



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

Website - www.stpeterdanb.org

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

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

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



JULY

22 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Louis Guiliano
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
23 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Mary Ellen Cesca
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Olga Rotella
	12:00 N	†	Terry Fitzsimons
	1:30 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
24 MON	<i>St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Betty Gerlach
25 TUE	<i>St. James, Apostle</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	James Coriglione
	12:10 N	†	Frances Mooney
26 WED	<i>St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Jim Lynch
	12:10 N	†	Theresa Yorio
27 THU	7:30 AM	†	Donald Pepin
	12:10 PM	†	Anthony Filipowicz
28 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Theresa Yorio
	12:10 N	†	William Oliver
29 SAT	<i>Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Rosalie Cornacchio
	5:00 PM	†	Hoa Van Tran
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
30 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Ching Mah
	10:30 AM	†	Zita Schmiedel
	12:00 N	†	Philip and Teresa Fox
	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—July 16, 2023.....\$ 5,462

Online Giving—July 16, 2023.....\$ 2,094

Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

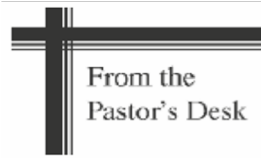
Father Mecca

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Kailey Carter Ismail Aldana Omar Aldana
Madison Anderson Emma Pena Ethan Pena
Wyatt Koveleski*

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Barbara Glasso
Richard Baris 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*



Last weekend Fr. Marianus spoke to us about his mission diocese in India. When we went out for dinner, I asked him to tell me more about the Catholic experience in his country.

It is a democracy, after all, but I know, like in our own country, not everyone, historically, has been treated equally. What he told me astounded me. The Prime Minister of India and members of his party have stated publicly that they believe that the country should be a Hindu nation. Christians and Muslims are small minorities. He told me about radicals in one state who, feeling emboldened by the official remarks, have attacked Catholic churches. Throughout the world we are seeing an upsurge of radicalism and anti-democratic and anti-egalitarian rhetoric and actions. As Christians, we believe in the dignity of all peoples, and we uphold, among other principles, the right that everyone should be guaranteed freedom to worship as he/she pleases. We expect that right for our co-religionists, and we defend it for those who are not of the Catholic faith. Let us keep in mind in our prayers our Catholic sisters and brothers who face discrimination and yet persevere in their allegiance to Jesus and to His Church. We are reminded of Jesus' message in the Gospel that His disciples can expect persecution. The second collection today is for the missions because last week—the third of the month—our second collection was for the parking lot. As a reminder to you, all the donations from Co-Operative Mission Sunday are sent by the parishes to the diocese and the office there divides the money into equal amounts to be sent to every missionary organization that came to our parishes.

I might point out as an aside that we are not generally familiar with the concept of mission dioceses because there are none around us. We probably don't realize that there are quite a number of mission dioceses in the United States. A mission diocese is one that is unable to sustain itself without outside resources. Do you have one of our parish calendars hanging in your home? Look at the back and at the flip side of the month of December. Fr. John Wall in his letter states that there are 86 mission dioceses in the U.S. There is a map showing them. I find that number startling, but then, again, we live in a heavily Catholic area of the nation. The calendars are printed by the Catholic Extension Service and are a principal way in which Catholic Extension raises money to support ministries where aid is needed. Our donations to the Co-Operative Mission Appeal will do the same in India and throughout the world.

A number of weeks ago, I received an exuberant letter from Mark Halstead, the Recording Secretary of the Greater Bridgeport Symphony. Again, he gushed about our collaboration and the wonderful evening of music we

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

hosted. As a token of appreciation, the Symphony gave a \$1,000 donation to the parish. We had not asked for nor were expecting any money from the collaboration beyond compensation for our custodian's overtime, which we received in a separate check. I acknowledged the gift and thanked Mark for it. All the people associated with the Symphony are very fine.

Mary-Anne Blount gave me some good news this week. She was able to make an additional payment of \$5,000 on the parking lot mortgage this month from the parking lot account. This additional payment, which we do as often as we can, gives me the opportunity to thank our parishioners who are so faithful in making contributions to this collection. Because of your support, our mortgage is now down to \$64,000! Good for us! Our interest payment is now down to just a little over \$200 a month.

—Fr. Mecca

Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Thirty-five people came to honor Our Lady with Prayers, a Rosary, and hymns before her statue in front of the Rectory on Saturday afternoon, July 15th. Everyone gathered for a reception in the Parish Hall afterwards to spend time together with fellow parishioners and friends. Thank you to all who came together to make this all happen..



El sábado 15 de Julio por la tarde, treinta y cinco personas vinieron a honrar a Nuestra Señora del Carmen ante su imagen, frente a la rectoría con oraciones un rosario e himnos. Después, hubo una recepción en el salón parroquial donde se congregaron feligreses y amigos. Gracias a todos los que se unieron para hacer esto posible.

— Worship & Spirituality Committee, John Feeney



We offer our condolences to the family of

Angelo Rossi

who passed away last week.

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.

PreK-3 and PreK-4 Tuition Schedule

Program	Time	Weekly Fee
School day, 5 days	8:30—2:45	\$130
School day, 3 days	8:30—2:45 M/W/F	\$ 93
School day, 2 days	8:30—2:45 T/Th	\$ 62
Partial day, 5 days	8:30—12:30	\$100

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration Update: Registration is open for new students to begin preparation for First Communion. You can register your child at the Religious Education Office which is located at the basement of St. Peter School. Kindly bring your child's baptismal certificate so we can make a copy for our files. If you have any questions, you can call the office at 203-743-1048.

Las registraciones estan abiertas para estudiantes nuevos que iniciaban la preparacion para la Primera Comunión. Usted puede registrar a su hijola en la oficina de Educacion Religiosa localizada en el so tano de nuestra escuela St. Peter. Por favor traiga el certificado de Bautismo con usted para poder tomarte una copia para nuestros archivos. Si tiene alguna pregunta llame a la oficina al (203-743-1048).

Religious Education classes will be starting up again and we have plenty of opportunities for you to share your faith with the youth of our parish. Contact us at 203 743 1048 or email us at: spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org to hear about our program and how you can share your faith!



—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

JULY 23, 2023

23rd Annual Twilight Cruise or Fishing Trip

Sponsored by the Men's Society

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's raffle of a twilight cruise or fishing trip which contributes to the Sister Marita Daniel Scholarship Fund. The winner is Charlie VanZantis. Congratulations!



Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers—

The schedules for August and September are being prepared. If anyone would like to change the Mass they serve or require specific weekends off, please let Sue Goldrick know. You can call (203) 792-7362 and leave a message OR email sgoldrick18@comcast.net.



The **Parish Life Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, July 25** at **7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. We will review the Strawberry Festival and go on to planning the Clean Sweet Tag Sale. Join us!

Adoration-Healing Service

First, I would like to thank Fr. Mecca for initiating this service. The service was held in the church on Friday evening, June 23rd, starting with Adoration at 7 PM. Fr. Sean Kulacz then gave a short presentation about healing followed by the service with four prayer teams. Over 150 people came, and Fr. Sean and his prayer teams prayed over all those who presented themselves for the next 3 hours without a break. Second, I want to thank all those, both on and off the Committee, who assisted with set-up and during the service. For more information about Healing, Fr. Kulacz and the prayer teams, visit: <https://encounterschool.org/fairfieldcounty/>.

John Feeney, Worship & Spirituality Committee.

JULY 23, 2023

St. Peter Parishioners are invited to a—



Summer Evening Barbecue

Sponsored by the Men's society

Sat., July 29 following 5:00 p.m. Mass

On the side lawn next to the church.

The grill will be setup for hamburgers and hot dogs. In the event of rain it will be held in the Parish Hall. There is a freewill offering. Come spend some time with your family, parish family, and friends!

Special Food Collection for the—



Dorothy Day Kitchen

weekend of July 29/30

The Kitchen now provides all the meals for the homeless in the area. Pacific

House is no longer involved. Suggested donations are canned vegetables and fruits, juices, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, "meal in a can" (beef stew, ravioli, etc.), soups, sugar, tea, and tuna. Please leave your pantry items in St. Peter Church vestibule on the confessional side.

Community Concerns thanks you for your support.

A thank you from Our Mothers' Day flower sale—Dear Friends, You are part of the "blessing" that makes it possible for mothers and their children to study English here and adjust to their new country.

Your generosity makes a difference. It means that a woman will learn how to fill out a job application and will qualify for livable-wage jobs. A mother will be able to read to her children, help them with their homework and communicate with teachers and doctors. A preschool child living in poverty will achieve school-readiness skills so that she is ready to thrive in kindergarten and beyond. Donor support means that an elementary school child who is struggling to read in English will receive tutoring and increase his reading and study skills so that he will be more likely to graduate high school.

For over 27 years Caroline House has provided these services because of the thoughtfulness of people like you. Thank you for thinking of Caroline House and helping us to help more women and children in 2022-2023.

—Warm regards, Helen Ramos Paiz, Executive Director