



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

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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



SEPTEMBER

9 SAT	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
11 MON	7:30 AM	†	Jose Espinal
		†	Daniel Mecca
12 TUE	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Daniel Mecca
	12:10 N	†	Ashley Prudhomme
13 WED	<i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Thomas Liddane
	12:10 N	†	Charles A. Riley
14 THU	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Rosemary Riley
	12:10 PM	†	Peter A. Herger and Josephine and Francis Paola
15 FRI	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Clarence Godfrey
16 SAT	<i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	William Lo Russo
	5:00 PM	†	Maria Mora
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
17 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Mary Ellen Cesca
	9:00 AM	†	Rose Kovacs
	10:30 AM	†	Grace and Manny Botelho
	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—September 3, 2023.....\$ 6,447
Online Giving—September 3, 2023.....\$ 2,504
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jeymi Canafe Keyla Cardenas EverMatute
 Emmanuel Montero Mellissa Requena Carolina Sandoval
 Karla Trujillo Andrew Freitas, Jr. Charlee Lemke-Marino
 Matthew Rossiter Sophia Rossiter

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

This is the weekend of our Parish Picnic. Chairpersons Deborah and Bryan Hocking have worked hard with their committee members to see to all the details. On the surface, planning a picnic may not seem to involve that many moving pieces, but in reality, it does. The menu looks good, and this year we returned to the pre-covid practice of asking parishioners to bring a side or dessert. Sampling them both was part of the fun of the picnic. A team of women will be in the rectory kitchen cutting and sauteing peppers and onions on Saturday. That imparts a distinctive aroma throughout the house. It is not mentioned in the ad, but our Hispanic parishioners are preparing a roasted pig. The pork flew off the platters last year. In addition, they are preparing some Latino dishes. If you have not purchased a ticket, you can after Mass or at the picnic.

The Clean Sweep Tag Sale is our next parish event to be held on the weekend of October 7/8. We begin collecting items from you in ten days. Please look around your house, in your drawers, and closets for items that you would like to donate. We have about three quarters of a garage bay fill with donations already, and last Saturday a family contributed a sizeable number of things as they were emptying their mother's house. We always appreciate helpers for this event. It's fun. We share a lot of laughs as we set up and especially as we price and reprice! We could use some folks to accept donations on the drop-off dates, to lay things out around the room, and to sell. Kindly leave your name and phone number with the office and a committee member will call you.

Let me draw your attention to the diocesan wedding anniversary celebration planned for October 28 at St. Augustine Cathedral. It is specifically for couples who have reached milestones of 25, 40, 45, and 50 plus years. If you are or have marked any one of these anniversaries this year, consider attending. It is a lovely and heart-warming celebration with the bishop. Note that while in the past couples would contact their parish office to register, now the chancery is asking that you directly register by either emailing or phoning Pat Hansen. Bishop Caggiano has asked the parishes to honor couples who have reached other anniversaries. I will approach our Liturgy & Spirituality Committee to plan something once we have received the forthcoming details.

If it's back to school, it is also back to catechesis. Next weekend is Catechetical Sunday when parishes throughout the country pray for our children and our catechists and commission them in their ministry. As is our custom, we will gather our families and catechists at the 9 a.m. Mass. We offer the Rite of Initiation of Adults for

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

anyone 18 years and older who did not receive instruction in the faith and did not receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. If that is you or you know someone in the family who meets that description, see the box on the following page. Instruction begins in October.

—Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the family of
Theresa Boccuzzi
Margaret Lori
Elizabeth Varga Robinson
who passed away last week.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of
Carmello DeMartino



Men's Society having a Coffee Hour next Sunday, September 17 following the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Join us!

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

Discovering Our Faith

Starting September 14, 2023, we will explore the program **“Divine Mercy: The Second Greatest Story Ever Told”** which tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy. It is a 10 week endeavor. We meet in the parish hall on Thursday evenings 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please call the parish office to reserve a book with which you can follow the video presentation by Fr. Michael Gaitley. There is always a short review if you happen to miss a meeting.

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



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

This week we hosted our annual PK through Grade 3 Open House for families. This event is a great way for families and teachers to connect. It is a time when teachers provide an overview for the families about what the year ahead will hold. They discuss routines, expectations, specials information (Music, PE, Art, Innovation, Spanish) and offer a peek into what the students will be learning throughout the year.

Our Gospel Value for the month of September is Magnificence - doing great things for God. I look forward to watching the students demonstrate this value throughout the month of September as they grow into their best selves and grow closer to God.

“We are each of us like a small mirror in which God searches for His reflection.” – St. John Vianney

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Join us at 9:00 am Mass for Catechetical Sunday, September 17, 2023. The theme for this year is “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened” (Matthew 11:28). These powerful words spoken by Jesus invites us to follow Him and have our burdens lightened.

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 203-743-1048.

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 203-743-1048.

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

September 10, 2023

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.



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.

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!

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 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.

Boy Scout Troop 33 will be holding an open house on Thursday, September 14 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM in the St. Joseph Church Parish Center. Boys aged 11-17 are welcome to visit and learn more about scouting and our troop. Troop 33 camps monthly, year round. Scouts BSA is a values-based organization which focuses on leadership development, community service, environmental stewardship and citizenship, all in the context of one's duty to God. Flyers for the event can be picked up at the back of the church. Please direct any questions to dantroop33@gmail.com.

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 mciardiello@diobpt.org

September 10, 2023



THIS 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!