



#### 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

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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

#### LATINO COMMUNITY

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

#### BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY

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

#### SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE

Mary McCormack— Principal - 203-748-2895  
School Fax: 203-748-5684

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education  
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#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Gregory Rabito—Youth Group Director  
Email: [gregoryrabito@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryrabito@gmail.com)

**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/JULY

24 SAT	5:00 PM	† Antonio Scalzo & Joseph Marasco
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
25 SUN	7:30 AM	† Gene Bailey
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	† Carol Godfrey
	12:00 N	† Christine Melody
	5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
26 MON	7:30 AM	† Arthur Bennett
	12:10 N	Vincent Keilty
27 TUE	<i>St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop Doctor of the Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	† John Danaher
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
28 WED	<i>St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Rita and David Danaher
	12:10 N	† Olempia Pinto & Mr. & Mrs. Branco
29 THU	<i>Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Kay and Tom Curran
	12:10 N	† Rev. J. Clifford Grise
30 FRI	<i>First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>	
	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	12:10 N	† James P. Garavel, Sr.
1 SAT	<i>St. Junipero Serra, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Rev. J. Clifford Grist
	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

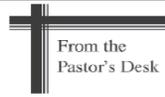
On the weekend, if the intention of the Mass is yours, please see an usher about bringing up the gifts.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING—June 18, 2017.....	\$ 7,526
Our weekly goal .....	\$ 10,500
Parking Lot Collection—June 18, 2017.....	\$ 3,375

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**  
*Rebecca Engstrom Rhianna Genao Olivia Helmingner  
 Jackson Helmingner Mateo Oliva*

**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*



The fiscal year ends on Friday. Let me use this space today to talk a little about parish finances for the new fiscal year, specifically about the little known or understood *cathedraticum*.

The cathedraticum is the tax levied on the parishes to support the functioning of the diocesan curia, or operating offices. The Bishop and advisory board have been working over the course of the last year to restructure the cathedraticum with these purposes in mind: to bring in more revenue, to give poorer parishes some tax relief, and to make more equitable the burden for everyone. The tax rate has been 15% on certain parish revenue. The income that has been subject to taxation has been the Sunday, monthly, and holy day offertory. Gifts, bequests, rental income, investment income, fundraising revenue, votive offerings, and special collections like our parking lot collection were all exempt. The proposed and now promulgated tax structure looks quite a bit different.

Beginning on July 1, 2017, cathedraticum on the offertory collections will be reduced to 12.5% for all parishes except for the Bridgeport parishes which will be taxed at 5.5%. However, now the tax will be levied on not only offertory but also investment income, rental income, gifts, and votive candles. Bequests remain not subject to taxation. In addition, fundraising income (with some exceptions like a bake sale to benefit the youth group) will be taxed at 3% on the gross. Bishop Caggiano presented the new tax structure to the pastors and priests at our May meeting and invited comments. I, like many others, expressed opposition to taxing the gross income from fundraisers. There is considerable cost to running bingo and a raffle as in our case. There is the cost of the votive candles, too. I also expressed my concern that taxing fund raising will be a poor public relations move. Our concerns did not alter the proposal, as it turned out.

We received our projected cathedraticum assessment a week ago. I feared that we would see an increase because even though our rate of taxation would go down, we would now be paying 12.5% on investment income and the parking lot collection and 3% on the bingo and raffle revenue. (Other fundraisers are rather negligible.) In actuality, our tax due in 2017-18 went down by \$3,253. By the way, we pay tax not on the current year's income but on the previous year's. So beginning on July 1, our cathedraticum is based on the revenue from the fiscal year now ending. We pay the cathedraticum in twelve monthly installments. Our total tax liability to the diocese for the upcoming year is \$121,238 paid in monthly installments of \$10,103.

I hope you find this overview of our obligation to the diocese enlightening. I believe many people are under the impression that we have use of every dollar that comes in. I hope those parishioners are reading the bulletin today. When you see the monthly assessment, you realize that one week's offertory plus some does not stay here. We have to pay our bills and run our ministries on less than three

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

week's offertory. That feat is impossible. The gifts and interest on our two trusts plus fund raising get us to the break-even point.

Today is the world-wide collection for the Holy See which the Pope draws upon to conduct humanitarian aid. Known in English as Peter's Pence, the collection always is taken up on the last Sunday of June near to the date of the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul because through these two Apostles the Church first received the faith. We forgot to announce the collection last week, and I apologize for that omission. We will pass the basket a second time so that you may make a gift to our Holy Father, Francis.

—Fr. Mecca

as another school year has been completed. Students have graduated and/or been promoted to the next grade, however, as you can see, the doors to St. Peter School remain open as our "little ones" come to camp or continue in the Early Learning Center.

As of this writing, our enrollment continues to grow as parents seek Catholic Education for their child/children. Registration is showing 259 students enrolled, giving an average of 23.5 students per grade.

Because of a generous benefactor, we will be ordering new science books for Grades 5 - 8 as well as religion, math, and spelling books for Grades 1 - 8. Our school is preparing for a renewal with NEASC and so it is imperative that we share our excellence in academics to all visitors. Monetary assistance continues to be a real need for our parents and so we are most grateful to those who continue to assist us. Just recently, Ms. Marita Repole secured beautiful tables and chairs for us from a school in Stamford that will no longer be in existence. Our preschool teachers and staff are delighted with the gift.

It is a "Wonderful World..." as we open our doors, switch on the lights, and welcome our children to St. Peter School each and every day with the prayer "Thank You, God!"

Have a wonderful week! —Mary T. McCormack, Principal



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The annual Peter's Pence Collection, taken up the weekend of June 24—25, has its roots in ancient Christianity. From the collection taken up by St. Paul and described in the books of Acts (Acts 4:34) up to the present day, Catholics become witness to charity. Through this collection, we help Pope Francis reach out in love to those in need.

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Pope Francis encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!"

Especially in these troubling times, your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please give generously to the collection and know that in doing so, you become a witness to the love of Christ and support the charitable works of Pope Francis all around the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport



**Registration for 2017/2018 Religious Education**—Registration for religious education for the 2017/2018 school is still open. Please note that on **July 1, 2017** registration fees increase to \$150.00 per student. 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 baptismal certificate for registration purposes. Payment must be made at the time of registration to ensure a place in a class.**

**Volunteer Application for High School Students**  
Applications are available in the religious education office for any high school student grades 9-12 who wish to volunteer in the religious education office. This is an opportunity for service hours for school and/or club requirements.

**Completed applications must be submitted by June 30, 2017**

—Barbara Siano, DRE

### Remember the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

<b>Donors</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$129,967</b>
<b>Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\*

"What a wonderful world!..." are words from a once popular song but continue to apply to today,



*JUNE 25, 2017*

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

*Today at all Masses there is a second collection for Peter's Pence. This collection is worldwide and supports the charitable works of Pope Francis.*

## 17th 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.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Welcome to the new *Youth Ministry* section in the St. Peter bulletin. Here the Youth Group and other youth activities at St Peter will be posted. You will be able to see our upcoming events, meeting times, and information on how to get involved. Please take a second to fill out the contact information below.

### July

The Youth Group will be going Go Kart racing on July 21st. 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

Name:

Email:

Phone:

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.

Thank You!

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

*JUNE 25, 2017*

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## **COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO**

“Ustedes valen mucho más que todos los pájaros del mundo”. Esa frase, en los labios de Dios, nos tendría que quitar todos los miedos del mundo. Para Dios, cada uno de nosotros vale más que toda la creación junta. Y si Dios cuida con amor de su creación, cuánto más va a cuidar de la joya de la creación que somos nosotros. No tengamos miedo a nada, porque Dios nos ama. No tengamos miedo de entregarnos a Dios, porque Él es un amor.

Ahora estamos en tiempos donde un perro o la ballena azul tiene más valor que la humanidad, y por salvar esos animales se gasta ingentes cantidades de dinero, que no se emplea en los hambrientos del mundo. ¡Qué equivocados estamos!

### ***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.