

## *The Third Sunday in Lent*



### **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. and in Spanish the second and fourth Sundays at 1:15 p.m.

# **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**

Phone: 203-743-2707  
Email Address - [office@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:office@stpeterdanb.org)  
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### **MUSIC MINISTER**

Dr. Glen Segger, [gsegger@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:gsegger@stpeterdanb.org)

### **SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE**

Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895  
[StPeterSchoolDanbury.org](http://StPeterSchoolDanbury.org)



### **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](mailto: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](mailto:spreligioused@stpeterdanb.org)

**Chairman of Parish Council** – Fred Visconti – 203-744-2311  
**Chairman of Finance** – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183



## MARCH

2 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Peter Tuyen Le
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
3 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Myrna Gutierrez
	9:00 AM	†	Maria Ba
	10:30 AM	†	William Connor
	12:00 N		Our Parishioners
	5:00 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
4 MON	<i>St. Casimir</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	James John McCoy
	12:10 N	†	Zita Schmiedel
5 TUE	7:30 AM	†	Witalis Kmiecik
	12:10 N	†	Edward Cardinal Egan
6 WED	7:30 AM	†	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	†	Kathleen Heller Cortan
7 THU	<i>Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Kenneth L. Hesse
	12:10 N	†	Vincent M. Keilty
8 FRI	<i>St. John of God, Religious</i>		
	7:30 AM	†	Thomas Nguyen
	12:10 N	†	James P. Schlichtig
9 SAT	<i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i>		
	7:30 AM		Special Intention
	5:00 PM	†	Chuck Ferguson
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
10 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Mary Ellen Cesca
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Peter Hoa Tran
	12:00 N	†	Angelo Rossi
	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—February 25, 2024.....\$ 7,119**  
**Online Giving—February 25, 2024.....\$ 2,889**  
**Our weekly goal .....\$ 10,500**

Thank you for your support.

Father Mecca



I am very pleased to announce to you that our calendar of events is now available on our website! Yeah to us. We are advancing further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I told you of our intention late last summer to have a calendar up on the website. We anticipated that it would be up in September. So, what happened? Lots, but I cannot explain in detail the technical issues. We worked with Microsoft because some years ago, the Diocese had all the parishes migrate to using it. A primary reason for all parishes to be on the same software was for communication purposes. Everyone has an address within the system, eliminating emails to personal emails. The system is supposed to be more secure. The software package has many applications (not that I can remember them or that I use them) including a calendar. Perfect. We have the capability to create a calendar at our fingertips without looking for a program. So, with Marty Carangelo's help (our free IT man) Carol assembled the calendar over the course of weeks. It looked great. It was color coordinated. Each organization within the parish had its own color. Visually it was lovely, but beyond that, it helped viewers find what they were looking for quickly. When it came time to load it onto the website, it wouldn't work! What? We learned that eCatholic, our web platform, does support Microsoft. We could purchase a software package that is or use Google which already is integrated with eCatholic and is free to us as a customer. We chose the latter, and the process began to move forward once again. In the interim, our free IT man had heart surgery and was out of commission for weeks, Christmas came, etc. etc. The calendar went up a couple of weeks ago. It doesn't have distinguishing colors anymore (not available with Google), but it looks good. So, if you need to check on when, where, or at what time a meeting or some event is being held, you can now go to our site on your computer or phone and get the information you need. Obviously, the accuracy of the calendar depends upon staff and committee chairs giving Carol timely updates. I am asking them to be mindful of sending in additions and subtractions.

"I can't hear you from the altar." "I can't hear you from the pulpit." "I can't hear you from the chair." "I can't hear from this or that section of the church." Madonna! I've heard you! Last year, part of the guts of the sound system died, and we had Pascom Sound here for a repair. Pete Sandone, the owner, was able to get us by with a used part. We spoke at that time about not just repairing the sound system but upgrading it. The current sound system is at least 20 years old. I believe it was upgraded at the time of the renovation work in 2000-01. As with everything electronic, advances in technology have occurred in the last 20 years. We decided to replace our system with new



**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns**  
**In Memory of**  
**William Connor**



**We offer our condolences to the family of**  
**Edward Cuevas**  
**who passed away last week**

### WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Alan Fajardo George Fajardo Mike Fajardo*

### 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 Kasinskas*  
*Teddy Marchione Catherine McDermott Anthony Pelle, Jr*  
*Christopher McLaughlin Marita Repole Robert Soares*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

equipment and new speakers. The equipment arrived and is in the sacristy. Installation will begin on Monday and is expected to take all week. We are not discarding the current speakers. At some point, we will be doing interior work on the church ceiling and clerestory windows, and we don't want to expose brand new speakers to potential damage. So, we are storing them in the rectory basement and will put them back up during the repair work. Next week I will ask you if you can hear me. You better say better than ever!

The Scrutinies begin for the Elect, our three young women entering the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The Scrutinies happen on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent and are designed to give them resolve to fight against sin and temptation and strength in Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life. We have one more individual, Jhoselin Organillo, who will complete her initiation into the Church with Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Jhoselin is receiving her instruction in the Spanish RCIA. She is also in our prayers.

—Fr. Mecca

### Music Notes—

#### Reflections on Gregorian Chant – Part 3



Over the last two weeks, I talked about “what” Vatican II had to say about Latin and Gregorian chant at Mass. The week, I would like to reflect on “why?”

I'm often curious to see what other Catholics are singing at Mass. In fact, I've become a bit of a YouTube junkie, watching Masses from around the world (St. Mary Sydney, St. Peter Rome, St. Sulpice Paris, etc.). And I'm always heartened to see how many churches sing Gregorian chant. The French in particular love Gregorian chant, entire congregations singing the Gloria from the Missa de Angelis, or Credo III (not easy chants for a congregation to sing!). Often, I find myself joining in, uniting my voice with Catholics from around the world praying same words, in the same language, using the same Gregorian chants.

Why Gregorian chant? It unites us in our One Holy Catholic faith. Through these Latin chants, we: 1) unite our voices with others around the world; 2) we unite our voices with those from previous generations; 3) we unite our voices with generations to come. *Sing to the Lord* (2007), published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops summarizes it best: “Gregorian chant is uniquely the Church's own music. Chant is a living connection with our forebears in the faith, the traditional music of the Roman rite, a sign of communion with the universal Church, a bond of unity across cultures, a means for diverse communities to participate together in song, and a summons to contemplative participation in the Liturgy.” (par. 72). So why Gregorian chant? Unity!

—Glen Segger, Music Director

### \*\*\*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.

Our St. Peter School Read-A-Thon is running from March 4-March 18. We have already had donations come in before the official kick-off; we are hopeful that this fundraiser will bring in a good return for our school. We spend 20 minutes during the school day to “drop everything and read” as part of this program. Students are introduced to new genres, and it gives them a chance to add to their overall daily reading minutes, too. This year our K-3 students will celebrate their love of books by dressing up as their favorite character on Monday, wearing a crazy hat on Tuesday, wearing their hair like a WHO character on Wednesday, participating in Camp Read a Lot on Thursday, and wearing crazy socks and accessories on Friday in addition to partner reading. Any proceeds from the two Dress Down Days will go towards the Read - A - Thon fundraiser.

On Wednesday, we learned that three St. Peter School students have been chosen to have their artwork represented in the 2024 Catholic Schools Calendar. This is the second year Veritas has held this contest, and our students love entering their pieces! Sasha Lopez's artwork is featured in the month of May and depicts Ascension Day. When September rolls around, look for Iker Castro's depiction of the Feast of the Angels. Finally, as the year closes out in December, Ida Cabrero's depiction of Christmas is touching.

Have a blessed week!

—Mrs. Mary Lou Torre, Principal

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

#### Saint Interviews-Confirmation Candidates

Saint interviews will be conducted from March 17-24. A link will be emailed to you by March 6<sup>th</sup>, and you can select your choice for day and time. If you do not register by March 9<sup>th</sup> a day and time will be assigned to you.

For further information about the saint interview kindly refer to the Saint Interview Guidelines that were previously distributed.

#### Entrevistas de santos-Candidatos de Confirmación

Las entrevistas a los santos se llevarán a cabo del 17 al 24 de marzo. Se le enviará un enlace por correo electrónico antes del 6 de marzo y podrá seleccionar el día y la hora que prefiera. Si no se registra antes del 9 de marzo, se le asignará un día y una hora.

Para obtener más información sobre la entrevista a un santo, consulte las Pautas para la entrevista a un santo que se distribuyeron anteriormente.



March 3, 2024

**First Reconciliation- First Communion Candidates**  
**Primera Reconciliación- Candidatos a Primera Comuni-  
ón**

Students in First Communion (FC II) A,B, C & D will receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation March 9, 2024. Parent and child meeting (attendance is mandatory) at 9:00 am in the parish hall followed by First Reconciliation Liturgy and first confessions at 10:00 am in the Church.

Los estudiantes en Primera Comunión (FC II) A, B, C y D recibirán el sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación el 9 de marzo de 2024. Reunión de padres e hijos (la asistencia es obligatoria) a las 9:00 am en el salón parroquial seguida de la Liturgia de la Primera Reconciliación y primeras confesiones a las 10:00 horas en la Iglesia.

For more information about our Religious Education program and registration information visit us at <https://stpeterdanb.org/> you will find more information under Faith Formation

Para obtener más información sobre nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa e información de registro, visitenos en <https://stpeterdanb.org/> encontrará más información en Formación de Fe

**March**

- 3—Class 17
- 6-8—Sign-up opens for Confirmation  
Candidates saint interview
- 9 – First Reconciliation/  
Parent Meeting
- 10 – Class 18
- 17 – Class 19
- 24 – Class 20
- 31—Easter No Class

—Barbara Siano, Director of Religious Education

**Prayer for Priests**

**Saturday, March 16 at 8:00 a.m. parishioners will gather for Prayer for Priests. Join us in the Parish Hall.**

**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. **March 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall** is Episode 9: “Not Just for Other People ‘recognizing our sin and asking for God’s help and the help of those God has put in our lives’.”

*Comment from one in attendance: “I came to Discovering Our Faith to learn more about the teachings of Jesus. Now, I also come for the camaraderie. Everyone has wonderful stories and we share discussions on the topics.”*

St. Peter Parish Choir  
Glen Segger, organ

at **7** Seven

**March 8, 2024**  
**7:00 pm**

**Franz Liszt**  
**Via Crucis**

The Murphy Center for  
**IGNATIAN**  
SPIRITUALITY  
of Fairfield University

**Ignatian Parish Pilgrimage**

St. Peter Parish is sponsoring an In-House *Ignatian Parish Pilgrimage* for Lent, which is designed to foster a healthy and active spiritual life.

There are two lectures remaining March 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. The time is 10:30 AM to 12 PM. in the Parish Hall.

**Connecticut March for Life—March 20, 2024**

Join us for the 3rd Annual Connecticut March for Life on Wednesday, March 20, at the Connecticut State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue. The Rally at the Capitol begins at 12:00 noon followed by the March at 1:00 p.m. Rally speakers will be announced soon! For more information visit [www.ct.marchforlife.org](http://www.ct.marchforlife.org).



**Coffee Hour**

The **Men’s Society** would like to welcome you to a **Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall**, this **Sunday, March 17** 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.

## Lent continues...

Stations of the Cross  
Every Friday in Lent  
7:00 p.m. in English  
7:45 p.m. in Spanish

### **LENTEN ALMSGIVING**



Weekend	Item Requested
Mar. 3	Price Rite Food Cards \$10 to \$25
Mar. 10	Tooth Paste, Liquid Hand Soap, Laundry Soap, Bleach
Mar. 17	Size 5/6 Diapers, Diaper Cream Baby Wipes & Baby Lotion
Mar. 24	Price Rite Food Cards \$10 to \$25

When donating food cards, please attach the receipt indicating the value.



### **Soup and Stations**

**Come to the Parish Hall each  
Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m.**

**March 8 Glenn Segger  
(St. Peter Church Music Minister)**

**Enjoy a bowl of soup and  
a Lenten message prior to  
the Stations at 7:00 p.m.**



**Community Concerns**—As we accompany Jesus these 40 days on His way to Calvary culminating in His resurrection on Easter morning, we would like to recommend a moving interview presented by Word on Fire. It is an interview between A Word on Fire representative and the Archbishop of Erbil in Iraq. It is a message of hope symbolic of the Lenten season. We can join our brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer as they so faithfully live their lives for the glory of God. You can find this on:

You Tube: Word on Fire in Iraq: Interview with the Archbishop of Erbil

### **A PRAYER FOR LENT**

*Merciful God,  
washaway my faults and stains  
with your precious blood,  
and give me the protection  
I need to amend my life  
and surrender myself  
wholly to you.*

—St. Peter Canisius

### **EL SANTO ROSARIO**

Sabado 5:00 a.m.  
en nuestra Iglesia

*Iglesia St. Peter  
Danbury CT.*



### **Serving Our Community**

“After years of living independently, facing food insecurity in my later years was humbling. But the Catholic Charities of Fairfield County’s Senior Nutrition Program, not only did I receive nourishing meals, I was reminded of the unwavering community spirit that values each one of us, no matter our age. Their support is about so much more than food; it’s about dignity, care and belonging.”

Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities through the Bishop’s Appeal. Together, One in Christ, we can continue to support our brothers and sisters who are most in need.

**Make your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal today!**

Visit: [www.2024BishopsAppeal.org](http://www.2024BishopsAppeal.org)



### **2024 Annual Bishop’s Appeal**

**Pledged to date: \$18,510.00  
Donors: 37**