



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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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



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

26 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Michael Hentschel
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
27 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Rose Kovacs
	10:30 AM	†	Anna Xuan and Anna Hong Tran
	12:00 N	†	Angelo Gutierrez
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
28 MON	<i>St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Connie Kelly
	12:10 N	†	Adele Colatorti
29 TUE	<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>		
	7:30 AM		Michael Liddane Family
	12:10 N		Pope Francis
30 WED	7:30 AM	†	Ferucci Family
	12:10 N	†	Albert Pensiers, Jr.
31 THU	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 PM	†	Barbara Capone
1 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Michael Timan
	12:10 N	†	Rodrigues Family
2 SAT	7:30 AM	†	Thomas C. Pepin
	5:00 PM	†	Thomas Pepin
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
3 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Paul Meskill
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Frances Mooney
	12:00 N	†	Dorothy Woods
	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—August 20, 2023.....\$ 6,520
Online Giving—August 20, 2023.....\$ 2,099
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of
Frank Esposito



WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Amiyah Guzman Amelie Regus Desmond Wu

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

Anthony Pelle, Jr Robert Soares Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak



From the
Pastor's Desk

Depending on which door you use to enter church, you may have or may not have seen the statue of St. Januarius (a Latin name that became Genaro in Italian) in the vestibule. I waited for this weekend to mention the statue so that I could coordinate with the festival going on downtown. Many of you may recall that Danbury resident, Jim Galante, wanted to put on a San Genaro feast here in town last year and successfully did so. The night I went, City Center Green was crowded with people. The event began with a simple prayer at our church with a borrowed 100 year old statue of St. Genaro from the shrine in Manhattan, I think the Church of the Most Precious Blood. After the success of the first festival, Jim decided to purchase a statue for the future festivals and ordered one from Naples, Italy where St. Genaro is venerated. When the statue arrived here, Jim called me and asked if St. Peter Parish might make a home for the it so that it did not sit in a garage or storage room during the year. I agreed but wondered where exactly we would place him. We don't really have much in the way of space for statues. On a recent Saturday afternoon, Tony Rizzo and I scoped out the vestibule and thought the area near the bathroom would work. The placement there is roughly mirroring the placement of St. Therese except the bathroom sticks out farther than the confessional. We had a marble pillar that St. Peter at one time stood upon before the tabernacle was returned to the altar, and so we could put it to use. Here's where we come to how you enter church. Unless you enter church by that door on the right, and the majority of our people don't because it's the farthest from the parking lot, you are likely not to notice the statue. Don't look for him today as he is not here but in a shrine at the City Center Green during the festival. But when you do see him, you will notice that he holds a book upon which are two small jars. Why those jars? someone asked me. I couldn't answer right away until I later made the connection.

St. Januarius, a bishop, was executed on September 19 with six companions at Pozzuoli near Naples around the year 305. At his beheading, a woman collected in a jar some of the martyr's blood dripping from his severed head. The blood was reposed in the church in Naples where he has been commemorated since the 6th century and is a special patron. The dried blood, contained in a reliquary, liquifies four days of the year. There is historical proof of the liquification since the 13th c. The jars in St. Januarius' hand represent his blood.

The Mass on Wednesday was well attended. Bishop Caggiano offered a good homily that asked us all to think about what we are willing to sacrifice for the sake of Jesus and His Gospel. At the conclusion of Mass, he blessed the statue with holy water and honored it with

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

incense. The statue was carried down the aisle and placed on the bed of a tow truck and the bishop, Mr. Galante and his wife, Mayor Esposito and his wife, Fr. Scott and I rode to the City Center Green preceded by a band. It was a perfect summer evening, and many people joined in the procession.

Concerning our window and door frame repairs, we received the Bishop's approval to go forward. He passed on our proposal to Andrew Shultz and the Sacred Arts Commission. From there a contract will be drawn up. We are on our way to getting started on the work.

—Fr. Mecca

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Are you an adult (18+) Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the normative way in which non-Catholics – those un-baptized as well as those baptized into other Christian denominations – enter the Church. It is also the way baptized Catholics who never received any catechesis and didn't receive Eucharist and Confirmation complete their Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to explore the process, please call the office at 203-743-2707.

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
Partial day, 3 days	8:30—12:30 M/W/F	\$ 60
Partial day, 2 days	8:30—12:30 T/Th	\$ 40

The summer has flown by! On Thursday, the St. Peter School staff came together for the first of two professional development days. Fr. Mecca spent time with us reviewing Bishop Caggiano's presentation on "The One."

On behalf of the St. Peter School students, families, and staff, I want to thank you for the very generous donations of school supplies. It truly means a lot to our school.

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

Donations for Maui

The link for donations to Maui:

<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Schedule Update

The Religious Education 2023/2024 school year begins with Mass at 9:00 am on Sunday September 17. All students are requested to attend Mass for the installation of our catechists and volunteers. Sunday, Oct. 1 will be parent orientation, please check your email for your child's class assignment and orientation time. Orientation will be in your child's assigned classroom in St. Peter School. At least one parent is required to attend this orientation class with your child. If you have not received this information or have any further questions, please call the office on 203-743-1048.

Actualizacioon del horario de educacion religiosa

El año escolar de Educación Religiosa 2023/2024 comienza con Misa a las 9:00 am el domingo 17 de Septiembre. Se solicita a todos los estudiantes asistir a esta Misa para la instalación de nuestros catequistas y voluntarios. El domingo 1 de octubre habrá orientación para padres, consulte su correo electrónico para ver la asignación de clase de su hijo y el horario de orientación. La orientación será en el salón de clases asignado a su hijo en la Escuela St. Peter. Se requiere que al menos uno de los padres asista a esta clase de orientación con su hijo. Si no ha recibido esta información o tiene más preguntas, llame a la oficina al (203)-743-1048.

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

August 27, 2023

THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE

Saturday, October 7

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

Sunday, October 8 (after Masses)



**WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT
ACCEPT: toys, stuffed animals,
books, magazines, clothing, shoes,
electronics, appliances, mattress-
es, baskets, glass vases, cassettes
and VCR tapes, and luggage.**

**We will accept small pieces
of furniture.**

Drop off times at the Parish Hall:

Saturdays, Sept. 20, 27, & Oct. 4

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesdays 16, 23 and 30

From 4 to 8 p.m.

**Begin your fall cleaning &
bring in those treasures!**

August 27, 2023

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW—



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

at Amerigo Vespucci

We are bringing back side dishes and desserts at our picnic. Hamburg-ers, hot dogs, sausage and beverages will be supplied. In order to have variety, we ask those people whose last name begins from A to M bring a side dish. Those whose last name begins from N to Z are asked to bring a dessert.

The cost is \$10.00 per person; children 8 to 12 \$5.00; Children under age 7 free. No more than \$25 per family.

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory (203-743-2707) and ask for Carol.



34th Annual Golf Outing

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023

Ridgewood Country Club

To register or for more information go to www.immaculatehs.org or call 203-744-1510.

Everyone is welcome!

Diocesan Blue Mass

(Commemorating the 22nd Anniversary of 9-11)

September 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport



This is a Mass for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service personnel who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport. For more information, contact Deacon George Kain at dnkain@diobpt.org or 203-994-7807.