



### **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**

Phone: 203-743-2707

Email Address - [office@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:office@stpeterdanb.org)

Website - [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org)

### **MUSIC MINISTER**

Dr. Glen Segger, [gsegger@stpeterdanb.org](mailto: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](mailto:StPeterSchoolDanbury.org)

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8  
203-743-1048 or [spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org)

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

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



## SEPTEMBER

2 SAT	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
4 MON	Labor Day		
	8:00 AM		For God's Blessings Upon Our Laborers
5 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Torres Family
	12:10 N	†	Mary C. Riley
6 WED	7:30 AM	†	Theresa Corigliano
	12:10 N	†	Michael Patrick Dillon
7 THU	7:30 AM	†	Ann Hines
	12:10 PM	†	Souls in Purgatory
8 FRI	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	7:30 AM	†	Stella Kaczinski
	12:10 N	†	Margaret and James Coffey
9 SAT	St. Peter Claver, Priest		
	7:30 AM	†	Michael John Niland
	5:00 PM	†	Agnes Stegerhoff
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
10 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Anne and Paul Meskill
	9:00 AM	†	Maria Ha Tran
	10:30 AM	†	Angela Doutney
	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—August 27, 2023.....\$ 5,928**  
**Online Giving—August 27, 2023.....\$ 2,789**  
**Our weekly goal .....\$ 10,500**

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the family of*

**Robert L. Frey**

*who passed away last week.*

### WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jayden Cabarera Daniel Marin Issiah Mendez  
 Thiago Munoz Antonella Vasquez Jonh Vasquez  
 Koby Vasquez

### 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



Happy Labor Day! We are going to have a hot unofficial conclusion to the summer, but, thankfully, it will not rain. Welcome home to our college students who have a short break after getting started on campus. I wish everyone a pleasant long weekend.

School got off to a soaking start on Wednesday. We heard the forecast for morning rain and prepared on Tuesday by putting up two pop up tents by the door to shelter the teachers who greet the students and assist the pre-schoolers and kindergarteners and their parents into the building. The kids also bring a bag of supplies, so we had tables where they could leave their bags if they were too small to carry them up the stairs. Tim and I were assisting with the drop off and directing the parking for parents who were seeing their little ones to the door. He must have checked a weather app because he said to me that we had about a 20 minute window before the rain would arrive. The app lied. Not five minutes passed when the rain began, and it didn't start lightly, it poured. I was drenched before I could get an umbrella. This was the second year in a row that it rained hard the morning of the first day of school. Our school opened this year with 272 children, a record number. We anticipated that the greater number of students would equal more cars to get in and out, but the rain made the start of the day slower and quite unpleasant. Parents were cooperative and we did manage to get every child in the building on time. I want to thank you for the school supplies which you donated for our students. Many of our families need assistance so your generosity is very much appreciated. I thank, as well, the Community Concerns Committee for organizing the collection and transporting the supplies to school.

As August ended on Thursday, the Brazilian community said good-bye to their pastoral center on Liberty Street. They sold 61 Liberty Street some months back and were leasing it until they received the certificate of occupancy for their new facility on Vail Road in Bethel. The former Capellaro's Grove has been renovated to provide the community with the meeting and gathering space they so needed as well as a chapel. This accomplishment is the fulfillment of the aspirations which the community has had for a good number of years. It was 2019 when the Bishop had us form a committee to discuss our future and Epiphany Sunday 2020 when he issued the decree creating the quasi-parish. The establishment of the quasi-parish required the parish and quasi-parish to create and renew annually an Agreement between us. None of the articles of agreement change with the move to Vail Road, at least for

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

the time being, as far as I can tell. The Brazilians will continue to celebrate Mass in the church Saturday and Sunday evenings, baptisms and weddings. The daily Masses and Sunday morning Masses celebrated at the Liberty Street center simply move to Vail Road. We congratulate the community on the opening of their new facility.

Our Parish Picnic is next Sunday! It is always a great event. Naturally, we like tickets purchased in advance because food purchase is involved, but you can get a ticket "at the door." I hope you will come!

—Fr. Mecca

**The Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass  
Saturday, October 28 at 1:00 p.m.  
At the Cathedral of St. Augustine, Bridgeport**

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life.

Mrs. Pat Hansen is coordinating the registration process for the Mass. She can be reached at phansen@diobpt.org or 203-416-1342.

***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 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.

What a surprise it was to have the Immaculate Freshmen Class deliver a bag of goodies to the Catholic Schools as a thank you to their Middle School Heroes! So thoughtful!

It was a rainy start to the first day of school. The heavens poured down rain right as the students were getting out of cars and buses to enter the school building. A special thanks to Fr. Mecca and Tim who helped Ms. Morocho and Mrs. Preveza get the students and their belongings into the school building. No easy task, I might add! The students were happy to be back to their school, their teachers and their friends!! Our back-to-school Ice Cream Social was held on Thursday night. What a great way to celebrate the start of school and welcome our families into the fold once again.

Our theme for this school year is HOPE - One Family. One Hope. One Body in Christ. We have so much to look forward to this year as we continue our journey of Faith and Hope.

*"They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength..."*  
— Isaiah 40:31

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

### \*\*\*RELIGIOUS EDUCATION\*\*\*

#### Religious Education Schedule Update

Emails were sent to all registered students with information about class assignment and the start of Religious Education 2023/2024. Parents please check your email account and also spam mail. If you have registered your child and not received any information from us please call the office at 2037431048.

Se enviaron correos electrónicos a todos los estudiantes registrados con información sobre la asignación de clases y el inicio de Educación Religiosa 2023/2024. Padres, por favor revisen su cuenta de correo electrónico y también el correo no deseado. Si ha registrado a su hijo y no recibió ninguna información de nuestra parte, llame a la oficina al 2037431048.

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education



September 3, 2023

**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](mailto:dnkain@diobpt.org) or 203-994-7807.

**Catholic University of America Collection  
(September 10, 2023)**

Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country through innovative research initiatives and training programs that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers.

When you donate to the University via the National Collection you help to fund this critical work, which improves the Church and the nation.

**IMMACULATE**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**34th Annual Golf Outing**

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023**

**Ridgewood Country Club**

To register or for more information go to [www.immaculatehs.org](http://www.immaculatehs.org) or call 203-744-1510.

**Saint Mary Parish  
Ridgefield, CT**

**Invites ALL to hear Father Greg Boyle, founder of  
Homeboys Industries, speak.**

**Saturday, September 16  
From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Father Boyle witnessed the devastating impact of gang violence on his community during the so-called "decade of death" that began in the late 1980s and peaked in 1992. In the face of law enforcement tactics and criminal justice policies of suppression and mass incarceration as the means to end gang violence, he and parish and community members adopted what was a radical approach at the time: treat gang members as human beings.

In 1988 they started what would eventually become Homeboy Industries, which employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises.

**Come, listen to Father Boyle and be inspired!**

**Diocese of Bridgeport Respect Life Ministry  
Invites you to a**

***Feminine Genius  
Brunch***

Discover God's Plan for you to flourish  
Guest speaker: Sr. Maria Teresa, CFR

**Saturday, October 7  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Italian Center of Stamford  
1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT**

**RSVP at <https://fgb2023.eventbrite.com>  
Tickets are \$45.**

**For more information contact Maureen Ciardiello at  
[mcardiello@diobpt.org](mailto:mcardiello@diobpt.org)**

**2023 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference**

**Saturday, September 23 at**

**Northwest Catholic High School, W. Hartford, CT**

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Ticket prices are \$45 for adults and \$20 for teens. We ask that tickets be purchased in advance. Lunch is included. Purchase tickets at [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org) and at the door.

Catholic Men's Conference has a unique format that includes: Eucharistic procession, Adoration, Inspiring speakers, Confession, lunch, exhibitors, and Vigil Mass. There will be a **Procession of Saints** with over 24 relics in procession.

*September 3, 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. Hamburgers, 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.

## **THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE**

**Saturday, October 7**

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

**Sunday, October 8 (after Masses)**

**Drop off times at the Parish Hall:**

**Wednesday, Sept. 20, 27, & Oct. 4**

**From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30**

**From 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.**



**Items we will accept:** appliances (clean and in good working condition), comforters, curtains, dishes, drapes, glasses, jewelry, pots and pans, purses, religious items, sheets, small pieces of furniture, throws and towels.

**Large pieces of furniture must be approved by Father Mecca.**

**WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT ACCEPT:** Stuffed animals, baskets, books, cassettes, clothing, electronics, exercise equipment, luggage, magazines, mattresses, pet cages, shoes, toys, glass vases, and VCR tapes.

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