



*"Land of the free and the home of the brave"*

## 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

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### MUSIC MINISTER

Dr. Glen Segger  
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### QUASI PARISH OF OUR LADY OF APARECIDA

Rev. Leonel S. Medeiros,  
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203-730-9071

### SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE

Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8  
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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.



JULY

2 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Gloria Bucci
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
3 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Joseph Lemoine
	9:00 AM	†	Bernadette Fereaud Cherisme
	10:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	12:00 N		Family Peace
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
4 MON	<i>Independence Day</i>		
	8:00 AM	†	For Our Nation
5 TUE	<i>St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest and St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Richard Casciato
	12:10 N	†	Sean Breen, Jr.
6 WED	<i>St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Frances Muscio
	12:10 N	†	Dorothy Balise
7 THU	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Mary Beth Garavel
8 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Deceased of the Wolf Family
	12:10 N	†	Kenneth Cyr
9 SAT	<i>St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM		The Lemoine Family
	5:00 PM	†	Robert Talarico
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
10 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Ruth Zehnder Brooks
	10:30 AM	†	William Von Bomel
	12:00 N	†	Michael Hentschel
	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—June 26, 2022.....\$ 5,698  
 Online Giving—June 26, 2022.....\$ 2,619  
 Shortfall.....\$ 2,182  
 Thank you for your support. Father Mecca

*We offer our condolences to the family of  
 Carol Flanagan  
 Gordon Gensler  
 who passed away last week.*

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns  
 In Memory  
 Of  
 Joseph Lemoine

**WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**  
 Ethan Lozado Sophia Lozado Wilmer Ramos  
 Baylor Tacuri Evaluna Tacuri

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



From the Pastor's Desk Sister Eliana's 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee was lovely and heartwarming. Sister has not forgotten her years at St. Peter nor the many parishioners she knew. At 82, she still looks the same, albeit grayer, and has all her energy.

While I was away, the Supreme Court ruled on the Mississippi case and in doing so overturned Roe v Wade. When I listened to voice mail messages, I had one from a reporter seeking my opinion. I reflected quite a bit this week and wondered if the parish would expect a comment from me. I will tell you that I've been told over the years that I don't speak about abortion from the pulpit. That is true. I never have done so because everybody knows our Church's position on abortion and the subject is complex and, sadly, politicized. What I have done, and I've been told not frequently enough, is included prayers for life and for women in the Intercessions at Mass. Bishop Caggiano has released a letter to the Faithful which we have copied on the facing page. I am pleased that our bishop speaks of our "obligation to reach out to pregnant women and children in need of our help" and concludes by saying, "May this also be a time of reconciliation where all people of good will can find common ground to build a truly just and life-giving society."

It has never been enough to oppose abortion and not do what we need to do to help women and couples care for children. Our society has had 50 years to get behind measures that support the life of children so that families don't have to worry about how they will be able to raise a child--measures such as universal health care so that every woman has access to the best pre and her child post-natal care and universal free pre-school. We all know how expensive it is to have a baby and raise a child, to survive without two incomes. We all know from members our families how they have relied on grandparents to take care of an infant when maternity leave is over because of the cost of daycare. What happens when there is no extended family, when there is no or inadequate health insurance, when one is a low-income earner? Our Catholic Church has done much to help women, establishing, as we have done in this diocese, places like Malta House in Norwalk, supported by the Knights and Dames of Malta. The Sisters of Life, a congregation devoted to serving pregnant women, was established by the late Cardinal O'Connor as a response. Non-profits cannot do it all. American society has a moral obligation to safeguard life, but refuses to, blaming costs and invoking socialism. As disciples of Jesus, the God of life, love, and justice, let us always be compassionate toward one another and advocate for what is necessary to give children life.

—Fr. Mecca

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The historic United States Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe vs Wade will be remembered as a moment of recognition and obligation; recognition that the court's decision will save untold innocent, unborn lives, and a reminder of our common obligation to reach out to pregnant women and children in need of our help.

Many faithful in our diocese have worked tirelessly over the years to provide a courageous witness in the public square to the rights of the unborn and the sanctity of human life. Their actions have been heroic and prophetic, and I am deeply grateful for their commitment.

Now through much sacrifice, advocacy, and prayer we have arrived at a place where we can move forward and build on this achievement by doing all that is possible to safeguard the lives of the most vulnerable among us. The work ahead to build a true culture of life must be shared by all of us, and it must be done with compassion and civility.

We are blessed to have many pro-life initiatives in our diocese. Through programs such as Malta House, Project Rachael, 40 Days for Life, and other efforts, we have been able to encourage and support women who choose life, and to provide shelter and other services to them during and after pregnancy. Likewise, our Project Rachael ministry works to bring healing and forgiveness to those who chose abortion. Yet much more needs to be done and we will be seeking ways to increase our pastoral and social services.

At this historic moment, let us offer our thanks and gratitude that our prayers and hard work have been answered. Let us also remember that our Catholic faith has been consistent and unwavering in its belief that all human life must be protected and safeguarded from the moment of conception to natural death.

As we are encouraged by this long-awaited ruling, let us also acknowledge that our country remains divided and wounded. May this also be a time of reconciliation where all people of good will can find common ground to build a truly just and life-giving society.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport



### \*\*\*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](mailto:mcorrea@spsdanbury.org), or [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto: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!

### \*\*\*RELIGIOUS EDUCATION\*\*\*

**Registration Update:** Registration is open for new students to begin preparation for First Communion. The First Communion program is a 2-year program; students must complete both years before receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.



Please note that space is limited, and St. Peter parishioners will be placed first. Please contact us at 203-743-1048 for additional information.

**Music Notes**—At communion this weekend, Jilian will be singing “Love Is All Our Joy,” composed by Malcolm Archer. I know you will all recognize the tune; it is the famous English folk song, Greensleeves.” The text is based on Colossians 3:12-17, which speaks of clothing ourselves with kindness, humility, patience and love. These are the qualities of true discipleship, which Jesus calls us all to be in our Gospel reading.



### **Bible (Study) and Bites—5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Thursday evenings.**

#### **THE WILD GOOSE July - Oct 2022**

The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. The WILD GOOSE series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power, this same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

FR. Dave Pivonka, video presenter

- July 7 - God's Love Poured Out
- July 14 - The Breath of God
- July 21 - Baptism in the Spirit & Fire
- July 28 - The Spirit of Our Lady
- Aug 4 - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Aug 11 - The Spirit and the Eucharist
- Aug 18 - The Spirit of Adoption
- Aug 25 - The Spirit and the Sacraments
- Sept 1 - The Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Sept 8 - The Spirit and the Desert
- Sept 15 - The Spirit Convicts
- Sept 22 - The Spirit's Freedom
- Sept 29 - The Spirit Gives Witness
- Oct. 6 - The Spirit Remembers

Please register your name and phone number by July 7th, for free materials. If you are interested in Bible Study and would like to express an interest in time and date, let Deborah Hocking (203-792-2277) know.

July 3, 2022

## **COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO**

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### **La alabanza, un acto de amor**

En la Celebración Eucarística tenemos la posibilidad de alabar a Dios con la oración del Gloria.

La alabanza es un don que Dios da a las almas humildes ya que es la oración de quien se sabe colocar en su sitio y no pretender ser el Dios que merece ser alabado. “A Dios, el único sabio, por Jesucristo, ¡a él la gloria por los siglos de los siglos! Amén.” Rom. 16, 27.

Aquél que sabe reconocer su verdad de creatura es capaz de elevar el Espíritu a su Dios reconociendo su grandeza, su fuerza, su poder, su honor. “Solo tú eres Santo, solo tú Señor, solo tú Altísimo, Jesucristo”. Puede ayudar repetir una y otra vez en tu corazón: “Solo tú, solo tú. No yo Señor, solo tú”. Verás como, poco a poco, Dios va asumiendo el rol que le corresponde en tu corazón. “Recitad entre vosotros salmos, himnos y cánticos inspirados; cantad y salmodiad en vuestro corazón al Señor.” Ef. 5, 19.

### **La alabanza, un acto de conversión**

*Nuestra tendencia es constantemente la de ponernos en el lugar de Dios.* La de entronarnos en reyes de nosotros mismos. “Así dice el Señor Yahveh: ¡Oh!, tu corazón se ha engraido y has dicho: «Soy un dios, estoy sentado en un trono divino, en el corazón de los mares.» Tú que eres un hombre y no un dios, equiparas tu corazón al corazón de Dios.” Ez. 28, 2.

Es por eso que la alabanza tiene una función de conversión. Con ella y gracias a ella ponemos nuestra mirada y nuestro corazón, una y otra vez en Dios. *Se puede decir que vaciamos el trono para que se siente Él y desde ahí, desde nuestro corazón, reine.* “Al que está sentado en el trono y al Cordero, alabanza, honor, gloria y potencia por los siglos de los siglos.” Ap. 5, 13.

Cristo, que está sentado en el trono de tu corazón, es el Cordero sin mancha que ha lavado con su sangre tus vestiduras (Ap. 7, 14). *Deja que el Cordero reine* y verás como tus vestidos escarlata se vuelven blancos como la nieve (Is. 1, 18). *La conversión de tu corazón se irá realizando progresivamente a través de la alabanza.*

### **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.

### **Horario de Oficina**

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

July 3, 2022

A good time was had by all...



Thank you to all those involved with preparing the strawberries, setting up and breaking down the Parish Hall for the Strawberry Festival. Most especially we'd like to thank all those who participated. Thank you!

### 24th Annual Twilight Cruise or Fishing Trip

Sponsored by the Men's Society

Spend a day or evening taking a cruise along the coast of Long Island Sound, aboard the Deborah Ann IV. You will be able to see the various coastal mansions and lighthouses along Long Island Sound's beautiful coast line. If you prefer, your party can spend a day of fishing aboard the Deborah Ann IV in Long Island Sound. Trip date based on boat availability, weather and weather. The proceeds will benefit the Sister Marita Daniel Scholarship Fund. Suggested donation is \$5.00 and will be available after all of Masses and from any Men's Society member. The drawing will be held Tuesday July 16, 2019.

