



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
Deacon Rafael Regus 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. lunes y jueves

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



JANUARY

20 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Vera Carangelo
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
21 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Mary Ellen Cesca
	9:00 AM	†	Rose Kovacs
	10:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	†	Frances Mooney
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
22 MON	7:30 AM	†	Deanna Hoffman
	12:10 N	†	Ellen and Felix Needham
23 TUE	<i>St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i>		
	<i>St. Marianne Cope, Virgin</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Tom Curran
	12:10 N	†	John and Tom Needham
24 WED	<i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious</i>		
	<i>Founder and Doctor</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Ann Kinnally
	12:10 N	†	Ronald Connor
25 THU	<i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Emmanuel Varapragason
26 FRI	<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Ruth McGlynn
	12:10 N	†	Delores Von Bank
27 SAT	<i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Angielina Emerita
	5:00 PM	†	Jim Lynch
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
28 SUN	7:30 AM	†	John Merullo
	9:00 AM	†	Peter Tuyen Le
	10:30 AM	†	Philomena and Joseph Trieu
	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—January 14, 2024.....\$ 8,611
Our weekly goal\$ 10,500

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca

**The Annual Contribution Statements will
be mailed out this week.**

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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



Last Saturday, the 13th, members of our parish leadership attended a meeting held at St. Rose of Lima. There were about twelve of us present. The Bishop set dates for each of the nine deaneries. As a reminder, our Deanery covers the towns of Danbury, Bethel, New Fairfield, Brookfield and Newtown. (Newtown was not initially in our deanery but recently moved into it.) As a diocese, we are moving into the next phase of what Bishop Caggiano calls “The One,” and part of getting started on this initiative to draw people to Christ, he wants us regionally to listen to one another, to see where there is commonality in our challenges, and to begin dialogue between parishes. At this point I probably need to remind us all about what “The One” is. The Bishop is talking about the primary thing we do as Christ’s Church. What is that? Have people encounter Jesus and then accompany them in the faith. As the Bishop repeats, he is not rolling out a new evangelization initiative; rather he is suggesting that we do what the Church has always done. It engages a person’s heart, shows a person a life of virtue and truth. The Bishop wants everyone to focus on this one thing but not in isolation but as a whole. The deaneries provide a natural geographical area of cooperation.

At our last presbyteral meeting, the Bishop also spoke of the National Eucharistic Renewal. Some of you may have read about it. I know one person asked me why we were not doing anything in conjunction with it. Bishop Caggiano wanted to hold off because he wants to tie it into the One. Beginning this month through May we will begin a preparation period. Our diocesan renewal will begin as the national renewal ends with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament which will enter our territory on May 19 through the 21st. There will be much more to talk about in regard to the Eucharistic Renewal in the months ahead.

I was asked back in November to be the Pastor Co-Chair of the 2024 Annual Bishop’s Appeal. I am telling you this because the next issue of the Fairfield County Catholic will soon arrive in your mailbox. In it you will find an article with me in it. A reporter for the paper interviewed me over the phone. In all honesty, I haven’t really grasped what my role is as a co-chair, but so far I’ve participated in a zoom meeting with parish leaders on Tuesday and attended a reception on Wednesday evening. I’ve had to offer prayer and give short talks about how I view the Appeal from a pastoral point of view. The 2024 Bishop’s Appeal, entitled “One in Christ” kicks off next weekend. You can expect to listen to the Bishop’s address to us at each Mass. Regarding the 2023 Appeal, Joe Gallagher, the head of the Development Office, was very pleased to announce that on December 21 the Appeal hit its goal of 8

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

million dollars. The goal was reached through the generosity of some 14,600 people. (I can't recall the exact number.) One of our hopes is that we can persuade more than 15,000 people to participate in this year's Appeal and reach the goal, which remains at 8 million, in pledges by June 30. Some donors like to wait to the end of the year to pay and that is fine, but the development office would like to avoid the anxiety of whether or not the goal will be met by receiving pledges adding up to the 8 million before summer. We were very generous to the 2023 Appeal, and I commend the 183 of us for our sense of solidarity and commitment to the ministries of the Church. We donated a total of \$83,213 to the Appeal. Bishop Caggiano sent us a letter just before Christmas thanking us for our generosity.

—Fr. Mecca

The **Men's Society** would like to welcome you to a **Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall**, this **Sunday, January 21, 2024** after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses. There is no charge to attend. Just come down and meet new and old friends after Sunday morning Mass.



SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



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.

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.

Our next fundraiser, which is virtual, is Double Good Popcorn. Stay tuned for details!

The St. Peter School Prospective Family Information Night for PK and Kindergarten is going to be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. We currently have spaces for PK, K, and 2nd grade for the 2024-2025 school year. Limited spaces are available in some other grades. Please check us out if you are looking for a Catholic education for your child! We hope to see you there!

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rite Of Covenant- January 27, 2024 - The Rite of Covenant celebrates a confirmation candidate's response to exploring the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. This is the time candidates consider what it means to live out our Catholic faith. Join us in prayer to God for their commitment to the covenant of acceptance to the Sacrament of Confirmation and their full initiation into the Church. All Confirmation candidates, parents, and sponsors (if possible) are requested to meet in the Parish Hall at 4:00 for the signing service and then attend Mass at 4:45. Participation for all students and parents is mandatory.

Rito de la Alianza - 27 de enero de 2024 - El Rito de la Alianza celebra la respuesta de un candidato a la confirmación al explorar la tradición de la Iglesia Católica Romana. Este es el momento en que los candidatos consideran lo que significa vivir nuestra fe católica. Únase a nosotros en oración a Dios por su compromiso con la alianza de aceptación del Sacramento de la Confirmación y su plena iniciación en la Iglesia. Se solicita a todos los candidatos a la Confirmación, padres y patrocinadores (si es posible) que se reúnan en el salón parroquial a las 4:00 para el servicio de firma y luego asistan a Misa a las 4:45. La participación de todos los estudiantes y padres es obligatoria.

JANUARY

- 21- Lesson 12
- 27- Rite of Covenant
- 28- No Class

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

Discover Our Faith

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from Heaven "for us men and our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10 part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. **January 25 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall** is Episode 3: Not Without Cost "...why the cross? Explore sin as debt and salvation as the ransom paid..."

During unpredictable weather, to verify whether an event will take place, please call the office (203-743-2707) or check our website at stpeterdanb.org.

January 21, 2024

Thank You To St. Peter Parish:

Our thanks to the kind and generous parishioners at St. Peter Church for fulfilling so many Christmas wishes for our residents and graduates. Your support is an important component of Renewal House's ability to continue serving some of this community's most vulnerable members. Those we serve have not had access to many resources needed to maintain good health and economic stability. Although resources are available, access to and effective use of those resources eludes many, putting them at risk.

With your support, we can continue implementing innovative approaches to bridge the gaps in access and opportunity. The result? Lives are restored and a community is made stronger.

The consistency of your support is an important factor in the stability and consistency of service we can provide to the residents and graduates of Renewal House. This work can often be challenging. When we have reliable sources of support, we can concentrate on providing resources and services that enable those we serve to restore their lives.

Thank you for the foundation of support that has been there for so many years. We are truly grateful.

With kind regards,

Janice Wiggins, Executive Director

The Bishop's Lecture Series 2024...

The mission of the Bishop's Lecture Series is to provide opportunities for compelling adult faith formation regarding catechetical, theological or pastoral issues of contemporary importance. Each year four such lectures will be given in various regions of the Diocese.

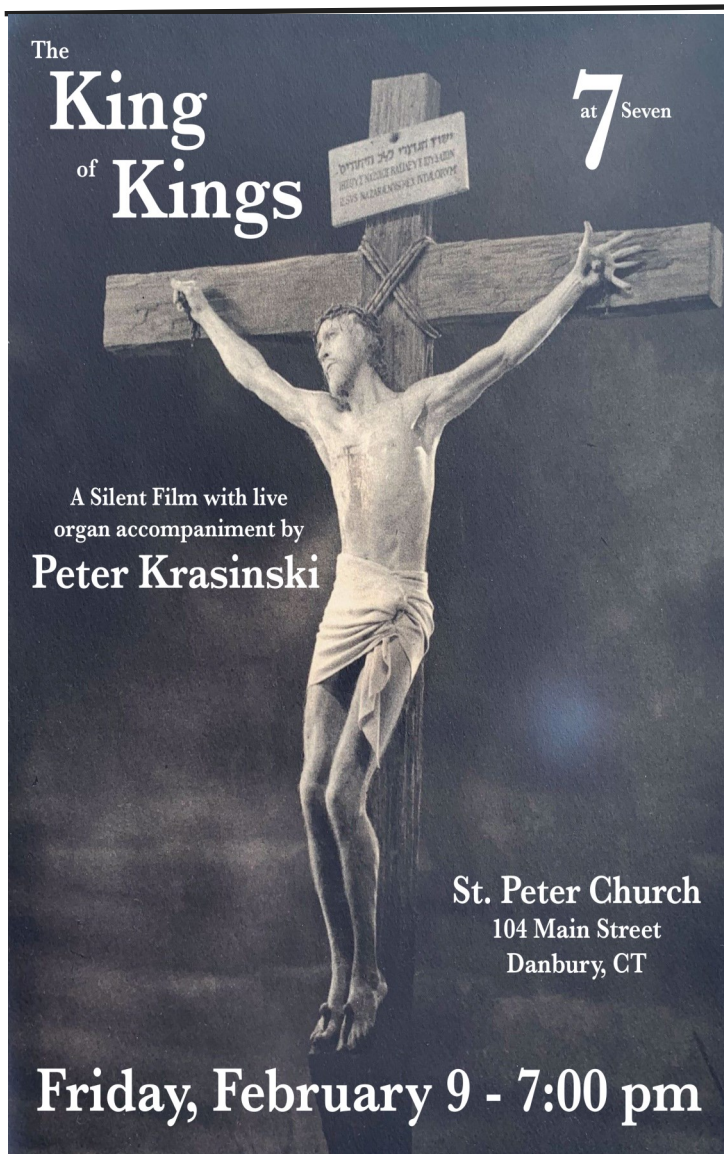
Father Michael Clark is the first lecturer on **Wednesday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints School, Norwalk. His topic is: "Rooted in Light: Gothic Architecture and the Transformation of Culture".**

To RSVP to a Bishop's Lecture event, please visit:

www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bls OR

Email: bishopslecture@diobpt.org

January 21, 2024



The
**King
of Kings**

at **7** Seven

A Silent Film with live
organ accompaniment by
Peter Krasinski

St. Peter Church
104 Main Street
Danbury, CT

Friday, February 9 - 7:00 pm

Silent Movie

“The King of Kings”

Mark your calendars! Peter Krasinski will be returning to St. Peter Church. This time he will be accompanying the 1927 religious epic **“The King of Kings”** by Cecil B. DeMille. As a special treat, he will be joined by our very own St. Peter Parish Choir. You will not want to miss this one! **Friday, February 9, at 7:00 pm.**