

### 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)

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### 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

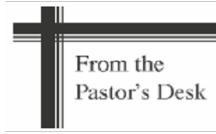
Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8  
203-743-1048 or [spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org)

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

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



## MARCH



4 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Joseph Hocking
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
5 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Rosemary Lariccia
	9:00 AM	†	Maria Ba
	10:30 AM	†	Clayton Lefebvre
	12:00 N		Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
6 MON	7:30 AM	†	Joan Ginty
	12:10 N	†	Gillotti Family
7 TUE	<i>Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Norma Contessa
	12:10 N	†	Ruth Schmitt
8 WED	<i>St. John of God, Religious</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	May and Rose Gildea
	12:10 N	†	Rene Cournoyer
9 THU	<i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Chuch Ferguson
	12:10 N	†	Anne and Michael Karsko
10 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Dr. Frank Dye
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
11 SAT	7:30 AM	†	Mary Beth Garavel
	5:00 PM	†	Vito Bucci
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
12 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Sweet and Gillotte Families
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Joan Ginty
	12:00 N	†	Lota Dee Keakin
	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.


SACRIFICIAL GIVING—February 26, 2023.....\$ 7,216

Online Giving—February 26, 2023.....\$ 2,524

Our weekly goal .....\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.


Father Mecca




**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns**

**In Memory of**

**Lefebvre Family**





*We offer our condolences to the families of*

**Louis Cappola**

**Martin de Jesus Flores**

*who passed away last week.*

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Richard Baris Richard Botelho  
Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia Elizabeth Ianelli  
Joseph Kasinkas Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin  
Samantha Miller Erick Neil Sister Clare Nguyen  
Anthony Pelle, Jr. Robert Soares Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak

We celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent today. Our Gospel is the Transfiguration of the Lord. No matter which of the three Sunday cycles that we are in, the first two Sundays of Lent are always the accounts of the Temptations in the Desert and the Transfiguration. After that, the remaining three Sunday Gospels are different. This year, Year A, we have the original Lenten readings, that is to say, the readings that were heard yearly until the Church adopted a three-year cycle. Arguably, they are the “best Gospels” because they are tremendously moving and instructive accounts. But that is a topic for following weeks. The Transfiguration is quite spectacular. There is no wonder that the three Apostles are frightened to death. Jesus changes in appearance before their eyes. His body is, how shall we say, illuminated, and if that were not bewildering and out of this world, Moses and Elijah appear and the three are having a conversation. What is Peter, James, and John to make of this scene? I think I just hit upon the answer. Jesus is out of this world, in other words, Jesus does not belong exclusively to this world as we may think of ourselves. He is also other worldly. He is divine. The Apostles see the divine nature coming through his human nature. They are receiving a glimpse of how the Lord will look after the Resurrection. I have wondered if on that first Easter evening when Jesus appears to them, Peter, James and John exclaimed “that’s how he looked on the top of the mountain!” We might find ourselves considering why the Apostles were so shocked at Easter. I guess that despite the witness to his divinity that Jesus gave them, it was too big of a stretch to confidently trust that divinity cannot die. Aren’t we like that? We question and worry that the divinity in us won’t rise. Lent reminds us that we are residents of both earth and heaven and our soul will rise but only if while in this world we project the divinity within us. Our Lenten disciplines and practices make us more radiant.

Since I just happened to mention disciplines and practices, I remind you of the value of setting aside time, especially on Fridays, for personal and communal prayer, like the Stations of the Cross, our Soup and spiritual talk preceding the Stations, our parish almsgiving, and the Loaves & Fish campaign to feed the hungry in our county.

Every year All Saints Press sends out samples of some of their Lenten publications. Included in the packet will be a card which on one side has a piece of artwork and

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

on the other a prayer or two. I keep these cards and should share the prayers. Here is one written by St. Bonaventure.

Lord, Holy Father,  
show us what kind of man it is  
who is hanging for our sakes on the cross,  
whose suffering causes the rocks themselves  
to crack and crumble with compassion,  
whose death brings the dead back to life.

Let my heart crack and crumble at the sight of him.  
Let my soul break apart with compassion for his suffering.  
Let it be shattered with grief at my sins for which he dies.  
And finally let it be softened with devoted love for him.

Amen

—Fr. Mecca

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

For more information about registering 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

As we continue to look at Rev. Nuzzi's ten reasons why Catholic Schools still hold an important place in this world, this week we focus on the immersion in the Paschal Mystery. As Rev. Nuzzi shares, "Our lives are a series of small and not so small dyings and risings. We realize that there is redemptive power in suffering and in the power of the cross. In it lies the answer to the mystery of all of life's successes and failures. In the experience of the Paschal Mystery, we also realize the need for community. Like Jesus, we encounter our own Simon of Cyrenes to help us along the way. A's and F's in class, and laughter and tears in our lives are the way we participate in Jesus' dying and rising." (Source: Ten Reasons Why Catholic Schools Still Matter - Alliance for Catholic Education) At St. Peter School, we do our best to help and support our students as they strive to meet the various challenges they face every day whether in the classroom or on the sports field.

On Friday, the students participated in a whole school Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries. During this Lenten season, this was a powerful experience for everyone.

*"Patience is the companion of wisdom."*  
St. Augustine

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

**St. Mary Parish, Ridgefield, Ct**  
**Disciples 4 Life Adult Retreat**  
**Friday, March 24—Sunday March 26**  
**Seton-Neumann Center, Danbury, CT**  
**Please contact Marily Kain at [Kainma56@gmail.com](mailto:Kainma56@gmail.com)**  
**or (203) 994-7808 for more information or with ques-**  
**tions. Reservations on a first-come, first served basis.**

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

REGISTRATION 2023/2024- There have been numerous inquiries about registration for the next religious education school year. While the enthusiasm to register is exciting we are challenged to provide the classes needed to accept everyone. However, like all religious education programs we operate with kindhearted, dedicated volunteers. We need your help to provide the number of classes to ensure that everyone who comes to us for instruction has a space. Currently we need Catechists and Assistant Catechists for every level but especially for First Communion One classes. We cannot register any students unless we have classes with a Catechist and an Assistant Catechist to teach. Please be aware that students already in our program will register first, then students of registered parishioners and students from neighboring parishes if we have space.

INSCRIPCIÓN 2023/2024- Ha habido numerosas preguntas sobre la inscripción para el próximo año escolar de educación religiosa. Mientras que el entusiasmo para inscribirse es emocionante, tenemos el reto de proporcionar las clases necesarias para aceptar a todos. Sin embargo, como todos los programas de educación religiosa funcionamos con voluntarios de buen corazón y dedicados. Necesitamos su ayuda para proporcionar el número de clases para asegurar que todos los que vienen a nosotros para la instrucción tenga un espacio. Actualmente necesitamos Catequistas y Asistentes de Catequistas para todos los niveles pero especialmente para las clases de Primera Comunión. No podemos inscribir a ningún alumno a menos que tengamos clases con un Catequista y un Asistente de Catequista para enseñar. Por favor tengan en cuenta que los estudiantes que ya están en nuestro programa se inscribirán primero, luego los estudiantes de los feligreses inscritos y los estudiantes de las parroquias vecinas si disponemos de espacio.

First Reconciliation Saturday March 11, 2023- Parents of First Communion Candidates: just a reminder that FCII A and FCII B must arrive at the Church by **10:45 am** on Saturday. The reconciliation service begins at **11:00 am**. Students in FCII C and FCII D must arrive at the Church by **12:50 pm**. The reconciliation service begins at **1:00 pm**. Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for their first confession.

Primera Reconciliación Sábado 11 de marzo 2023- Los padres de los candidatos a la Primera Comunión: sólo un recordatorio de que FCII A y FCII B deben llegar a la Iglesia a las **10:45 am** el sábado. El servicio de reconciliación comienza a las **11:00 am**. Los estudiantes en FCII C y FCII D deben llegar a la Iglesia antes de las **12:50 pm**. El servicio de reconciliación comienza a la **1:00 pm**. Por favor, mantengan a nuestros estudiantes en sus oraciones mientras se preparan para su primera confesión.

### March

5—Lesson 17  
11—First Reconciliation (Primera reconciliación)  
12—Lesson 18  
19—Lesson 19  
26—Lesson 20

—Barbara Siano, DRE



**MARCH 5, 2023**

**Musical Note—**



The season of Lent has always been set apart from the other seasons of our liturgical year. The absence of the Gloria and Alleluia, for example, heighten the penitential character of Lent. In this spirit, we will be making a few changes to the end of our Sunday 10:30 AM Choral Mass. Specifically, we will be introducing a post-communion hymn, and the closing or recessional hymn will be replaced with the choir singing a choral setting of the Prayer to St. Michael (there will be no organ postlude). Please note these changes will only take place at the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass, the other weekend Masses will be the same as always.

—Glen Segger, Music Minister

**Community Concerns Committee—**

**DO YOU LIKE TO COOK ?**

St. Peter Church currently provides meals for Dorothy Day House to distribute at their door to poor working families and to also send to the shelter that Pacific House is currently operating for the homeless of Danbury. We are committed to providing these meals on the first and fourth Sunday of each month.

The demand has been increasing as inflation has been rising and we find that we could use more hands to help with this ministry. If you would like to cook a tray of food once a month or even every month this could help tremendously. Examples of what we currently provide would be trays of chicken, meat loaf, sausage and peppers, mashed or roasted potato, rice and beans, vegetables of any variety, green salad etc. There is no particular request- just anything you might cook at home for your family. The only item excluded would be pasta- so much already comes in !

The first and fourth Sunday we would ask that you bring your donation to the parking lot here at church at 11:30 and we would gather the food and transport it to the Dorothy Day House.

**A Day with Mary—**

Hosted by Sacred Heart-St. Patrick Parish

**Saturday, March 11**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**St. Patrick Church Campus, Redding, CT**

The day features Mass, Confession Exposition and Benediction, Talks and Meditations, Eucharistic Adoration, Marian Procession and Conferment of the Brown Scapular and the Miraculous Medal. There is no fee, however, registration is recommended. Call 203-544-8345.

**MARCH 5, 2023**

Stations of the Cross  
Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN  
ALMSGIVING**



<i>Weekend</i>	<i>Item Requested</i>
Mar. 12	Laundry Detergent & Bar Soap
Mar. 19	Coffee and Sugar
Mar. 26	Size 1 and 6 Diapers Baby Wipes & Diaper Cream
Apr. 2	Paper Towels & Toilet Paper



**Soup and Stations**

Come to the Parish Hall each Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m.

Our speaker is Father Leonel Medeiros.

Enjoy a bowl of soup and a Lenten message prior to the Stations at 7:00 p.m.



**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The church gives us the following regulations for Lent: \*Fasting and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are required for those 18 to 60 years of age.

\*Abstinence from meat is required on ALL Fridays during Lent for all those 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is defined as eating, during the day, only one full meal and two light meatless meals. Eating between meals is not permitted, although liquids are permitted.

Abstinence is not eating meat at all during the entire day. Illness exempts one from these regulations.

**Congratulations, Mary Tomaino!  
Hibernian of the Year**

This honor is bestowed by previous Hibernians of the Year in an election. The three qualities which are needed are Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Mary does exhibit all of these! Best Wishes, Mary, from our Parish.

