



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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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 prior to the Baptism of the first child. 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 in English are on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:15 p.m.

**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
StPeterSchoolDanbury.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION
 Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8
 203-743-1048 or spreligiously@stpeterdanb.org

LATINO COMMUNITY

Rev. Frank Eldridge—203-743-2707

Chairman of Parish Council – Fred Visconti – 203-744-2311
Chairman of Finance – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

27 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Ann Pat
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
28 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Dung Thi Tran
	10:30 AM	†	Franklin Clay Wilbur
	12:00 N	†	Angelo Gutierrez
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
29 MON	<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Mary Comer
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
30 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Daniel Mecca
	12:10 N	†	Mary C. Riley
31 WED	7:30 AM	†	Gerard Robilotti
	12:10 N	†	Donna Cimino
1 THU	<i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Clifford Clavette
	12:10 N	†	Mary Beth Garavel
2 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Thomas C. Pepin
	12:10 N	†	Edgar, Sr., & Mary Rodriguez
3 SAT	<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Mary Godfrey
	5:00 PM	†	Angelo Gutierrez
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
4 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Anna Hang & Anna Xuan Tran
	9:00 AM	†	Dung Thi Tran
	10:30 AM	†	William Schlichtig
	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.

We offer our condolences to the families of



Teolinda Espinal
John Ferry
Esmeralda Gomez
Elizabeth Lojano-Plaza
Mary Teicholz

who passed away last week.

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

In Honor of

Helen and John Edmond



KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Daniel Alvarez Kevin Barry Dorothy Bennett Richard Botelho
Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Alexis Downie
Elizabeth Ianelli Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin
Samantha Miller Anthony Pelle, Jr.



Classes for our public school students and college students begin this week. I want to wish all returning and incoming college freshmen a successful and fulfilling year.

Our parochial schools are opening on September 6 this year. In most years, we have followed the calendar of the local district. That does not seem to be the case this year, and I can tell you that Mrs. Torre and I could not be happier for the extra week to get the building ready to welcome the students. Plus, I heard on the news last night that after a break in the heat over the weekend, we will experience more temperatures in the high 80s next week. Maybe the heat will be gone after Labor Day.

Among our young adults going off to college this semester is Halanda Nguyen. Halanda is well known to our parishioners who attend the 9 a.m. Mass. Halanda began singing in the children's choir with Nancy when she was quite young. As she matured, Nancy trained her to be a cantor. Gifted with a lovely voice and excellent pitch, Halanda has led the singing and chanted the psalms. Halanda also volunteered to be one of our young lectors at the Mass. When covid-19 caused the suspension of choirs, Halanda was not deterred, but continued to attend weekly to sing and many times read, as well, in the absence of other lectors. Besides assisting with the Liturgy, Halanda has volunteered in the Religious Education Office as both a assistant catechist and office worker. Halanda is an outstanding young woman, talented in many ways. In addition, she is attached to our Lord and to His Church and enjoys serving God within the Church. We have been blessed by her service to our parish, and so on one hand we are sorry not to see her every week, but on the other we are happy for her as she begins the next chapter of her life. We are excited for her future. To Halanda goes our collective Thank You, our prayers and well-wishes.

Returning to school, I always like to keep you informed of our progress updating our building. As I mentioned, this summer we went easy on the renovation projects. We only put in new LED lighting and a drop ceiling on the second floor and transformed the ugly old pre-school bathroom that dates to the era (the '70s) when pre-school was located in the basement into a pleasing restroom. We eliminated the four small and narrow stalls and four sinks and put in one toilet and one urinal and a vanity with two sinks. The ceiling people put in a new drop ceiling and the electricians LED lighting. With all the pressing needs, this bathroom renovation kept falling down the list, but I am happy to have it accomplished as it was a disgraceful eyesore. The school kitchen ladies, Barbara, Sandro, and the religious education volunteers, I think – I never wanted to ask-- were going upstairs to the adult bathroom. They now have a suitable place for themselves as they deserve.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

While we are on the topic of school, it really is time to begin to announce the beginning of another cycle of faith formation and reception of the sacraments for adults. Our Rite of Christian Initiation will start up in late September. The team is working on the date of the first Inquiry session right now. The RCIA is for any baptized Catholic who did not receive Holy Eucharist and Confirmation as well as for the non-baptized and baptized members of other Christian denominations who wish to become Catholic. Anyone who would like to explore the Catholic Faith is welcome to attend the Inquiry sessions without the need to make a commitment. If you are interested, leave your name with us at the office, and we will see to it that it gets to Terry Pepin our RCIA Coordinator.

—Fr. Mecca

Saint Peter Parish	
2022 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/19/22	
ABA Goal:	\$58,000
Total Pledged:	\$79,114 (136%)
Donors to Date:	191 Donors

SUMMARY OF JULY INCOME & EXPENSES			
Revenue received:			
Collections			
Weekly	\$34,602		
Monthly	<u>4,091</u>	<u>\$38,693</u>	
Other			
Our Lady Aparecida	2,333		
Parking Lot Lease	4,048		
BINGO	<u>3,500</u>	<u>9,881</u>	
Total Revenues		<u>\$48,574</u>	
Expenses Paid Out			
Salaries & Benefits			
Staff Salaries	25,322		
Priest Salaries	6,298		
Benefits	<u>7,859</u>	<u>39,479</u>	
Utilities (Note 1)	4,696		
Office	1,980		
Rectorry	1,443		
Church (Note 2)	<u>5,709</u>	<u>13,828</u>	
		53,307	
Shortfall for July		<u>\$ 4,733</u>	
Note 1: Utilities includes gas, electric, phone and internet for all buildings.			
Note 2: Includes \$2,500 for cleaning of seats and carpeting. Also includes service contracts for trash and organ.			

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



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.

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.

School begins on September 6th this year. Staff meetings will occur during the week of August 30th. The kick-off for the year begins with Convocation with Bishop Caggiano at Klein Memorial. This is always an inspirational way to begin the year for staff and faculty.

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."
Pope Benedict XVI

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes begin September 18, 2022, with Mass at 9:00. It will be Catechetical Sunday, an opportunity for all catechists and families to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. We ask that all students and parents join us to celebrate Mass and to acknowledge those who have listened to the call to teach.



Regular classes begin on Sunday, October 2. Parents are invited to join the class for a brief information session. Emails will be sent with all class information including your child's class assignment and classroom. If you have any questions please call 203 7431048 or email: sprelgiused@stpeterdanb.org the office.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

LA OBLIGACION ASISTIR A LA MISA DOMINICAL

¿Por qué el domingo y no cualquier otro día?

Desde la Creación, por el relato del Génesis, sabemos que Dios quiso instituir un día dedicado a Él: "Y el séptimo día descansó." Este es el origen del *sabbath* judío. Como Jesucristo resucitó un domingo, los primeros cristianos cambiaron el *sabbath* al primer día de la semana, el domingo, dedicándolo plenamente a Dios.

En los Hechos de los Apóstoles podemos leer que el origen de la misa los domingos se remonta a los primeros tiempos de la Iglesia, en donde los apóstoles y los primeros discípulos se reunían el primer día de la semana, recordando la Resurrección de Cristo, para estudiar las Escrituras y compartir el pan de la Eucaristía.

Por esta razón, la Iglesia nos pide que asistamos a misa los domingos como recordatorio de que debemos dedicarle todo ese día a Dios.

Además, asistir a misa nos trae grandes beneficios, pues es la celebración dentro de la cual se lleva a cabo el sacramento de la Eucaristía y es el medio de santificación más perfecto, pues en él conocemos a Dios y nos unimos a Jesucristo y a toda la Iglesia en su labor santificadora.

Durante la misa nosotros participamos estrechamente en la vida y misterio de Jesucristo, por Él, con Él y en Él, ofreciendo nuestras obras, ofreciéndonos nosotros mismos, pidiendo perdón por nuestros pecados y, con esto, alcanzamos gracias para toda la Iglesia, reparamos las ofensas de otros y rendimos una alabanza de valor infinito porque lo hacemos por medio de Jesucristo.

No asistir a misa es perderse de todos estos beneficios.

Si en la Santa Misa se revive cada vez, en forma actual e incruenta el sacrificio de la cruz donde Jesucristo, por amor, murió por todos nosotros. Entonces, ¿por qué se hace una ley de algo que debería ser una respuesta de amor?

Para ayudarnos a los cristianos a cumplir nuestros deberes con Cristo y a beneficiarnos de los dones que Él nos entregó, ya que hay situaciones en que recordar que es una obligación, nos da más fuerza para cumplir con ese acto de amor. La obligación grave de ir a Misa nos moverá con una fuerza que quizás no nos daría la propia espontaneidad.

Es fundamental formar un sentido de previsión para no perder la Misa dominical, enseñarlo a nuestra familia y así asistir tranquilamente y sin presiones a la Celebración Eucarística que es "*sacramento de piedad, signo de unidad, vínculo de caridad, banquete pascual en el cual se recibe como alimento a Cristo, el alma se llena de gracia y se nos da la prenda de la gloria venidera*". (Sacrosanctum concilio n. 47)

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL

All prospective Grade 9 students are invited to join us for a High School Placement Test Prep Session on Saturday, September 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$50 and includes a review of mathematics, reading, language arts skills, and general test-taking strategies, along with a textbook to continue practicing prior to the actual exam. Space is limited, so register early. Gain the confidence and skills to help you perform your best! Register at www.immaculatehs.org/hsptprep.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

How Our Lord can use our knowledge, love, and adoration to ignite super natural power with us.

Presented by Father Brian Gannon

Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

**St. Theresa Church (lower Parish Center)
55 Rosemond Terrace, Trumbull**

Come, learn more about the Lay Dominicans. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

Sponsored by the Lay Dominicans, Our Lady of Fatima Affiliate, at St. Theresa Church.

**Wedding Jubilee Mass
October 22 at 11:00 a.m.
St. Mary Parish, Bethel**

This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 40, 45, 50 or more years of marriage. Any parishioners wishing to attend may email Patricia Hansen at phan-sen@diobpt.org or call her at 203-416-1342.

Bautizos—Cuartos Domingos de cada Mes. Contacten con Ana Espinal para el formulario y la información sobre la clase pre-bautismal. Nuevos horarios para la Celebración de bautismo en San Pedro Se celebra el sacramento de bautismo dos veces al mes: el primer domingo del mes a las tres y el cuatro domingo a la 1:15.

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.

August 21, 2022

BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

St. Peter School and our Community Concerns Committee would like to thank everyone who helped stock the supply closet at St. Peter School.

Your generosity is overwhelming!
Thank you!



Musical Notes—



Godspeed to Halanda Nguyen

Today is Halanda's last Sunday cantoring at the 9:00 am Mass. She is off to Trinity College in Hartford. Thank you Halanda for your many years of dedication to our children's choir, and as cantor. We will miss you and wish you well!

Choirs to Resume September

Our first choir rehearsals of the season will begin on Thursday, September 15! Our children's choir will rehearse Thursdays from 5:00-6:30pm, and our parish choir will rehearse from 7:30-9:00pm. Both choirs will begin singing Sunday Masses on September 18. New members are always welcome to join both our children's and our parish choirs! Please contact our Music Director, Glen, at glen.segger@stpeterdanb.org if you would like more information.

Tickets are on sale today after all the Masses—



PARISH PICNIC

September 18, 2022
Vespucci Lodge
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



We are bringing back side dishes and desserts at our picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and beverages will be supplied. In order to have variety, we ask those people whose last name begins from A to M bring a side dish (potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni salad). Those whose last name begins from N to Z are asked to bring a dessert (cookies, fruit, brownies, lemon bars, etc.)

The cost is \$10.00 per person; children 8 to 12 \$5.00; Children under age 7 free.
No more than \$25 per family.

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory (203-743-2707) and ask for Carol.



Come enjoy the fun!!!!