



### **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**

### **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



## OCTOBER

30 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Paul Hart
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
1 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Rosemary Lariccio
	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
2 MON	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Brian M. Breen
3 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Felixberto Valera
	12:10 N	†	Katherine and John McNamara
4 WED	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Suzanne Dunn
	12:10 N	†	Gloria Martin
5 THU	<i>St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</i>		
	<i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Timmy Beckett
	12:10 PM	†	Scalzo Family
6 FRI	<i>St. Bruno, Priest</i>		
	<i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Marie Conetta
	12:10 N	†	Eugene Horch Family
7 SAT	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
	7:30 AM		Scarpetti Family
	5:00 PM	†	Eddie Baldwin
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
8 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Michael Durkin
	9:00 AM	†	Rose Kovacs
	10:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	†	Peter Hoa Tran
	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 24, 2023.....\$ 6,016**  
**Online Giving—September 24, 2023.....\$ 2,000**  
**Our weekly goal .....\$ 10,500**

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



From the  
Pastor's Desk

We turn the calendar this weekend. It's October, the time for pumpkin spice! It's also the time when the year's events get into full swing.

You can notice that just by glancing at this weekend's bulletin.

We have today in Religious Formation class orientation for our students who are beyond First Communion but not in this year's Confirmation class. I thought I might offer a bit of explanation of our terminology. If you are as old as I am, you remember that we had grades three, four, five, etc. Years ago we had to abandon that neat designation because it's a different era and families and children don't necessarily enroll at age 7 and continue straight through. How do you say to a 10 yr. old returning or entering religious formation that you are in grade two? A few years ago, Barbara gave the years between First Communion and Confirmation names as a way to avoid grade numbers. Students had to complete each of the year-long "courses" to advance to the Confirmation year. Parents are obsessed with Confirmation—the end all—and persisted that they wanted Confirmation classes. So, Barbara suggested that we simply call everything after First Communion Confirmation preparation, and, you know, it has stopped the questions and insistence that the child ought to be preparing for Confirmation. Our parish Formation program, in conformity with diocesan policy, gives students who have received First Eucharist at whatever age, three years of instruction in dogma, scripture, and moral theology. Hence the designation Pre-Confirmation I, II, and III. It is these students who will have their first class today.

The Tag Sale is next weekend. It may be the biggest we've had, and we thought last year topped them all as we had so many things. Let me say, that we never put out junk, even if some junk sneaks in. It goes to the dumpster. Due once again to the kindness of families closing up homes, we have excellent things for the home, some brand new. Spread the word to people you know to come by on Saturday or Sunday. We always welcome as many hands as we can get for the set up on Thursday and Friday. Please help. It's fun and you meet a lot of nice parishioners.

The following week brings an evening meal of pasta and home made meatballs and desserts. It's the pasta supper sponsored by our Parish Life Committee. Don't cook or go out on the 14<sup>th</sup> but come to the parish hall. BYOB.

On the musical side of parish life, the first offering of our new series, "Seven at 7" is choral vespers on Friday, October 13. Vespers is translated in English as Evening Prayer. It is one of the "offices" of the Liturgy of the Hours. Sung vespers is very beautiful and worth the effort to attend.



**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns**  
**In Memory of**  
**Geri Cuccio**



### WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Gisley Leon Moises Lopez Isabella Raiban  
 Jayden Romero Keihlany Romero*

### KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Daniel Alvarez Dorothy Bennett Barbara Glasso  
 Richard Baris Nubia Dekker Jerry DeJulia  
 Joshua Erickson Elizabeth Ianelli Joseph Kasinskis  
 Teddy Marchione Christopher McLaughlin  
 Anthony Pelle, Jr Robert Soares*

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Having said that, I spent five days in France last week—two in Bayeux visiting the sites associated with D-Day—and three in Paris. There are many churches in the city – the Jesuit church was a quick walk away--and with the cathedral under restoration, I mulled over my choices. One can hear great organ music from many of them. In the end, I went to St. Germain d'Auxelrois in large part because of vespers. Notre Dame has moved its liturgies to this church. The cathedral celebrates vespers every Sunday at 5:45 followed by a solemn Mass at 6:30 often presided over by the archbishop. The environment may not have been as enormous and lofty and the organ much more modest, but the Notre Dame singers and organist were superb at both vespers and Mass. Come and experience sung vespers with us. It's peaceful and moving.

—Fr. Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the families of*

*Fr. John Punnakunnel  
Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak  
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.

### **Discovering Our Faith**

Next Thursday, October 12, we will continue exploring the program **“Divine Mercy: The Second Greatest Story Ever Told”** which tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy. The topic is “Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy”. 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.

**No session this week due to tag sale set-up.**

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\*



For more information about registering your child at St. Peter School, please contact [mmartinez@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mmartinez@spsdanbury.org) or [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mtorre@spsdanbury.org) or call the school office @ 203-748-2895.

St. Peter school students in grades 4-8 had an opportunity to participate in a mobile learning adventure at the Danbury Public Library on Wednesday - "Energy in Action." This innovative and interactive field trip was designed to inspire students to become energy-efficient leaders of tomorrow. Some of the events included: Water Wall, Light Wall, Thermal Tunnel... The students had a great time on this walking field trip!

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre,  
Principal

### SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>  
9AM-2PM

ST. PETER SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR  
AT ST. PETER PARISH HALL

CRAFTS, VENDORS, RAFFLES,  
BAKED GOODS AND MORE!



CRAFTER/VENDOR REGISTRATION \$25 PER TABLE  
CALL THE SCHOOL AT (203) 748-2895 OR EMAIL  
[CVILL@SPSDANBURY.ORG](mailto:CVILL@SPSDANBURY.ORG)

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

#### Class Orientation

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.

#### Classes Begin

All classes begin on Oct. 8 at 10:30 am St. Peter School. Students will be dismissed at 11:45am to the playground. Parents meet your child on the playground.

#### Orientacion para las clases

1 de Octubre del 2023 a las 10:30 a.m. en la escuela St. Peter para todos los estudiantes registrados en Pre-Confirmacion 3A y B nos reuniremos en los salones asignados (como se dijo previamente por correo electronico). Esta sera una oportunidad para que los padres y estudiantes conozcan a su catequista y para recibir informacion adicional sobre las clases.

#### Las clases comienzan

Todas las clases comienzan el 8 de Octubre a las 10:30 a.m. Los estudiantes seran despedidos a las 11:45 a.m. por el area de recreo. Padres encuentren a sus hijos en la area de recreo.



**October 1, 2023**

October 2023

Orientation for PC1, PC2 and PC3

8- All classes begin 10:30 -11:45- Lesson 1

15- Lesson 2

22- Lesson 3

29- Lesson 4

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

**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.



It’s time to register for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at Immaculate! If you apply to IHS, your application fee includes the exam taken at Immaculate. The HSPT is a one-time test offered to current 8th graders.

**HSPT Testing date (Class of 2028) for Fall 2023:**

**Saturday, October 28— 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, November 11—8:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

The **Saint Luke Guild for Healthcare Workers** is holding its annual **Mass Sunday, October 15th, at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport.** Bishop Caggiano will be the celebrant. For more information on the Saint Luke Guild: Visit the webpage: <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/stlukeguid/home/> or email [SaintLukeGuild@DioBpt.org](mailto:SaintLukeGuild@DioBpt.org).

**YOU ARE WELCOME!!**

*October 1, 2023*

## **THE CLEAN SWEEP TAG SALE**

**This Saturday, October 7**

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

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



**Come see the numerous treasures we have accumulated! Our parishioners have been so generous. We have items dating to the late 19th and early 20th century. There will be vendors in our Parking Lot. Come enjoy a day of bargains, reflections and bargains!**

Tickets are available today—



**Pasta Supper**  
**Saturday, October 14**  
**from 6:00 to 9 p.m.**

**Join us in the Parish Hall for pasta, homemade meatballs, salad, rolls, butter and your choice of home-made desserts and a beverages. Admission \$10 for adults; \$5 for children over 7; free for those children under 7.**