

# First Sunday of Advent



## **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.

# Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

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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Email Address - [office@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:office@stpeterdanb.org)

Website - [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org)

## **MUSIC MINISTER**

Dr. Glen Segger, [gsegger@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:gsegger@stpeterdanb.org)



## **LATINO COMMUNITY**

**Bautizos**—Cuartos Domingos de cada Mes. Contacten con Ana Espinal para el formulario y la información sobre la clase pre-bautismal. Se celebra el sacramento de bautismo dos veces al mes: el primer domingo del mes a las 3 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.

## **SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE**

Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895

[StPeterSchoolDanbury.org](http://StPeterSchoolDanbury.org)

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8  
203-743-1048 or [spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org)

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

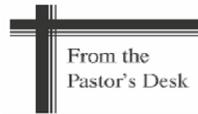
**Chairman of Finance** – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183



NOVEMBER

26 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Kathryn Liddane
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
27 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Peter Tac Tran
	10:30 AM		Special Intention
	12:00 N	†	Joseph Hocking
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
28 MON	7:30 AM	†	Dorothy Eddy
	12:10 N	†	Joseph Hocking
29 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Daniel Mecca
	12:10 N		Special Intention
30 WED	<i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
1 THU	7:30 AM	†	Lawrence J. Cardinal Sheehan
	12:10 N	†	Nettie Scapeccia
2 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Roy Harris
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
3 SAT	<i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	James Harron
	5:00 PM	†	Alfred Farrah, Sr.
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
4 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Luis Ortiz
	10:30 AM	†	Mary Godfrey
	12:00 N	†	Matthew A. Weber
	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.



I hope we all enjoyed a very pleasant and relaxing Thanksgiving Day with family and friends. It's a great day. To our guests who are visiting with family and are here with us at Mass, I extend a warm welcome to St. Peter parish. We are glad that you are with us this morning.

Fr. Dave and I attended Fr. Frank's funeral at Graymore on the 15th. Members of the staff attended the wake the prior evening. It was the first time that I've been to a friar's funeral. The funeral was held in the very small and simple friar's chapel that is part of a new friary (7 years old) where the friars, many of whom are up in age, could easily walk from their rooms. The chapel is arranged in the monastic fashion with the seats facing one another. It was the most intimate funeral I've ever attended. Burial was in the friars' cemetery which was a good distance down the mountain. The walk back up was steep and a work-out. We did not intend to stay for lunch, but we did so that we could visit a bit with Frank's brother, sister, niece and nephew and with a couple of friars.

The lovely season of Advent begins today. You know how I wax profusely about Advent, as it is my favorite liturgical season, and how I equally moan about how difficult it is to enjoy it as the pace of life, which is always on fast, speeds up all the more as Christmas approaches. (Maybe I should go to the quiet of the friary!) Nevertheless, I am an Advent person because I always hope. That spirit of hope is in me, too, because it is strong in gardeners, of which I am one, who always look toward the next growing season with hope for better success and productivity. We complain, we become discouraged to the point that we say we are cutting back or not planting at all, but come spring, we are filled with confidence and exuberance for growing everything.

Advent is about hope. It is about the expectation of the fulfillment of our hopes for the good, for harmony, peace and tranquility, justice and right, for love. This hope or expectation comes from where? From the Incarnation. Jesus, the Son of the living God is the fulfillment of human hope. Jesus brought to earth God's Kingdom. It is here and within us but imperfect. The scriptures for the season are beautiful and full of expectation, reminders of God's promise, and the great deeds of salvation in the past. Beginning on December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Gospels tell of the wondrous ways through which God worked out salvation's ultimate fulfillment with Jesus's birth. We look toward the celebration of the Incarnation not with discouragement or resignation but with joy and with hope that the Kingdom Jesus brought to humanity will progress in our lives and make advances throughout our damaged world.



*We offer our condolences to the families of  
Patricia A. Murphy  
who passed away last week.*



**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns**  
**In Memory of**  
**Bob Talarico**



**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Richard Botelho  
Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Elizabeth Ianelli  
Joseph Kasinskas Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin  
Samantha Miller Sister Clare Nguyen Anthony Pelle, Jr.  
Andrew Pirone Roger Stuart Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Church, growing up in the northern hemisphere, makes prolific use of the deepening darkness this time of year and light to illustrate the absence and presence of Christ and the Kingdom. Darkness symbolizes sin, evil, ignorance of truth, death. Light represents virtue, holiness, righteousness, truth, and life. Today, at the outset of this season, the light of a single candle on the Advent wreath pierces the darkness of an existence where Christ is not. Each week the light increases as we near Christ's coming to us. At vespers on this first Sunday of Advent we find this intercession, "O Rising Sun that never sets, come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death." Jesus sheds his light on the places that are dark within us and on the darkness in our world. With confident expectation and hope, we await Him.

The missalette has been reformatted, as you can see. The publisher, Oregon Catholic Press, has placed English and Spanish side by side rather than having two separate sections. The layout reminds me of the Latin-English personal missal my parents brought to church when I was young. I think this new format will be of great assistance to our Hispanic parishioners attending Mass in English. Hymns have been taken out of the missalette and are all located in the music issue.

—Fr. Mecca

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\*



For more 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.

The Thanksgiving Feast was held on November 22. We have not had a whole - school Thanksgiving Feast since the onset of the pandemic; this was a long-awaited day and we were so grateful to resume this tradition with the help of all the volunteers, parents, teachers, and students.

Our youngest students continue to journey to the Danbury Public Library for stories and crafts on a regular basis. They love going to the library, and the teachers love the book recommendations they get from the librarians to keep the joy of reading alive and well.

As we begin the season of Advent, this powerful quote from Pope Benedict XVI came to mind. "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." May we all take time during this season to reflect on this wonderful message.

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

### Musical Notes—



Our Parish Choir is looking for new singers! What, you may be asking? Looking for new singers in November after the choir season has already begun? Yes! November is the perfect time to join our choir, as this is the time we begin rehearsing for Christmas. It's always nice to have some extra voices for the Christmas season. I also suspect there may be some of you who love to sing, but don't want to make the year-long commitment to our choir. What about joining us for the next 6 weeks? Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00. It's the best time of the year ... to join our choir!

### Prayer for Priests

Saturday, December 3 at 8:00 a.m. parishioners will gather for Prayer for Priests. Courtney Ramsdell is the facilitator. Join us in the Parish Hall.

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



Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this Thanksgiving Day!

Classes resume December 4, 2022. To all Pre-Confirmation 3 students you should have up to and including Lesson 8 completed

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

November 27, 2022

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## **CHRISTMAS WREATH PICKUP**

Sponsored by St. Peter School



**Pick up your wreath after Mass in the parish hall.**

**Didn't order one? We have some for sale. Stop in the parish hall after Mass**

**Thank you for your support!**

### **Birthright**

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



**This Sunday, November 20, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. the Thanksgiving Baskets will be given out to those who signed up for one.**

**Thank you to all who contributed the supplies for these baskets.**

**May you and your family enjoy a very**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**from the Community Concerns Committee.**

**November 27, 2022**

Festival of  
**Lessons and Carols**

**Friday, December 16 - 7:00pm**

**St. Peter Church**

104 Main Street, Danbury, CT  
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**ANGEL TREE**

As you can see, the Angel Tree once again adorns our vestibule. Each year some families do not deliver the gift to the church in time Christmas parties. We are asking for your help by returning your angel gift no later than December 11.

Our Advent Angel Tree will assist Ability Beyond (AB), Birthright\*(BR), Community Concerns Committee\*(CCC), Catholic Charities Morning Glory Program\*(MG), Family & Children's Aid (FCA), Harmony House (HH), Interfaith AIDS Ministry (IAM), Renewal House (RH), St. Peter School (SPS), and St. Peter Church\*(SPC). There will be baskets in the vestibule to collect your gifts.

\*The asterisk by the name of an organization indicates that gift wrapping is not necessary. Gift cards may be placed in a plain envelope.

Thank you for your kindness.