



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

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OFFICE NUMBERS

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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 cuarto 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



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

23 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Richard Pagano
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
24 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Frank Scapeccia
	10:30 AM	†	Rosalie Cornacchio
	12:00 N	†	William Connor
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
25 MON	7:30 AM	†	Gloria Ann Tapia
	12:10 N	†	Rosalie Cornacchio
26 TUE	<i>Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Michael Gannon
	12:10 N	†	Marie Fronzi
27 WED	<i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Pomponio Family
	12:10 N	†	Sadella Jowdy
28 THU	<i>St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;</i>		
	<i>St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Michael Timan
	12:10 PM	†	Barbara Capone
29 FRI	<i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Bill Hines
	12:10 N	†	Kathleen Heller Kortan
30 SAT	<i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	†	Paul Hart
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
1 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Rosemary Lariccia
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Edward Ruhl
	12:00 N	†	Margaret Keenan Cessario
	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 17, 2023.....\$ 6,682
Online Giving—September 17, 2023.....\$ 2,139
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



From the
Pastor's Desk

Because last week was Catechetical Sunday, my entire column was dedicated to the topic of catechesis. But, because of it, other timely stuff like the parish picnic was left out. It is true that our luck ran out weather wise. As you know, the rain began around 12:30 just as people were heading over, and it continued right up to about 2 p.m. I'm sure the rain kept some of us from attending, but, overall, the attendance was excellent. It didn't dissuade about 50 parishioners who purchased their ticket "at the door." We had great food. I must say that our Latino parishioners again came through with delicious hot entrees. The men from our Men's Society nicely grilled the hotdogs, hamburgers, and sausage. I made sure that I had a sausage grinder with the peppers and onions that I helped slice. Sides and desserts were plentiful. I must thank everyone who contributed to the success of the picnic beginning with Deborah and Bryan Hocking, the chairpersons, members of the Men's Society, the young men from our Hispanic community who set up the tables and chairs, and the women and men who shopped, prepared and put out and replenished the food and cleaned up at the end. I thank everyone who attended because you made it a very pleasant afternoon. I express our gratitude to the Vespucci Lodge for their gracious gift of their space. Their pavilion and tents kept us dry and comfortable.

On Thursday, September 14, the Saint John Paul II Nursing Home celebrated its 40th anniversary with a Mass in the morning with Bishop Caggiano. While Thursday mornings are always about the bulletin, I attended because I wanted to recognize and honor the numerous Saint Peter parishioners who got on board when a Catholic nursing home was proposed and served in an advisory capacity or volunteered for pastoral care or otherwise. I did not know Msgr. Foley who was the first chaplain but, of course, I had in mind Fr. Paul Merry who so lovingly ministered to the residents as well as Sister Frances Smalkowski who has been at the facility since it opened. She is a gem. When I first came to town in 1996, the JPII Nursing Home and its director were hailed for the standard of care and compassion. Catholic health institutions have been among the best. It's very sad that the skyrocketing cost of health caused our diocese to withdraw from operating the facility, however, the attentive Catholic pastoral care remains with the presence of Sister Frances and Father Otto.

Our Clean Sweep Tag Sale is in two weeks. Thank you to our parishioners who have dropped off items already. Though the process is quite sad, we have been fortunate over the years to be the recipients of donations from parishioners who are cleaning out their parents' home. This year we have terrific donations from two estates which have



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

In Memory of

William Connor



WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Vicente Abreu Zoey Moreno Jesslyn Paulino

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

significantly upped the quantity of items for sale. We have beautiful china, glassware, flatware, kitchen and household items in pristine condition, and so much more that if you know someone who is setting up an apartment for the first time our tag sale is the place to begin getting what's need at reasonable cost. Spread the word. We want to move it all out and make money. Volunteers are very much needed to set up and price and to give a few hours selling. It's great fun. Help!

—Fr. Mecca

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.

Our 8th grade students had a busy week!

Tuesday was a day for the 8th graders to learn all about Immaculate High School as it is that time of year when students begin to think about choosing a high school. Representatives from Immaculate and former St. Peter School students came to talk to the students about courses, extra curricular activities, and other important items of interest. They are all looking forward to Discovery Day. This is a day when the students visit Immaculate as a whole class to get a feel for the school.

On Wednesday, we had a speaker, Kathy, come to talk to our 8th grade students who had just finished reading Tuesdays With Morrie. She talked about ALS, but mostly she talked about the importance of having a solid relationship with God. Her message focused upon how much God loves each one of us and the power of prayer. In kid-friendly terms, she talked to them about praying for courage, acceptance, and surrender. "Please give me the graces I need." Simple, yet powerful. As she talked about the struggles we all encounter in our daily lives, she reminded everyone that worry takes away our peace and joy and that we need to stay in the present moment.

An Open House was held for parents of 4th-8th graders on Tuesday evening. It was a great time for parents to connect with their children's teachers and learn a little bit about what the school year will look like.

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class Orientation

If you have not received an email regarding your child's class placement, contact the office at 2037431048 or send an email to spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org. To ensure the safety of all and give everyone an opportunity to meet their catechist. Orientation is in two sessions. Below is the schedule:

September 24, 2023 at 10:30 am St. Peter School all sacramental classes; First Communion 1, First Communion 2 and Confirmation A and B will meet in the assigned classroom (as stated on the previously sent email). This is an opportunity for parents and student to meet your catechist and receive additional information about the class.

October 1, 2023 at 10:30 am St. Peter School all students registered in Pre-Confirmation 1 A,B and C, Pre-Confirmation 2 A and B and Pre-Confirmation 3 A and B, will meet in the assigned classroom (as stated on the previously sent email). This is an opportunity for parents and student to meet your catechist and receive additional information about the class.

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education



We offer our condolences to the families of

Paul Aurelien

Vera Carangelo

Richard Molinaro

John Merullo

who passed away last week.

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.

Community Concerns: Going into the fall we will be preparing for our Thanksgiving drive. Stay tuned for more details.

We have had an increase for assistance this summer as I am sure you can understand. We have been providing food cards and other miscellaneous needs as best we can but we now find that our Good Samaritan fund is running quite low and have had to turn some people away. If anyone can provide some funds to help with the funding, it would be used wisely. You can just send a check to the rectory marked Good Samaritan.

We wish you all a happy, healthy and holy holiday season. May Jesus live in and through each of you.

September 24, 2023

Musical Notes—

Here are some more details on our new music series “Seven at 7” We will have seven events throughout the coming year, all taking place on Friday evenings at 7pm. They will include:



Oct. 13: Choral Vespers with our Parish Choir

Nov. 17: Organ Recital featuring Glen Segger

Dec. 15: Christmas Concert featuring Vivaldi’s “Gloria”

Feb. 9: Silent Film “The King of Kings,” with organ accompaniment

Mar. 8: Stations of the Cross featuring Franz Liszt’s “Via Crucis”

April 26: Organ Recital featuring Janet Yieh from NYC

May 31: Choral Vespers with our Parish Choir

We intend to keep these events free and open to the public. While free-will donations will be accepted at the door, we will also be looking for people to help sponsor this series. Some of these events (notably the Silent Film) come with a hefty price tag! Next week I will give more information on how you can help support this exciting new initiative.

—Glen Segger, Music Minister

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, the schedules for October and November have been emailed and are in the Sacristy for those who requested it.

Discovering Our Faith

This Thursday we will continue to explore the program “**Divine Mercy: The Second Greatest Story Ever Told**” which tells the dramatic history of God’s love and mercy. The topic is *The Suffering Servant*. 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 a review each week prior to the session.

**Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi
(Celebration of the Passing of St. Francis)**

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

at 4:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Parish, Danbury

All are welcome!

St. Elizabeth Seton, Ridgefield, is sponsoring a trip to the **National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, Monday, October 9**. The bus leaves St. Elizabeth Seton at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m. (approximately). The bus must leave on time. Cost is \$30 per person (transportation and gratuity included). Bring Your Own Lunch. To reserve your space contact Barbara Squires at barsquire@aol.com.

September 24, 2023

THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE

Saturday, October 7

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

Sunday, October 8 (after Masses)



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

Drop off times at the Parish Hall:

Wednesday, Oct. 4

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

Saturday, Sept. 30

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

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, picture frames, shoes, toys, glass vases, and VCR tapes.

Tables will be available for \$25.00 each if you would like to sell your items in our parking lot. Please call Brenda at 203-790-5818 to reserve your table.

Begin your fall cleaning & bring in those treasures!