



Pentecost

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
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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/JUNE

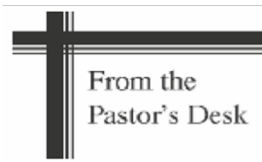
27 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Hoa Van Tran
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
28 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Mary Ellen Cesca
	9:00 AM	†	Laurent
	10:30 AM	†	Dorothy Schafer
	12:00 N		Our Parishioners
	1:30 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
29 MON	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial Day</i>		
	8:00 AM	†	In Memory of Those Who Died In Service To Our Country
30 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Pauline Butterworth
31 WED	<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Wilbert Jimenez
	12:10 N	†	Thomas Pannozzo
1 THU	<i>St. Justin, Martyr</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Ann Moffa
	12:10 PM	†	Mary and John Gervasoni
2 FRI	<i>Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM		Ferucci Family
	12:10 N	†	Helen Leheny
3 SAT	<i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	J. Raymond Ward
	5:00 PM		Our Parishioners
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
4 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Charles Greenwald
	9:00 AM	†	Than and Lanh Nguyen
	10:30 AM		Immaculate High School Alumni
	12:00 N	†	Jeanne Ferguson
	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 21, 2023.....\$ 6,416
Online Giving—May 21, 2023.....\$ 2,069
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



Today is Pentecost. On this, the fiftieth day after Easter, our Risen Lord with the Father sent the Holy Spirit upon the believers and the

Church, the people of the New Covenant, was born. Pentecost brings Easter to its conclusion. With the end of the Easter season, the double alleluia returns at the conclusion of the Mass, and after the last Mass of the day, the Paschal Candle returns to its place alongside the baptismal font. We celebrate with joy the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, the dynamic Spirit of God living and moving within and among us.

In our diocese today is the day when adult (age 18 and above) Catholics who received First Communion but not Confirmation are confirmed. We have five individuals who will receive the sacrament at the 10:30 Mass – Megan Cheung, Alexandra Henry, Patrick Kelly, Jorge Medina, and Jenesis Veras--and another eleven at 5 p.m. – Santiago Adalberto, Marcelo Cajilema, Diana Castro, Kelly Fajardo, Glenda Franco, Riccy Perez, Ferdy Rivera, Vicente Rodriguez, James Tellez, Rosa Tomin, and Alicia Vanegas. In addition, Glen Segger and his son, Augustine, will be received into the Catholic faith and confirmed at 10:30. This is an exciting day for all of these individuals and for us as a community of faith. We congratulate everyone for being willing to enter more deeply into the life of God through participation in the catechesis.

Speaking of the Sacrament of Confirmation, Bishop Caggiano was here on Thursday evening to administer the Sacrament to 77 young women and men from our religious formation program, St. Peter School, and Sacred Heart Parish. Their names are listed in the bulletin. We congratulate them as well and pray for them that they may utilize the gifts of the Spirit, remain faithful witnesses to Jesus, and enrich the Church through their lives of love, worship, and service.

Last week, I provided you with the words to the lovely Easter Sequence. You will hear it sung or recited today. In the sequence, in our prayer and song—which are prayers—the Church beseeches over and over the Holy Spirit to come to us today and every day. The Church is dependent upon the Holy Spirit for our existence, for our life, for guidance, and for our ability to fulfill our mission to evangelize and to sanctify. The 9th century text and chant, *Veni, Creator Spiritus*, calls upon the Holy Spirit to “Kindle with fire brought from above/Each sense, and fill our hearts with love/And grant our flesh, so weak and frail/The strength of Thine which cannot fail. Drive far away our deadly foe/And grant us Thy true peace to know/So we, led by Thy guidance still/May safely pass through every ill.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of
Frances Mooney



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 Erick Neil
Anthony Pelle, Jr Robert Soares Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Turning to some temporal things, we now have the third of three estimates for the scraping, priming and painting of all the exterior window and door frames of the church. This project is one of the several identified in the We Stand With Christ Campaign. The parish's Building & Grounds Committee will now meet within the next two weeks to review all three approaches and select a firm. After that, we will submit the proposal to the Bishop for review and for the drafting of a contract.

It's holiday weekend and the start of the summer season. Many parishioners come to watch the parade in front of our property. I look forward to seeing many of you on the sidewalk. Enjoy the holiday!

—Fr. Mecca

Our 8th grade students began presenting Capstone projects this week. Topics ranged from Fashion Design to Human Rights to Civil Rights to Nursing. The students were a little nervous presenting to a panel, but they persevered, and we are proud of them for boldly sharing their hard work!

As we look towards next year, I am excited to share that we have 250 students enrolled thus far. We have a waiting list for a few grades, and we are at maximum capacity for at least one grade. We are always looking to enroll PK students, so if anyone is interested in a full or partial day PK experience at St. Peter School, we do have some availability. Call or email us!

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth..."

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

We offer our condolences to the families of



*Rose Kovacs
Teresa Markowski
Paul Meskill
James Sweet*

who passed away last week.

Parish Life Committee--will meet Tuesday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to plan our Annual Strawberry Festival which will take place Sunday, June 25 this year. If you would like to help, please join us and bring your ideas!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



For more information about registering your child at St. Peter School, please contact mmartinez@spsdanbury.org or mtorre@spsdanbury.org or call the school office @ 203-748-2895.

On Thursday, St. Peter School 8th graders joined all 8th graders from the Diocese of Bridgeport at St. Augustine Cathedral for a special Mass with Bishop Caggiano. After Mass, the students enjoyed a special pizza lunch. The students received a St. Michael medal as well!

Confirmation 2023— Thursday evening we celebrated the Rite of Confirmation. Eight students from St. Peter Religious Education, St. Peter School and Sacred Heart Parish, Danbury received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey in the Church.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION : Registration for all current students will begin today from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Registration for new students to the program will be announced in June.

Religious Education Office: We will be open through the summer; however please call if you have any questions 2037431048. You can also email at spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org.

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

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Excerpts from Confirmands' essays—

In the next few weeks we will be featuring parts of the essays written by the Confirmation students. You will be impressed...

I learned that no matter what sin I commit, Jesus will always be there to love me, forgive me as long as I always pray to him and repent. I also learned Jesus was never causing pain to me for no reason, he just wanted me to pray and get help from him to get closer to him. That's what I do now every night and I know he always hears me. I always look back at the mistakes and learn from them and think to myself how I can go from getting board to praying to not being able to sleep unless I end my night with prayer.

This is why I should be confirmed because it's something I want to do to get closer to Jesus and make him proud. I also grew as a person while taking confirmation classes and learned that having a relationship with God is the only way to be truly happy and to be saved. It's something I want to teach to others who are lost like I was. It's also one of the seven sacraments that I want to complete to be able to continue with my life. I made it this far and I couldn't have done it without Jesus and with what I learned at Saint Peter's Church school. —S. Lliguizaca

To begin with, Confirmation is a powerful way for me to publicly affirm my faith in Jesus Christ and to demonstrate my commitment to living a life according to the teachings of the Christian faith. It is a significant milestone that shows my entrance into the adult Christian community and serves as a testimony of my dedication to living a life that honors God. This is not just a personal decision, but one that I believe will have a positive impact on my family, friends, and the community.

Additionally, it prepares me to transition from adolescence to adulthood. Confirmation is an opportunity for me to gain a deeper understanding of my faith and to commit to living my life as a member of the Christian community. It is important that I strengthen my relationship to God, and the Catholic community. I also want to be part of my family's Catholic tradition. —B.Canafe

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Congratulations to the Confirmation class of 2023. May the Holy Spirit dwell within you now and always.

Kevin Calle Brant Canafe Leonela Castro
Dylan Coronel Victoria Da Silva DaSilva Daniella
Bianca Dias Nicholas Dutra Aaron Fernandez
David Garcia Maria Garcia Brianna Granchelli
Victor Granchelli Jayden Gualpa Estefani Guaman
Junior Guaman Kevin Guaman Jadel Guzman
Johaira Guzman Shayla Illescas Kelly Inga Steven Inga
John Jaigua Nicole Japa Alan Lalvay Heidi Lalvay
Mya Lalvay Andres Landivar Brenda Lemes
Coryn Llanos Shirley Lliquizaca Ashly Lojano
Francesco Longo Mario Lopez Heydi Lucero
Meredith Macias Angy Marquez Samantha Maza
Olivia Medeiros Martin Mendez Juliana Mendita
Jennifer Morales Victor Morales Justin Morocho
Tom Moscoso Christopher Murillo Sophia Oliveira
Eidur Ortega Chris Patino Cristian Patino
Junior Pasadas Robert Posca Emily Prieto
Angel Quezada Paola Quezada Justin Redrovan
Lizbeth Reinoso Eli Ribeiro Jaden Riofrio
Raphael Rocha Justin Rodriguez Ashley Sanchez
Eric Sanmartin Cristopher Suarez Katherine Suarez
Jacob Taylor Anna Tran Marolyn Trigueros
Arnold Urvina Belkis Valencia Brandon Valverde
Samantha Vazquez Valeria Villa Christopher Vizhco
Hailey Vixhco Jennifer Yunganaula Angelina Zapata
Shania Zhina Tatiana Zhingre