



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 – 5:30 p.m.
Brazilian Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday through Saturday - 7:30 a.m.
Monday through Friday -12:10 Noon

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 before the Sacrament is celebrated. 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 will take place every Sunday at 1:15 p.m. except the second Sunday of the month.

Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor
Rev. Jeffrey W. Couture, Resident
Rev. Paul Merry, In Residence
Rev. David J. Riley, In Residence

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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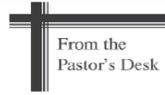
YOUTH MINISTRY

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JULY



It's July! Summer is here! I am hoping for a slower pace in the office. (I say that every year.) There is always plenty of calls, wedding appointments, parish and school business, but maybe with all the big events behind us we won't be quite so crazy. We welcome back for six weeks Fr. John Attard who flew in from Malta. He told me during the car ride from the airport that this is his 49th year coming to the diocese to help out in ministry. I am grateful for the relationship which he formed with me extending back some 20 years ago when he would come here to St. Peter when I was a parochial vicar. His presence is very helpful to me, giving me a break from some of the sacramental work. Capable of celebrating Mass in Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian, Fr. John is able to fill in for both Fr. Bernardo and Fr. Leonel as they take some time off. Fr. Leonel, who has been hospitalized with a serious case of pneumonia for nearly three weeks, will not be able to resume his hectic schedule. More than usual, then, you can imagine what a Godsend it is to have a poly-lingual priest here this month.

I think today's column will be bits and pieces of things. I want to begin by acknowledging and congratulating our graduates for Danbury High and Abbott Tech. I don't know everyone, of course, but I do know several of our graduates who are involved in ministries. We prayed for the graduates last week in the General Intercessions. We wish each and every one of them a happy and bright future. Wherever their schooling and pursuits lead them, I hope they know that St. Peter parish is always home to them.

Last week I devoted the column to the changes in the cathedraticum, that is, the diocesan tax on the parishes. I have a correction to make in what I wrote. I told you that when the proposed plan first came out I anticipated a hike in our obligation (it actually went down) because I was calculating that the parking lot collection when included would boost up our offertory. Looking over the figures from the detail of the assessment, Mary Schlichtig discovered that the parking lot collection is not included. I wrongly thought that the exemption that the parking lot collection enjoys would cease. It did not; that offering remains tax exempt. I want to apologize for my confusion and misstatement.

Regarding the cathedraticum, a parishioner asked me why we have to pay a tax on our income to the diocese if the diocese runs an annual appeal. Good question. The cathedraticum and the Appeal fund different things. The Appeal funds the ministries of the diocese, that is, its educational, formational, and charitable outreach. The cathedraticum supports the administration of the diocese, that is to say the salaries, benefits, and operating expenses of the curia, the church's administrative offices located on Jewett Avenue in Bridgeport. The cathedraticum is not unique to our diocese. Every diocese relies on income from the parishes to support the administration of the diocesan church.

The Annual Catholic Appeal completed its active solicitation as of Friday. The rest of the calendar year is

1 SAT	5:00 PM	† Charles Ferguson
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
2 SUN	7:30 AM	† Thomas Kelly
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	† James DeMartino
	12:00 N	† Antonio and Maria Giuseppe Scalzo and daughters
	5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
3 MON		<i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>
	7:30 AM	† Joseph Lemoine
	12:10 N	† Adrian Coulter
4 TUE		<i>Independence Day</i>
	8:00 AM	For Our Nation
5 WED		<i>St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i>
	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	† Fernard Couture
6 THU		<i>St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i>
	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	12:10 N	† Winifred Flanagan
7 FRI	7:30 AM	The Lemoine Family
	12:10 N	Irving Alvarez
8 SAT	7:30 AM	† Christine and Claus Jeffers
	5:00 PM	† Jane Ryan
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
9 SUN	7:30 AM	† The Sweet and Gillotti Families
	9:00 AM	† Mary Mahalik
	10:30 AM	† Carmelina Marasco
	12:00 N	Our Parishioners
	5:30 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—June 25, 2017.....\$ 8,040
 Our weekly goal\$ 10,500
 Thank you. Father Mecca

Please remember St. Peter Parish when preparing your will. A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our parish.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Allison Ayavaca Melanie Chacon Jhamily Chinchilima
 Capson Lopez James Lopez Gessela Tacuri
 Maximiliano Tacuri Damian Genn

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Richard Botelho Maryann Capron Bert Chieffalo Kreg Conklin
 Billy Daly Dylan Defazio Nubia Dekker The Duffys
 Sr. Mary Bernard Marie Di Stefano Alexis Downie
 Lola Hannah Madeline Hoyer Debbie Ireland Jane Kennedy
 Jennifer Kasinskas Carolyn Kery James Klein William Lawlor
 Kathryn Liddane Susan Lynch Christopher McLaughlin
 Sheldon McKee Daniel Marzella Abigail Mealy Ann Murray
 Jeana Nedelcu Michael Piccolo Eileen Ratajczak Barbara Roos
 Alexander & Everett Strout Judy & Arthur Taylor

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

now about collecting on the pledges. We did very well here at our parish as you can see below. I won't say that the figures here are the final ones, as I know we received a cash gift that was just mailed in this past week. The totals we have are accurate as of Tuesday. The final ones will come in a week or two. Thank you, thank you, thank you to the parishioners who made a contribution. We reached a participation of 300+ families which is the only way in which we can attain our goal. I am grateful to you and proud of how committed our parish community is to helping our sisters and brothers in the Lord through the Catholic Appeal. Again, thank you.

We are advertising our parish picnic beginning this week as you see to the right. We received favorable feedback about the location and overall nature of the picnic after last year's event. We tried something different by having the picnic on the grounds of the Vespucci Lodge, and as it turned out, it was well received by those who attended. So we are going back. Mark your calendars for August 27th. Now that we had our trial run, we can expect the picnic to be even better than ever. That's putting pressure on the planning committee!

Happy 4th of July. Remember to pray for our nation, asking Almighty God who so blessed this land and nation to help us be a more united people, a people of goodwill towards all who never forget the high ideals of our Founders, ideals which we are all called to uphold today.

—Fr. Mecca

Finally, we pray that our students' summer vacation continues to be one of knowing God's ever-present Love in all we do, think, and say.
Happy summer! —Mrs. Mary McCormack, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A NOTE OF

THANKS : Thank you Brenda Voyez for choosing to share your Catholic faith as a catechist here at St. Peter Church since 2012. We greatly appreciate the time and talents that you shared during the past 5 years with the children of the religious education program.

We wish you and your family God's blessings as you journey on to the next phase in your lives.

REGISTRATION For 2017/2018 Religious Education : Registration for religious education for the 2017/2018 school is still open. Registration fees are \$150.00. The Religious Education Office is open throughout the summer. Please call ahead to make sure we are in the office, (203) 743-1048. **Remember to bring your child's Baptism Certificate for registration purposes. Payment must be made at the time of registration to ensure a place in a class.**

Religious Education Program 2017/2018: Classes will begin Sunday, September 17, 2017 with all students attending the 9:00 Mass. Additional information will be mailed to all registered students in July.

—Barbara Siano, DRE

Remember the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

Donors	325
Amount Pledged	\$131,622
Parish Goal	\$120,000



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



The Lord is our Light and our Shield.

During this most beautiful summer season, it is not too difficult to stop and reflect on our opening sentence. Our doors are open daily as we welcome students to both our summer camp and new students to our school.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, we have been able to order brand-new science books for Grades 4 - 8 as well as reading materials for our entire student body. Other gifts may provide much-needed new classroom desks (due to the most welcome increase in student population). Our Landegger Tuition Awards continue to be an additional financial benefit to our students in need.

As you can imagine, our students are expected to be working on the academic summer packets that each received on the last day of school. Such packets are issued as a means of continued academic growth, so badly needed today in our competitive world.

PARISH EVENTS

*This Friday, July 7, is the First Friday.
Adoration begins after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and
continues until noon. Please join us.*

SAVE THE DATE—

Parish Family

**Sunday, August 27,
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**



**Grounds of Anthony's Lake Club
Vespucci Lodge, Christopher Columbus Ave**

**Planning and volunteer meeting
7:00 pm. Monday, July 3, at the rectory**

If you want to volunteer and can't attend, call Kathy at 203-942-2030 or rectory at 203-743-2707.

JULY 2, 2017

YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Tuesday

Bishop Caggiano hosted a meeting at St. Pius in Fairfield for all those who work with our youth. He presented coming events and outlined a plan to more effectively evangelize and minister to the young people of the church. Please help support that mission!

July 9

There will be a kick-off Youth Group Ice Cream Social in the Parish Hall at 11:45 a.m. for all youth in the parish going into grades 6 to 12. The group's calendar for the summer, with all of our events, will be given out. Please call the religious education office at 203-743-1048 to let us know you will be coming!

July 21

The Youth Group will be going to Go Kart racing! Transportation will be provided with food afterwards in the Parish Hall. Please call the religious education office at 203-743-1048 for information.

Child's Name(s): _____

Senior Youth Group (Grades 9-12) _____

Junior Youth Group (Grades 6-8) _____

Parent/Guardian/Volunteer's

Please return by placing in the collection basket at Mass, or take a picture of this card and send that image to my email below.

Name:

Thank You!

Email:

Director of the Youth Group
Gregory Rabito
gregoryrabito@gmail.com

Phone:

20th Annual Twilight Cruise or Fishing Trip

Sponsored by the Men's Society

Day or evening take a cruise or fish along the coast of Long Island Sound aboard the Deborah



Ann IV. Trip date based on boat availability. The proceeds will benefit the Sister Marita Daniel Scholarship Fund. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses and from members of the Men's Society. Drawing to be held Tuesday, July 18.

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COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

El Reino de los Cielos es la grandiosa aspiración que todos debemos tener. Cristo nos lo presenta con términos absolutos. “El que quiere más a su padre...” ¿Cómo podemos entender esa afirmación? Quien nos manda honrar a padre y madre, no nos puede pedir después que lo odiamos. ¡Claro que tenemos que amar a nuestros padres! Pero Dios y su Reino deben estar por encima de ese amor. Nada en este mundo puede entrar en competición con Dios. Cuando en las pequeñas cosas de nuestra vida diaria elegimos nuestra comodidad y bienestar a la voluntad divina, estamos eligiendo algo contrario al Reino de los Cielos.

Confesiones

Domingos a las 4:00 p.m. en la Iglesia.

Bautizos

Cuartos Domingos de cada Mes. Contacten con Ana Espinal para el formulario y la información sobre la clase prebautismal.

Bodas

Deben contactar con el P. Bernardo al menos con 6 meses de antelación. Es necesaria la preparación requerida por la Diócesis.

Horario de Oficina

De Lunes a Viernes, de 1:30 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. En español pregunten por Ana Espinal.

Lunes a partir de las 7:00 p.m. con el P. Bernardo

Intenciones Misa dominical

En el vestíbulo de la Iglesia, 15 minutos antes de la Misa, puede pedir su intención al servidor allí apostado.

Rezo del Rosario

Ana y Segundo les invitan a participar del Santo Rosario todos los Domingos a las 4:45 p.m. en la Iglesia.

Grupo de Oración

Todos los Lunes, a las 7:00 p.m. en el subsuelo de la Iglesia. Líder: Nery Ramos

Coro Parroquial

El coro parroquial tanto de niños como de adultos se reúne para ensayar todos los Domingos a las 3:30 p.m. bajo la dirección de Alejandro Servin.

Familia Parroquial
Domingo 27 de agosto
1:30 p.m. hasta 4:30 p.m.



Planificación y voluntario reunión:
lunes, 3 de Julio a la rectoría.
Si desea ser voluntario y no puede asistir, favor de llamar a Kahy Corigliano 203-942-2030 o la rectoría a 203-743-2707.