



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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MUSIC MINISTER

Dr. Glen Segger, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8
203-743-1048 or spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org

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.

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

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



APRIL/MAY

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| 29 SAT | 5:00 PM | † | Elizabeth A. Levesque |
| | 7:30 PM | | Brazilian Mass |
| 30 SUN | 7:30 AM | † | Rose Rotundo |
| | 9:00 AM | † | Gail Baird |
| | 10:30 AM | † | Irene Klementowicz |
| | 12:00 N | | Our Parishioners |
| | 1:30 PM | | Spanish Mass |
| | 7:30 PM | | Brazilian Mass |
| 1 MON | <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i> | | |
| | 7:30 AM | † | Thomas J. Gallagher Family |
| | 12:10 N | † | Philip Cervero |
| 2 TUE | <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> | | |
| | 7:30 AM | † | Rosalie Cornacchio |
| | 12:10 N | † | Olga Rotella |
| 3 WED | <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> | | |
| | 7:30 AM | † | Butch Melody |
| | 12:10 N | † | Olga Rotella |
| 4 THU | <i>National Day of Prayer</i> | | |
| | 7:30 AM | † | Helen and Girard Hanahoe |
| | 12:10 PM | † | Mary Godfrey |
| 5 FRI | 7:30 AM | † | Eileen and Kevin Danaher |
| | 12:10 N | † | Rotundo Family |
| 6 SAT | 7:30 AM | † | Michael Timan |
| | 5:00 PM | † | Hoa Van Tran |
| | 7:30 PM | | Brazilian Mass |
| 7 SUN | 7:30 AM | | Our Parishioners |
| | 9:00 AM | † | Huyhn Thi Loan |
| | 10:30 AM | † | Chris and Tom Gallo |
| | 12:00 N | † | Michael DiBuono |
| | 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—April 23, 2023.....\$ not available
Online Giving—April 23, 2023.....\$ not available
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of
Margaret and Charles Goldrick

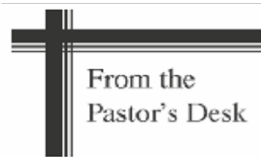


WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Leyla Bueno Oscar Pasato Liam Ramirez
Salome Urrea Lunna Vanegas Devany Vanegas

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Barbara Glasso
Richard Baris Ray Condon Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia
Elizabeth Ianelli Joseph Kasinkas Teddy Marchione
Christopher McLaughlin Garrett Moore Erick Neil Anthony
Pelle, Jr Robert Soares Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak



From the
Pastor's Desk

Our Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel this week always comes from a portion of chapter 10 of Saint John's Gospel. This year, cycle A, we have versus 1-10. Using very familiar imagery of his day, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd of his sheep. He is a true shepherd, so he approaches the sheepfold from the gate. He doesn't avoid the gate like a thief because he doesn't come to the sheep to steal them or to lead them to harm. His designs on the sheep are salubrious. He will lead them to pasture where they can be nourished and find life. The Gospel ends with Jesus saying, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." An abundance of life is what Jesus leads us to if we want to follow. We do! We are following! We gratefully accept the beautiful life of God and enjoy it.

As you know, Jesus made his disciples Apostles, that is men sent out to shepherd God's people. The Apostles, the first bishops, first appointed deacons and laid hands on them to help with the temporal needs of the Faithful, as we learn in the Acts of the Apostles, and then they selected other men they found worthy to be shepherds in the churches they founded. The order of presbyters, or priests, was established. Today, throughout the Catholic world, we pray to the Holy Spirit to raise up men who will accept the Lord's call to be a shepherd in his image. At each Mass we will pray a prayer for vocations. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we will unite ourselves with our chief shepherd, our Pope, our local shepherd, our bishop, and with our sister parishes for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

There is not a diocese around that has a sufficient number of priests, but we remain confident that the Holy Spirit will not let the Church of God be deprived of shepherds. Indeed, the Spirit has been active. We will experience a great blessing this year in our diocese as six men will be ordained. That is a large class! Our vocations director, Fr. Chris Ford, suggested that parishes prominently display the seminarian poster this weekend. I have one taped to the vestibule wall, but I added one on an easel. We will pray for all seminarians today and for those to be ordained in the weeks leading up to ordination.

Let me say a big thank you to the Men's Society and extend a compliment as well for the breakfast they served last Sunday. I think the breakfast was the best yet. It was delicious, and it provided us with an opportunity to talk to one another. Thank you, gentlemen, for your hard work.

After Patrick Palmieri made the beautiful lectern, he offered to do something else for the church. I suggested a new table for the Gifts in the vestibule to replace the low,

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

wobbly one in the dark 1970s stain. Then I became quite bold, saying that if he had the time and interest, the two long tables in the vestibule which have served us for decades are beginning to look their age and it would be a wonderful thing if the three tables matched. Well, don't you know Pat got right on it and delivered during Holy Week two beautiful tables you now see. We put them in place and admired them. Pat incorporated many fine details including the quatrefoils, an architectural element that is present within the church. The stain works so nicely with the warm honey colored marble in the floor. Pat had in mind having the tables out for Easter, but after he drove away and I was walking across the street, I turned around and put them in the sacristy fearing that the tops would be quickly scratched if they were not protected with glass. Once again, thank you Pat for these significant upgrades for our beloved church!

Congratulations to the Saint Peter School children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. Remember them in your prayers that they may always desire, adore, and love our Lord in the Eucharist. We will have two more ceremonies next month for the young people enrolled in Religious Ed.

—Fr. Mecca



Congratulations and blessings to the Saint Peter School students who received Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy

Communion for the first time on Saturday, May 3. We pray you always know how much Jesus loves you and may you come often to receive His precious gift.

*Aranz Acosta Mya Anderson Andressa Arcanjo
Verenisse Batista Kathelin Colon Jayden Contreras
Leticia Costa Maria De Souza Mia Galindo
Isaac Gomes Kaitlyn Guzman Catalina Lopez
Noel Luna Juleisy Matute Ian Mejia Alan Munoz
Stephanie Ojeda Trinity Ortega Ariana Ortiz
Renata Pelaez Sophia Queiroz Monica Quinde
Amaia Reinoso Genesis Rodriguez Rene Ruano
Lionel Solis Monserrat Terrero Isabella Urgiles
Aimie Vanegas Dominik Yanza*

"The Fullness of the Catholic Identity at the Heart of the Church"- by Reverend Nuzzi - "Ten Reasons Why Catholic Education Still Matters..."

"Catholic education has always been at the heart of the Catholic mission. Catholic education, and the students who are the product of it, have been called the "greatest work of the church." They have been entrusted with the fullness of faith and have been charged with the mission of evangelization. They are to go out into the world and share the gifts they have received, as doctors, lawyers, policemen, businessmen and women, teachers, priests and religious, all as Catholic school graduates. Catholic school graduates are a leaven in society, helping the broader community to be the best that it can be."

Our mission at St. Peter School is to provide a nurturing environment where all students become disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray for them to be the best they can be when they leave our care and journey into the world.

"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life." Pope Francis

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Holy Communion Retreats – Also keep our First Communion students from classes C & D and their parents in prayer as they participate in their First Communion retreat today. Students and parents will come together for an afternoon of prayer and activities prior to the children receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

Confirmation Candidates – Just a few reminders:

- your essay is due May 7, 2023, bring it to class.
- Monday, May 22, 2023, Confirmation Rehearsal at 5:45 – 7:00 in the Church. Please bring your sponsor or parent.
- Confession forms due by May 21, 2023

Registration 2023/2024 Update – We are only taking registration forms for current students in FC1 who will be moving up to FC2.

April

30—Lesson 23

May

7—Lesson 24

13—First Communion Masses

14—Lesson 25

21—Lesson 26

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

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.

APRIL 30, 2023

Musical Notes—



Anthony DeLuco, our former bass section leader and cantor, will be giving a voice recital at St. Peter Church on Friday, May 12, at 7 PM. This will be a benefit recital to support Anthony who will be studying at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria this coming summer. Come enjoy a wonderful evening of song, and support a talented young musician in his musical endeavors!

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Mother. The Rosary will be prayed in front of Mary's statue on the Rectory lawn at noon Saturday, May 13th. Some chairs will be available.



Spanish and Portuguese readers are welcome.

Please join us in honoring our Mother.

Family Movie Night
(sponsored by the Men's Society)

"Ghostbusters" (PG)

Friday, May 19, 2023
Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

Admission is only a \$1.00 per person to get in and includes a bottle of water and a bag of chips. At intermission refreshments will be sold.

Doors open 6:30 p.m. and movie starts at 7 p.m.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.



We offer our condolences to the families of

Joaquín Laracente
Frances Mooney

who passed away last week.

On **May 7, 2023** the **Filipino Apostolate of the Diocese of Bridgeport** will be celebrating the **First Annual Feast Day of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage** (Our Lady of Antipolo).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Father Cyrus Bartolome at 203-227-5161 ext. 103 or email at freyrus@assumptionwestport.org.

APRIL 30, 2023



Join us Friday, May 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Peter Church for a free concert performed by the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra. Chelsea Tipton is the conductor. Tickets must be reserved through the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra website <https://gbs.org/tickets/>.

The **Letter Carriers** will be collecting non-perishable food items like canned sou, juices, pasta, vegetables, cereal and rice on **Saturday, May 13th, 2023** to help families in need in our community. You can help by placing your food donation at your mailbox early on May 13th. The food will be delivered to local food banks. For additional information, call David Reed 203-780-1326.

**Prayer Meeting for priests is
Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 a.m.
in the Parish Hall.**