



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



MAY

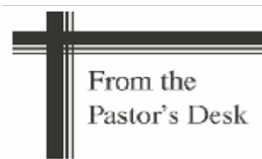
20 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Margaret Mary Rasmussen
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
21 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Anna Minh Tran and Peter Fon Chen
	9:00 AM		In Thanksgiving
	10:30 AM	†	Jack Smith
	12:00 N	†	Our Parishioners
	1:30 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
22 MON	<i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Mercedes Garcia
	12:10 N	†	Sr. Helen L. Blodgett, SCN
23 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Maryann Gassner
	12:10 N	†	Manuel Botelho and Phoenix Milner
24 WED	7:30 AM	†	Frank Duffy
	12:10 N	†	Scattolini Family
25 THU	<i>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i> <i>St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary</i> <i>Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Helena Machate
	12:10 PM	†	Roberta Boffelli
26 FRI	<i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Nettie Mecca
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
27 SAT	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	The Lindauer Family
	5:00 PM	†	Hoa Van Tran
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
28 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Mary Ellen Cesca
	9:00 AM	†	Laurent
	10:30 AM	†	Dorothy Schafer
	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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING—May 14, 2023.....\$ 6,808
Online Giving—May 14, 2023.....\$ 2,024
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



As you know, last Saturday we celebrated First Holy Communion. Seventy-eight children from our

Religious Formation program and one St. Peter School child who had been sick at the time of the school ceremony received our Blessed Lord. I am mentioning First Holy Communion again because I want to tell you that there is hope for the Church in the future. I say that because the children were very attentive during Mass, but, most of all, they knew who they were receiving and did so with tremendous reverence. I was struck by how intently the children looked at the Eucharist when I raised it prior to placing the host into their hands. How beautiful! I prayed that they will always gaze upon the Eucharistic Lord in such a way. That the children were so prepared is due in large part to the formation they receive at religious education, or as the kids often call it, "church school." There is much good that is happening at our Religious Formation program. Barbara, our Director, her catechists and assistants are always looking for ways to reach the hearts of the children, and I believe that we are seeing results in the students.

Today is the last day of classes. I'm sure there are some shouts of joy among the students, kids being kids, but they leave for the year with more knowledge, understanding, and faith in God. I thank all the catechists and assistants for their heartfelt gift of their time and concern for the spiritual growth of their students, and I thank the families who collaborate with us. As the Confirmation students meet for the last time before their Confirmation on Thursday, I will celebrate Mass with each class at 9 and 10:30 in the classroom so that we can have an opportunity to be together in a small setting. Rob Ferucci accepted the challenge of teaching both classes back when we had no one else willing to teach. He is to be commended not only for that commitment but also for how effectively he is able to communicate with the students. Thank you, Rob, for your goodness and generosity.

Next Sunday is Pentecost which brings Easter to its completion. I am printing the text of the Pentecost Sequence, which I happen to like very much, offering it to all of us in advance of the liturgy so that we can reflect on the words. Let's pray that all God's people will open their hearts to and feel the benefits of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, Father and Son.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home shed a ray of light divine!
 Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store!
 Come, within our bosoms shine.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of
Ching Mah and Meng Cheong



KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

You, the soul's most welcome guest; sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. O most blessed Light divine, shine within these hearts of yours, and our inmost being fill! Where you are not, we have naught, nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore and confess you, evermore in your sevenfold gift descend; Give them virtue's sure reward; give them your salvation, Lord; give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

Ordinations to the priesthood took place at the cathedral yesterday. Six men were ordained. They are: Ricardo Batista Comim, Ferry Galbert, Andrew LaFleur, James DiVasto, Miguel Betancur Lenis, and Matthew Loman. We congratulate them, and we thank them for being receptive to Jesus who invited them to priesthood. We are praying for them that they may serve well and find satisfaction in their priestly service.

Speaking of new priests, I get questioned weekly about when an associate priest will be assigned to us. I don't know the answer, but I can tell you that the Bishop spoke to me two weeks ago. He is working on an appointment.

—Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the families of

*Edward Youngberg
who passed away last week.*

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.

This was a busy week at St. Peter School. This past Monday, the K students continued their alphabet study with a "Q & U Wedding" since the letters Q & U are always found together in words! Each child made a letter hat, and Fr. Mecca "officiated" at St. Peter Church. Everyone agreed that learning the alphabet is so much fun! The teachers topped off the day by serving alphabet snacks back in the classroom. We attended Mass as a school on

Thursday for the Feast of the Ascension and on Friday, our school honored our Blessed Mother at the May Crowning held on the rectory lawn.

Our Vocations Chalice has made the rounds in all the classrooms at St. Peter School. We will bring it out again next year starting during Vocations Week in early November. The students loved learning about vocations and praying for the Seminarians. They are eager to continue their study next year!

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." The Gospel of Mark 16:15

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



May our loving God watch over you and may all that you have learned remain alive in your heart. Keep your mind and heart on God. Remember to pray every day and celebrate your faith at home with your family and at Mass with your faith family! Have a safe and restful summer.

LAST CLASS – Today is the last class for the 2022/2023 Religious Education school year. Parents thank you for your support as we work together in passing on our faith to the children of St. Peter Parish. There will be fun activities going on in all classes. Registration for all current students only will be Sunday May 28, 2023, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. New student registration date will be announced soon.

CONFIRMATION REMINDERS –

Rehearsal and gown distribution is Monday, May 22, 2023, from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm. Attendance is mandatory for all candidates and one parent or sponsor.

Thursday, May 25, 2023, is Confirmation. All candidates must be in the parish hall by 5:00 pm. Sponsors must arrive by 5:30 pm and be seated in their assigned pew.

HAPPY SUMMER to all and we look forward to seeing you in September!

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

MAY 21, 2023

Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners—It is with sincere thanks that I acknowledge your generous in-kind donation to Morning Glory Breakfast Kitchen, a program of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County.

Morning Glory provides thousands of meals to the homeless and financially disadvantaged each year. Our caring staff assists their guests seeking nourishment by connecting them with other agencies to provide education and referrals to assist with ending homelessness. Currently a multitude of agencies and programs use Morning Glory as a location to connect with the hardest to reach populations and provide services to bring an end to their homelessness. This work would not be possible without you!

Please know how very grateful I am for your help and support. You are making a difference in our community! Your kindness and compassion are the reason our programs exist!

Be safe and be well,

Mike Donoghue, Executive Director
Catholic Charities

Please join Annette Luciani, Jean Nadeau and Ann Marie Volhart in the parish hall to help make macrame crafts for the holiday season.

When: **Monday, May 22nd**
Time: **12:00 pm**



Thank you to all who purchased carnations for Mothers' Day. We are able to send Caroline House a check for approximately \$700 to help continue their work with single moms.

Carnation flowers

Annual Bishop's Appeal

Amount Pledged : \$70,783

Amount Collected: \$62,912

% Collected: 108%

Donors: 138

MAY 21, 2023

**Summary of Operations
For the Month of March 2023**

Revenues:	Restated
Collections (1)	\$ 46,468
Other Revenues:	
Bingo	11,000
Other (2)	<u>38,155</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 95,623
Expenses:	
Personnel	52,401
Church (3)	22,052
Other (4)	<u>10,289</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 84,742
Net income from Operations	<u>\$ 10,881</u>

**Summary of Operations
For the Month of April 2023**

Revenues:	
Collections (1)	\$ 56,461
Other Revenues:	
Bingo	
Other (2)	<u>6,381</u>
Total Revenues	<u>62,842</u>
Expenses:	
Personnel	40,400
Church (3)	25,446
Other (4)	<u>6,157</u>
Total Expenses	<u>72,003</u>
Net income from Operations	<u>\$ (9,161)</u>

- (1) Weekly, Monthly & Holy Day collections
- (2) Bequests, parking lot lease, Excess Annual Bishop's Appeal & funds for church usage
- (3) Church & Rectory liturgical supplies, flowers, maintenance, utilities & insurance
- (4) Office & grounds

Parking Lot Collection	\$ 4,158
Loan Balance	\$ 74,611