



Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor
Rev. David J. Riley, In Residence
Deacon Rafael Regus

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - MONDAY through FRIDAY
104 Main Street, Danbury, CT

OFFICE NUMBERS

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MUSIC MINISTER

Dr. Glen Segger, gsegger@stpeterdanb.org

SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE

Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895
StPeterSchoolDanbury.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.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

Confesiones—Primer Domingo del mes—3:45—4:45 p.m.
Grupo de Oracion—Lunes 7:00 p.m. Sotano de la Iglesia
Estudio de La Biblia—Viernes 7:00 p.m. Sotano de la Escuela
Rosario de La Aurora—Sabado 5:00 a.m.—Iglesia
Bautizos—Requiere de una clase prebautizmal contactarse con nuestra oficina 203-743-2707 office@stpeterdanb.org
Ministerio del Coro—Alejandro Servin 203-300-9584
Intensiones para la Misa—Anotarse 15 minutos antes en la entrada.
Horario en Espanol—1:30 - 3:20 p.m. de Lunes—Virnes

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/DECEMBER

25 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Joseph Hocking
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
26 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Allen R. Light
	9:00 AM	†	Rose Kovacs
	10:30 AM	†	Lucia and Luciano Ranallo
	12:00 N		Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
27 MON	7:30 AM	†	Albert Stasiak
	12:10 N	†	Charles A. Riley
28 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Ronald Connor
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
29 WED	7:30 AM	†	Evelyn Heath
	12:10 N	†	Adele Colatorti
30 THU	<i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Michael Timan
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
1 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Nettie Scapeccia
	12:10 N	†	Lawrence J. Cardinal Sheehan
2 SAT	7:30 AM	†	Roy Harris
	5:00 PM	†	Hocking and Llorco Families
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
3 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Trong Ta
	10:30 AM	†	Peter Tuyen Le
	12:00 N	†	Anthon Deleon
	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—.....Not available
Online Giving—.....Not Available
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns
In Memory of
James DeMartino



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



It's the Thanksgiving weekend. I hope we have enjoyed the feast on Thursday with family and friends as well as the delicious leftovers. We welcome visitors to our parish this holiday weekend.

I must begin by saying words of gratitude to everyone who participated in the collection of food for folks in our community by buying or working during the distribution of the food or contributing cash. The Community Concerns Committee prepared 500 grocery bags and only about sixty remained untaken. The donations from some 440 people made for quite a sight as the volunteers sorted and stacked, transforming the parish hall into something of a grocery store. What wasn't given out went to Daily Bread Food Pantry. We served over fifty families. I thank Stew Leonard's for the donation of fifty turkeys and Scott Haines, chef and owner of Biscotti's Ristorante in New Fairfield, who, as he has done for many years, supplied twelve delicious dinners, dessert included, for the home bound. Everyone is so generous of heart. Last but certainly not least, I thank Christine Moore who coordinates the whole enterprise. God bless everyone for your goodness.

This is the last weekend of the liturgical year. We end the year by exalting Jesus as King. Our journey over these last twelve months has led us to Christ. Our lives move toward Jesus the head and center of the Church who gives life. As the lyrics of the hymn say, "To Jesus Christ our sovereign king who is the world's salvation, all praise and honor do we bring in thanks and adoration."

Advent begins next weekend, and normally we prepare the Angel Tree for the First Sunday of the season, but this year we decided it was better to have it out now to give us all some more time—three rather than two weeks—to purchase the gifts. We can all use more time in the month of December to accomplish all that we must do. The agencies will be sponsoring their Christmas parties during the week of December 17th, so we absolutely need all the gifts here by the end of Masses on Sunday, December 17th. You can see the list of the agencies with whom we are partnering in the advertisement in this bulletin.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Speaking of Christmas, the school wreath pick-up is this weekend. Besides the pre-ordered wreaths, there are some wreaths for sale, so purchase one on your way to your car while the supply lasts.

Last weekend, we said good-bye to Ashely Zadravec our soprano soloist and cantor for twelve years. The choir, Glen and I presented her with flowers and a gift at the conclusion of the 10:30 Mass. Although saddened that she is no longer with us, as she had become part of our parish family, we are happy and extremely fortunate to welcome Marthe Ryerson who joins us today. Marthe's name will sound familiar to us who have been around a while. Marthe sang with us for a number of years when Steve Roberts was our music director until she moved on to do other things. From time-to-time Marthe has helped us with funerals. When Ashley gave notice, Glen approached Marthe, asking if she might be interested in picking up a regular gig at the parish once again, and Marthe agreed. We are delighted to have Marthe back with us! Welcome Marthe!

You will find on the table in the vestibule the book, "Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life" by Matthew Kelly, the prolific writer and speaker. Copies of this short book were given to some of the grades at school. MaryLou Torre suggested that the surplus copies could be made available to you. I've only read the Prologue so far, but what I read I thought coincided nicely with our Gospel today. When we cooperate with Grace, we increase goodness and holiness. This gives God joy, and Jesus shares his joy with us. Help yourself to a copy.

—Fr. Mecca

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.

St. Peter School exists to provide a nurturing environment where students become Disciples of Jesus Christ, embrace the love of lifelong learning, and believe in the dignity of all people.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas Wreath this year. We hope the wreath will help welcome family and friends to your home throughout the Christmas season in a special way.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast was held on November 21st, and it is always joyful for our school community to share a meal together. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped set - up, prepare food, serve, and clean - up.

We are looking forward to the St. Peter School Craft Fair being held on Saturday, December 2 from 9 AM - 2 PM in the St. Peter Church Hall. We would love to see you there!

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal



We offer our condolences to the family of

Michael McDermott

who passed away last week.

Discovering Our Faith

There will not be a meeting **December 7th**. Sessions will resume in January 2024. We will announce the next study soon.

Our Parish Choir will be singing a Christmas Concert on Friday, December 15, at 7:00pm. Highlighting the concert will be Vivaldi's magnificent "Gloria." The concert will end with a good old-fashioned congregational carol sing!



—Glen Segger, Music Director

November 26, 2023

**Summary of Operations
For the Month of October 2023**

Revenues:

Collections (1)	\$	52,990
Other Revenues:		
Bingo		
Other (2)		<u>2,378</u>

Total Revenues **55,368**

Expenses:

Personnel	39,663
Church (3)	25,318
Other (4)	<u>2,455</u>

Total Expenses **67,436**

Net income from Operations **\$ (12,068)**

- (1) Weekly, Monthly & Holy Day collections
- (2) Bequests, parking lot lease, Excess Annual Bishop's Appeal & funds for church usage
- (3) Church & Rectory liturgical supplies, flowers, maintenance, utilities & insurance
- (4) Office & grounds

Parking Lot Collection	\$	4,394
Loan Balance	\$	57,752

**St. Mary School Craft Fair
24 Dodgintown Road, Bethel, CT**

**December 2, 2023
From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Local handmade unique gifts and delicious treats.

Come join in the fun!

*****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION*****

Calling All Shepherds and Angels : We need you for the living Nativity during the children's Mass on Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm. If your child would like to participate, please contact us at spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org There will be a dress rehearsal in Room B03 of St. Peter School on December 17 at 12:15 pm after religious education classes. Costumes will be selected at this time and additional information will be discussed.

Llamando a todos los pastores y ángeles: Los necesitamos para la Natividad viviente durante la misa de los niños el sábado 24 de Diciembre a las 4:00 pm. Si su hijo(a) quiere participar, por favor, póngase en contacto con nosotros en spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org Habrá un ensayo general en la aula **B03** de la escuela de San Pedro el 17 de Diciembre a las 12:15 pm después de las clases de educación religiosa. Los trajes serán seleccionados en este día y se discutirá información adicional.

Save The Date: December 3, 2023, Confirmation Meeting: There will be a meeting for parents of students in Confirmation A & B , Sunday December 5 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 5 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

26 – No Class

December

3- Lesson 8/Advent Begins

3 – Confirmation Meeting

10 – Lesson 9

17 – Lesson 10

24 – No Class

31 - No Class

—Barbara Sciano, Director of Religious Education

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
9AM-2PM

ST. PETER SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

AT ST. PETER PARISH HALL

CRAFTS, VENDORS, RAFFLES,
BAKED GOODS AND MORE!

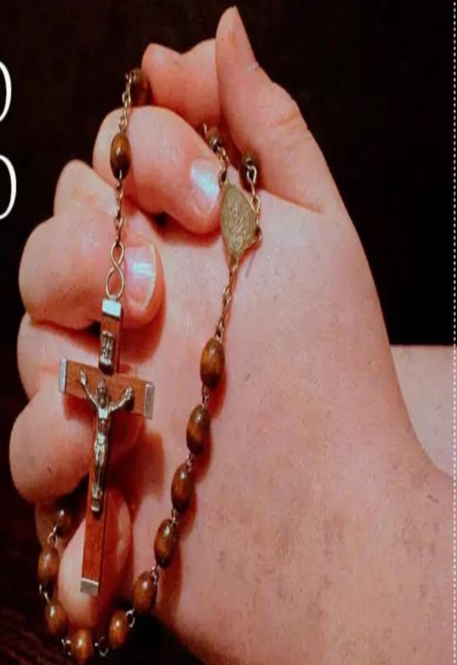


CRAFTER/VENDOR REGISTRATION \$25 PER TABLE
CALL THE SCHOOL AT (203) 748-2895 OR EMAIL
CVILL@SPSDANBURY.ORG

EL SANTO ROSARIO

Sabado
5:00 a.m.
en nuestra
Iglesia

*Iglesia St. Peter
Danbury CT.*



ANGEL TREE



As you can see, the Angel Tree once again adorns our vestibule. Each year some families do not deliver the gift to the church in time for Christmas parties. We are asking for your help by returning your angel gift no later than December 10.

Our Advent Angel Tree will assist Ability Beyond (AB), Birthright*(BR), Community Concerns Committee*(CCC), Catholic Charities Morning Glory Program*(MG), Family & Children's Aid (FCA), Interfaith AIDS Ministry (IAM), Renewal House (RH), St. Peter School (SPS), and St. Peter Church*(SPC). There will be baskets in the vestibule to collect your gifts.

The asterisk by the name of an organization indicates that gift wrapping is not necessary. Gift cards may be placed in a plain envelope.

Thank you for your kindness.