratulations to the following children who received their First Communion this weekend. We pray that they will continue to feel God’s light, warmth and love within.

*Alexander Allmashy Omar Aquino Bryan Arcentales
Paulina Armijos Yazmin Arriaga Valentina Aucay
Alessandro Barreto Maynard Arevalo Katie Castro
Jhoana Chuchuca Jason Chunir Edison Cochancela
Bryan Garcia Julia Gartland Ashlyn Gutierrez
Alexander Lazo Emily Loja Pia Longo
Jayce McGough Katie Ordonez Elijah Perez
Kiara Purbia Jake Quizhpi Ashley Redrovan
Angelina Remache Andy Salinas Roy Salinas
Yanely Salinas Natalie Sanchez Nadia Ung
Malayah Santiago Marjorie Sisalima Penelope Soto
Kayla Tintin Amy Yunga Camila Yunga Melanie Yunga
Jamauri Stewart Kayla Liranzo Ariana West
Sarahi Anguisaca Melani Hernandez Gabriela Zhunio
Ryan Rodriguez*

MUSICAL NOTES



Mark Your Calendars

We will be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi with Choral Vespers on Friday, June 17 at 7 pm. The St. Peter Schola will be singing the beautiful liturgy of vespers as we honor the real presence of the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Hymn of the Month

This month’s hymn is a familiar Easter carol that we have sung in previous years. “This Joyful Eastertide,” was written by George Woodward, and set to the jaunty Dutch folk song “Vruechten.” To learn more about this wonderful hymn, and to watch a video of our combined parish and children’s choirs, please visit “Hymn of the Month” on our parish website. Although we have sung this hymn from our Missalettes in previous years, the compilers of our Missalette have decided not to include this hymn in this year’s edition. Please be sure to pick up a copy of “This Joyful Eastertide” from the back of the church when coming to Mass, as we will be singing this joyful carol throughout the Easter season.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Sacramentos y sacramentales

Dones de la gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas

Reconocemos que los sacramentos tienen una realidad visible e invisible, una realidad abierta a todos los sentidos humanos, pero comprendidos por los ojos de la fe en la profundidad que Dios les da. Cuando los padres abrazan a sus hijos, por ejemplo, la realidad visible es el abrazo. La realidad invisible del abrazo expresa amor. No podemos "ver" el amor que expresa el abrazo, aunque a veces vemos el efecto emocional en el niño.

La realidad visible que vemos en los sacramentos es su expresión exterior, la forma que toman y el modo en que se administran y se reciben. La realidad invisible que no podemos "ver" es la gracia de Dios, su iniciativa generosa de redimirnos por la muerte y resurrección de su Hijo. Esta iniciativa se llama gracia porque es el don gratuito y amoroso por el que Dios ofrece a su pueblo el compartir en su vida, y muestra su favor y voluntad de nuestra salvación. Nuestra respuesta a la gracia de la iniciativa de Dios es en sí misma una gracia o don de Dios por la cual podemos imitar a Cristo en nuestras vidas diarias.

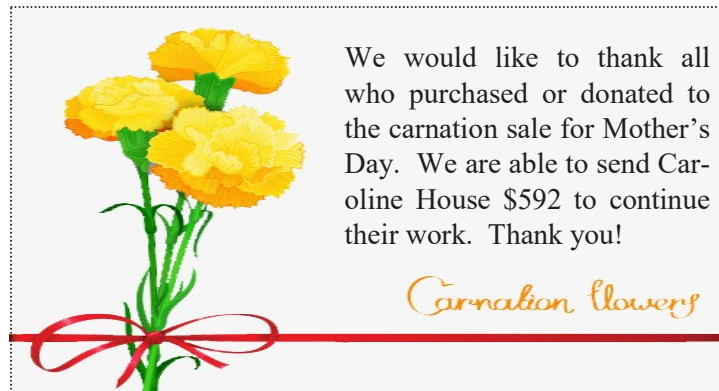
Las palabras y obras salvadoras de Jesucristo son el fundamento de lo que nos comunicaría en los sacramentos a través de los ministerios de la Iglesia. Guiada por el Espíritu Santo, la Iglesia reconoce la existencia de los siete sacramentos instituidos por el Señor. Son los sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía), los sacramentos de sanación (Penitencia y Unción de los enfermos), y los sacramentos de servicio (Matrimonio y Sagradas Órdenes). A través de los sacramentos, Dios comparte con nosotros su santidad para que nosotros, a nuestra vez, hagamos al mundo más santo.

Sacramentos de la Iniciación cristiana

Bautismo e Iniciación cristiana

El origen y cimiento del Bautismo cristiano es Jesús. Antes de comenzar su ministerio público, Jesús se sometió a sí mismo al bautismo que celebraba Juan el Bautista. Las aguas no purificaron a Jesús; él purificó las aguas... Jesús no tenía necesidad de ser bautizado porque era totalmente fiel a la voluntad de su Padre y estaba libre de pecado. Sin embargo, quiso mostrar su solidaridad con los seres humanos para así reconciliarlos con el Padre. Al conferir a los discípulos la misión de bautizar a todas las naciones, Jesús estableció el medio por el cual la gente pone fin al pecado –original y actual– y empieza por vivir una nueva vida con Dios.

En el Bautismo, el Espíritu Santo induce a responder a la llamada de Cristo a la santidad. En el Bautismo, se nos pide que caminemos bajo la luz de Cristo con un amor cada vez más profundo.



Spring Breakfast

Sponsored by the Men's Society



Sunday, May 22, 2022

**Following the 7:30, 9:00
and 10:30 a.m. Masses**

The menu includes: pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, hash brown potatoes, coffee, tea and orange juice. Adults \$6.00. Children \$4.00. A maximum of \$20.00 per family. Don't forget there's always a door prize.

Do you need to replace your Lawn Mower? A Select Walk-Behind 22" lawn mower will be raffled at the breakfast. Ticket donations are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Proceeds from events go to the Sister Mari-ta Daniel Scholarship Fund.

Children's Choir

Our children's choir continues to look for more voices to join our ranks. Our rehearsal time has been moved. We now rehearse **Thursday afternoons from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. I am hoping that this new time will be convenient to children who attend after school programs.



SAINT PETER CHURCH

"Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



**Friday, June 3rd 10 AM to 4 PM
and**

**Saturday, June 4th 10 AM to 4 PM
In the Parish Office**

**Sunday, June 5th 8 AM to 4 PM
In the Parish Hall**

**FOR THIS FUNDRAISER, YOUR
CHECKBOOK STAYS HOME...**

**THIS TIME, YOU GO HOME WITH A
CHECK IN YOUR POCKET!!!**

**Please take a moment to look through your
jewelry boxes for:**

- BROKEN GOLD CHAINS AND BRACELETS
- SINGLE EARRINGS (HALF PAIRS)
- OLD SCHOOL RINGS
- RINGS WITH MISSING STONES
- OLD BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND GIFTS
- JEWELRY YOU NEVER WEAR
- GOLD NON-WORKING WATCHES
- YES, EVEN DENTAL GOLD
- STERLING SILVER JEWELRY, FLAWARE, HOLLOWWARE, PLATINUM & PALLADIUM

**Then bring it with you to the Parish
Office or Hall on the dates listed above.**

There, our good friend, Bob the gold man, will buy your "old gold" and hand you a check. Then, over 60% of whatever profits are made after the refining process, will be donated in your name, to SAINT PETER CHURCH !!!

Any questions??

Email: bob@libertygoldct.com