



#### 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

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - MONDAY through FRIDAY  
104 Main Street, Danbury, CT

#### OFFICE NUMBERS

Phone: 203-743-2707 and Fax: 203-794-1928  
Email Address - [office@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:office@stpeterdanb.org)  
Website - [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org)

#### PARISH STAFF

Dr. Glen Segger, Music Minister - 203-792-1751  
Dr. Nancy Engel, Children’s Choir - 914-741-1670

#### BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY

Rev. Leonel S. Medeiros,  
Episcopal Vicar for Brazilians  
203-730-9071

#### LATINO COMMUNITY

Rev. Bernardo C. Rodriguez—203-695-7665

#### SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE

Mary McCormack— Principal - 203-748-2895  
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#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education  
Grades K-8 - 203-743-1048

**Chairman of Parish Council** – Fred Visconti – 203-744-2311  
**Chairman of Finance** – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183  
**Homebound Ministry**– Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak, CSFN  
203-743-2707, Ext. 22



JUNE

10 SAT	5:00 PM	Hibernians
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
11 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	Special Intention
	10:30 AM	† Dominic and Dominic, Jr. Magliaro
	12:00 N	† Jim and Bill Schlichtig
	5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
12 MON	7:30 AM	† Anna and Aldo Tarsi
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
13 TUE	<i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Victoria Wrobel
	12:10 N	† Mary and Joseph Pusak
14 WED	7:30 AM	Msgr. Kevin Wallin
	12:10 N	† Cyr Family
15 THU	7:30 AM	† Leonard Ruemenapp
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
16 FRI	7:30 AM	† Charles Sciarra
	12:10 N	† James P. Garavel, Jr.
17 SAT	7:30 AM	† Charles Goldrick
	5:00 PM	† Joseph Yorio
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
18 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Michele DiBuono
	10:30 AM	† Gertrude Letizia
	12:00 N	† Irene Witkowski
	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 4, 2017.....\$ 8,358**  
**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**  
*Maxwell Bruno Dominic Lotto Rylan Poulin*

**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*



Today I want to devote this column to Youth Ministry. I am pleased to tell you that the Parish has added to our staff a Youth Minister, Mr. Greg Rabito. Greg is

part-time and working from a desk in the Religious Education Office. A Danbury native and parishioner at St. Gregory's, Greg is a junior at Western Connecticut State University. Growing up, he participated and volunteered in his parish's youth program, taught religious education, and helped lead the vacation summer Bible camps. Greg is active with the Newman Center on campus and is participating in the University's leadership training program in conjunction with the Center. Working through clubs, the University offers students a four step program that builds their leadership skills. We have asked him to give solid organization, defined purpose, and direction to our youth ministry. Greg is eager to develop our youth ministry, a ministry which he hopes "will assist the children of the parish discover the joy of their Catholic faith." Through enjoyable events, trips, community service, the sacraments, and peer fellowship, he says he wants to minister to as many of the youth of our parish as possible.

Allow me to give you a little background to my move to ask Greg to join our parish staff. Everyone in the Church recognizes that we have been losing our young people for several decades. We may be confirming 148 young women and men as we did last week, but a very small percentage of them feel a connection to the Church and to their parish. The concern expressed over and over again at any meeting whether it be a Parish Council meeting, a meeting of the clergy, or the 2016 Synod of the Diocese is how to keep youthful members of the Church tied to it. The Synod delegates recognized "the need for more effective faith formation for our teenagers and young adults." Our parish's Pastoral Planning Task Force last year set as a goal for us the formation of a Junior Youth Group with the help of Fr. Jeff and parish volunteers. We began that effort in January. Why a junior youth group as well as a Senior Youth Group? People in the field of youth ministry suggest attracting our children earlier than post-Confirmation because by the time they are entering high school they are already too involved in other activities. The younger kids are not quite so busy and, honestly, are at that age more open to faith based activities. A relationship with Jesus and with his Church has to start earlier. Those who become involved in middle school are more likely to remain connected.

Barbara Siano, a few of our catechists and parents who have been involved in the Youth Group, and I concluded that a well organized and effective Youth Ministry requires more time than a volunteer can or should be expected to give. The parishes with the best Youth Ministry—St. Rose in Newtown comes to mind—have someone dedicated exclusively to that ministry. Our operating budget leaves little room for any new spending, but I spoke to our Finance Committee Chairperson and Parish Council President and they agreed that Youth Ministry is too

# NEXT WEEKEND...

## "Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 10  
a.m. to 4 p.m. Parish Office

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parish Office

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Church Hall

**60% of the profits will come to St. Peter Church. Ask for an additional 10% on whatever you sell!!!**

**Take a moment to look through your jewelry boxes for:**

**Broken gold chains and bracelets—single earrings (half pairs) - old school rings—old boyfriend/girlfriend gifts—jewelry you never wear—gold non-working watches—yes, even dental gold—sterling silver jewelry, flatware, hollowware—platinum and palladium...**

**Any questions, please email: [bob@libertygoldct.com](mailto:bob@libertygoldct.com)**

important to not give it sufficient resources. If we are genuinely serious about it, we have to fund it. We are working to include Greg's compensation into next year's budget. In the meantime, since Sr. Mary Bernard has been laid up due to her knee problem, we have her salary available to start Greg now. By the Grace of God, our stepped-up ministry will bear fruit in the lives of our children.

Congratulations to Gabrielle Schmidt, Michelle Rivera, and Hector Ares, our three adults who were confirmed last Sunday on Pentecost! We are very proud of them and happy that they have been enriched with the gifts of the Spirit.  
—Fr. Mecca



### St. Peter's Class of 2017 Congratulations!

School	Graduate	High
Alvarenga, Anglica		D.H.S.
De Munnik, Lauren		Nonnewaug High School
Dos Santos, Eduardo		I.H.S.
Juanacio, Lizbeth		D.H.S.
Miranda, Joao Pedro		I.H.S.
Ojeda, Samantha		I.H.S.
Redrovan, Rosemary		I.H.S.
Sanchez, Danny		I.H.S.
Santana, Thalita		D.H.S.
Teixeira, Thiago		I.H.S.
Tirado, Grace		I.H.S.
Toledo, Leonardo		I.H.S.
Toscano, Karla		I.H.S.



*We offer our condolences to the family of  
Judy Thater  
who passed away last week.*



**REGISTRATION** For 2017/2018 Religious Education—Please come to the Religious Education Office to register your children for the 2017/2018 school year. Call

before you come to ensure that office is open.

Thank you, All,  
who dropped off,  
helped sort & mark,  
worked the sale,  
and cleaned up after  
for our Clean Sweep Tag Sale.  
You made the sale the success  
that it was.



**THANK YOU!**



**WE NEED YOU!!**

**THE RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAM  
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Looking for a fun & rewarding way to serve  
in the Church & strengthen your own faith?

Teaching in the Religious Education  
program is for you!

Check the bulletin or call the REP Office  
for further details.



For more information about volunteering for Religious Education, call (203) 743 2707.

**CONFIRMATION PHOTOS – AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Confirmation photos are online. They can be found at: [https:// MichelleBabyakPhotography.smugmug.com](https://MichelleBabyakPhotography.smugmug.com), click on the Client LOG IN box then scroll down until you see St. Peter and enter the password: 2017 Danbury.

Purchases can be made online. We will not have any photos available for purchase in the Religious Education Office.

—Barbara Siano, DRE

**\*\*\*PARISH EVENTS\*\*\***

**Morning of Reflection—June's Sacred Feasts** is our topic. This month we celebrate the feasts of Pentecost, the Trinity, Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is indeed a rich month. We will try to unpack the graces each feast offers. Join Yvette Lessard on Tuesday, June 20 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m.

**\*\*\*OTHER EVENTS\*\*\***

**Host an International Student**—Open your home to an Immaculate High School student coming from China. This is a great opportunity for a family to learn a new culture and to have a lasting impact on a student's life. Families are compensated \$1,000 per month for room and board. For more information contact, Kathleen Whitmore, Ivy International Group, Local Host Family Coordinator at 203-470-1124 or [kmwhitmore@snet.net](mailto:kmwhitmore@snet.net).

The **Knights of Columbus Museum** opened World War I: Beyond the Front Lines, an exhibition exploring America's involvement in the "Great War" including the K of C's Catholic outreach to servicemen at home and abroad. The Museum is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Admission and parking are free. For information: [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**—"And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" Let the Holy Spirit infuse your marriage with increased trust and intimacy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jul 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at [https:// wwmectw.org/](https://wwmectw.org/).

**St. Gregory the Great** is holding its **Vacation Bible Camp** June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm .This year's theme is the Mighty Fortress - In Jesus the Victory is Won! Please see our Website under events for registration or call Darlene in the Office of Faith Formation at [203-743-5168](tel:203-743-5168). Sign up by June 9<sup>th</sup> to insure a spot for this exciting week!!

**Saint Peter Calendar**

- Mon June 12 Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue June 13 Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass  
Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.  
Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Wed June 14 Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
- Thu June 15 Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri June 16 Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH
- Mon June 19 Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue June 20 Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass  
Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.  
Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Wed June 21 Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
- Thu June 22 Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri June 23 Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH
- Mon June 26 Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue June 27 Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass  
Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.  
Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Wed June 28 Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
- Thu June 29 Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri June 30 Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH
- Mon July 3 Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue July 4 Only one Mass at 8:00 a.m. For Our Nation.  
Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Wed July 5 Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
- Thu July 6 Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri July 7 Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH
- Mon July 10 Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue July 11 Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Wed July 12 Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
- Thu July 13 Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri July 14 Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH
- Mon July 17 Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue July 18 Brazilian Prayer Group. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Wed July 19 Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
- Thu July 20 Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.

**COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO**

No sé quién se inventó aquello de que “la vida es un camino de rosas”, pero seguro que mintió como un bellaco. Vivir es difícil y complicado, a pesar de todos los anuncios de la tele. O quizás, a causa de esos mismos anuncios. Prometen la felicidad si se tiene este o el otro producto. Y todos caemos en la vorágine de comprar y comprar con la esperanza puesta en el último producto de la tele. Y como siempre llega el último, no nos da tiempo a pensar que todos los anteriores nos han decepcionado. Un valor que no se anuncia y que cumple lo que promete es Cristo y nos pide la vida. ¿Estamos dispuestos a pagar el precio que nos pide? La promesa es la vida eterna, algo muy diferente a lo que vivimos día a día.

**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.

**Remember the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal**

<b>Donors</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$126,967</b>
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**BINGO**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**St. Peter Parish Hall**  
**Early Birds begin at 6:30 p.m.**