



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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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



NOVEMBER

4 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Mary Ann Gassner
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
5 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Mary Ellen Cesca
	9:00 AM	†	All Souls
	10:30 AM	†	Parish Memorial Mass
	12:00 N		Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
6 MON	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Jozef Machate, Sr.
7 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Father Frank Eldridge
	12:10 N	†	Elizabeth McCaffery
8 WED	7:30 AM	†	Robert Gray
	12:10 N	†	Frank Scapeccia
9 THU	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 PM	†	Sadella Jowdy
10 FRI	<i>St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Rodney Stevenson
	12:10 N	†	Marines who have died
11 SAT	<i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	†	Cheryl Delaney
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
12 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	All Souls
	10:30 AM	†	Henry Stegerhoff
	12:00 N		Special Intention
	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—October 29, 2023.....\$ 7,962
Online Giving—October 29, 2023.....\$ 2,419
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



We welcome today at the 10:30 Mass family members and friends of our parishioners who died since All Souls Day of last year. Today, on this Sunday closest to All Souls Day, we think of and pray for the members of this parish family whose earthly life is concluded. As I say so frequently at wakes and funerals, even though we are people of faith and trust in God's promise of eternal life for us who believe, death has, in the words of St. Paul, a painful sting for us who remain. That sting comes from separation. We do not like being apart from those whom we love. We always want to hold on. We always want more time. We understand from our Lord, however, that life is a continuum. Our deceased have not passed out of existence. They are alive, still members of the body of Christ, but have exchanged an earthly life for a heavenly one. In our Catholic tradition, we pray for the dead, and we offer Jesus' sacrifice for the expiation of our sins sacramentally captured in the Mass for them. We thank these women and men of the parish who by their faith and witness built up and sustained the Kingdom of God here. Through the love and mercy of God may they enjoy life in the presence of perfect Love, and may we live in a manner so as to be reunited with them.

I made a few blunders in last week's bulletin partly out of writing hastily and partly from being ill informed. I thought Daylight Savings Time ended the last Sunday in October. I was told that it used to but there was a change. I missed that memo, like so many others. Next year I will consult a calendar. I hope we all took advantage of an extra hour of sleep today. For me, it's not the change in temperature that I find difficult to adjust to in the fall but the increasing darkness. Even prior to the switch to Standard Time, my brain and body were acting like it was the end of the day at 7 p.m. Several times I had to talk myself into the reality that the night was still young!

I think that the darkness often makes motivating ourselves to leave the house a challenge at this time of year. Fight back for we have an occasion to step out of the house on Friday the 17th for an organ recital here at church. Glen will perform for us. It's been a good while since we have had recitals, and Glen is willing to re-establish them by starting off. His recital is part 2 of our Music Program, 7 at Seven. In the spring, we will have a guest organist from New York City. These recitals are an opportunity to listen to some compositions written for the "king of instruments" by a variety of composers.

It is never too early to think about Christmas. I know, we haven't celebrated Thanksgiving yet, but you know how fast these two months of the year go and how much there is to do. You can scratch one thing off the To-Do list—your Christmas wreath—by placing an order this



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of
Carmello DeMartino



WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Aaron Bravo Angelique Pila Sebastian Pila Luc Nguyen

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

week for a lovely fraser fir wreath from St. Peter School. They look and smell very good, and the profit the school realizes goes to support education. Once again, there are order forms in the bulletin and in the vestibule. You may put your form into the Offertory basket.

Now to Thanksgiving. Our parish has a distinguished history of contributing food to our neighbors. Our collection of food begins this weekend. I direct you to our Community Concerns Committee's announcement in this bulletin. I want only to touch upon one thing. You are certainly aware that our city is home to people from numerous cultural backgrounds. As a result, some of what we think of as the essential elements of a traditional American Thanksgiving meal—such as cranberry sauce and gravy—can be quite unfamiliar to the people we feed. For this reason, over the years we have had to decrease the quantity of certain items and substitute others. Our Thanksgiving food collection has broadened from concentration on the Thanksgiving Day meal to providing families with everyday staples of their diet. Thank you for participating this year.

—Fr. Mecca

Discovering Our Faith

Thursday, November 9, 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 "God's Master Plan". 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.

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.

We are in the process of taking orders for Christmas wreaths. If you are interested in supporting this St. Peter School fundraiser, there are flyers in the vestibule. The cost is \$30/wreath or \$80/3 wreaths. The deadline for ordering is November 14, and pick up will be on November 25 and November 26. Thank you for supporting this very important fundraiser!

Our Disciples of the Month for October include the following students: Allison Llamas (K), Kristel Pauta (1S), Kayleen Munoz (1C), Genesis Castro (2), Monica Quinde (3), Iker Castro (4), Matias Tapia (5), Anderson Quilligana (6H), Natalie Vasquez (6V), Maria Brasil (7), and Luanna Silva (8). These students were chosen based on the following behaviors associated with the Virtue of Prayerfulness: Remaining still and quiet during times of prayer and reflection, connecting with God and making personal relationships, participating in Mass and making time for God during the day, being a model of prayerfulness by giving complete and focused attention to prayer, guiding classmates to say the new prayer Act of Hope, praying with their whole body and soul, sitting still in church and listening to Fr. Mecca during Mass and setting a good example for the other students in the classroom.

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal



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. The next date is: **Saturday, November 11 from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Save The Date: December 3, 2023, Confirmation Meeting: There will be a meeting for parents of students in Confirmation A & B, Sunday December 3 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will explain the documentation needed for Confirmation and the next steps for your child. It is a good time to begin the search for a sponsor. This is someone other than yourself to provide spiritual help to the candidate. He or she should be willing to serve as a strong and lasting Christian influence to your child and must be a practicing Catholic.

Reserve la fecha: 3 de diciembre de 2023, reunión de confirmación: Habrá una reunión para padres de estudiantes en Confirmación A y B, el domingo 3 de diciembre a las 2:00 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. Le explicaremos la documentación necesaria para la Confirmación y los próximos pasos para su hijo. Es un buen momento para comenzar la búsqueda de patrocinador. Se trata de alguien que no sea usted mismo para brindar ayuda espiritual al candidato. Él o ella debe estar dispuesto a servir como una influencia cristiana fuerte y duradera para su hijo y debe ser un católico practicante.

November 2023

5—Lesson 5
12 – Lesson 6
19 – Lesson 7
26 – No Class

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

November 5, 2023



Community Concerns wishes you all a refreshing and beautiful fall season! The “giving” time is upon us and Thanksgiving is a little less than three weeks away. You will notice the Thanksgiving bags for our collection in the back of the church as you leave today. We will be picking up 50 turkeys donated so generously by Stew Leonard’s again this year. The parish hall will be set up as a pantry once again this year as our neighbors enjoyed selecting their own items last year. You will see that there are different sheets requesting different categories of items. They have been carefully selected as the items most in demand. Please take a bag and get one or as many of the items that you choose. Quantities are indicated for some items so please comply with those specifics. We did that to make it more practical for our families to pack their bags- each will get two large grocery bags to fill.

The pickup date for the event is **November 19 so please return donation on that date-** we will be collecting in the parish hall.

We thank you in advance for your loving generosity and wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed day with loved ones—so much for which to give thanks.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
446 Stone Street, Danbury, CT**

will hold an evening to unite in prayer for peace

Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

St. Ignatian Parish Pilgrimage

Are you longing for deeper meaning and purpose in your life? A more personal relationship with God? The ***St Ignatian Parish Pilgrimage*** sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Fairfield University is coming to St Peter Parish for the 2024 Lenten / Easter season. This combination series of lectures, faith sharing groups and spiritual direction will take place over a 10-week period. There is a series that will satisfy your spiritual hunger and bring a closer relationship with God. More information will be provided each month as we get closer to the pilgrimage.

—John Feeney, Worship & Spirituality.

November 5, 2023

HARVEST BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Men's Society



**Today, Sunday, November 5
Parish Hall following 7:30,
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses**

Menu Includes – pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee, tea & orange juice.

Adults \$8; Children \$6; Family \$25.

Don't forget...there is always a door prize!

Bring the family and join in the fun!

Friends of "7 at Seven"

7
at Seven

The next event in our "7 at Seven" music series will take place on **Fri-day, November 17 at 7pm.** Our music director, Glen Segger, will give an organ recital featuring works by J.S. Bach, Jehan Titelouze, George Muffat, Denis Bedard, and Freddie Mercury. This recital is free and open to the public, with a free-will donation being taken at the door. A light reception will follow in the sacristy. Come enjoy an evening out while listening to our mighty Peragallo pipe organ!

—Glen Segger, Director of Music