



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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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
School Fax: 203-748-5684

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



MAY



20 SAT	5:00 PM	† Talarico Family
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
21 SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Nicholas Macelletti
	10:30 AM	† Shirley O'Marra
	12:00 N	† Eclantina Notaro
	1:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
	5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
22 MON	<i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Penelope Wildre
	12:10 N	† Rocco N. Placella
23 TUE	7:30 AM	† Helen and Charles Clarke
	12:10 N	Special Intention
24 WED	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	† Mary Santos
	5:30 PM	† Anne and Nick LaPorta
25 THU	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Elizabeth Flanagan
	12:10 N	Our Parishioners
	7:00 PM	† Penelope Wilder
26 FRI	<i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Rafael Segura
	12:10 N	† Souls in Purgatory
27 SAT	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Richard S. Migliaro
	5:00 PM	† Anna Tarsi
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
28 SUN	7:30 AM	† Thomas Kelly
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	† Anthony Russo
	12:00 N	† Raymond Isacson
	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—May 14, 2017.....\$ 9,123
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.

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 Kasinkas 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
 John Reale Alexander and Everett Strout
 Judy & Arthur Taylor Edward Yagovane*

All registered parishioners, but only registered parishioners, receive a copy of the *Fairfield County Catholic*. Sometimes there is news in the diocesan newspaper that I take for granted that our parishioners are aware of. For instance, I opened the May edition this week and saw the article on the appointment of the new Deans for the diocese. It struck me that, perhaps, not so many of us know of the structural change that went into place this spring. I don't know why I never thought to tell you about it here. Let me do so this weekend to bring everybody up to speed.

In 2016, at one of the two general presbyteral meetings which Bishop Caggiano holds each year, he proposed that our diocese, which was organized into six vicariates, adopt the deanery model. (Many dioceses use the deanery model, including the Archdiocese of Hartford.) Don't ask me the difference because I am not well informed enough to know or how to find out. I think the priests were rather indifferent about the suggestion. It was one of those things that the boss thinks is a good idea and so everybody raised his hand to indicate that he was ok with pursuing it further. A panel of priests was formed to work out a proposal and bring it back to the priests at a subsequent meeting for approval. All that happened. The proposal called for the creation of nine deaneries (A-I) so that the number of parishes in each one would be fewer and the geographic area smaller. Danbury is in Deanery D. The letters have no correspondence with the towns. The Bishop has asked each deanery when it meets to adopt a name from one of the titles of Our Lady. Deanery D meets on Tuesday, and we will choose a title. In Deanery D are the parishes in the towns of Danbury, Bethel, Brookfield, New Fairfield, and Sherman for a total of eleven. The priests of our Deanery elected Fr. Nick Cirillo, Pastor of St. Edward's as the Dean.

The Deans are given the responsibility of formally meeting with each pastor yearly and reviewing our maintenance of sacramental records. He is to be the first line of mediation between priests living together if they encounter difficulties as well as in cases when complaints about priests are sent to the chancery. The Deans with the bishop will replace the current Appointment Board for the assignment of priests. The Deans will also sit on the Presbyteral Council which is an advisory board to the Bishop. As our diocese moves forward with pastoral plans for our future (much in the way the Hartford Archdiocese has just done), the deaneries will play an essential role in evaluating what is needed and what will work in its region of the diocese. I envision that with deaneries covering smaller areas and fewer parishes there will be the impetus in the near future for far more cooperation and coordination between parishes in the provision of pastoral services, something that we are not currently doing. I will let you know the name of our deanery next week and perhaps have more to tell you about the structure.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and remains a Holy Day of Obligation. I am aware that holy days of obligation are not taken very seriously any more (the exception being Christmas), but as a pastor, I encourage you to attend Mass. Our schedule is designed, we think unless you tell me otherwise, so that nearly everyone can get to church. Please see the box on the next page for the Mass times.

On Monday, May 22, we will have our May Devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary and the Litany to the Blessed Mother as well as other prayers accompanied by Marian hymns. The evening devotion which begins at 7:30 p.m. is not even a full hour. It is scheduled a little later than usual to make room for a Confirmation rehearsal. At Fatima, the Mother of God asked us to pray the Rosary, meditating on the mysteries of our salvation and to offer our prayers for conversion of humankind. In this 100th anniversary year of the apparition at Fatima, let us do that as a community and entrust to her as well our personal needs and intentions.

—Fr. Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the family of
Douglas Wall
who passed away last week.*



Did you know you can now make a gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal on your smart phone or device by texting the word, Sharing to 50555. It is fast, easy and secure and supports diocesan programs on a larger scale including: the formation of priests and deacons; pastoral care of the sick and elderly; nutrition, housing and counseling programs; evangelization and catechesis and much more. The parish alone cannot support all these programs effectively but together, when you give a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we continue the Gospel message and make a difference in the lives of those around us.

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS

Last Friday the school yard was a flutter with students, parents and faculty decorating for the Annual Multicultural Event. Flags of nations representing the countries from which our families originated were lined up along the fence. From the school to the basketball hoops streamers waved overhead. In the middle of it all there was a dance floor. Parents and children dined on traditional foods prepared by our families and the children danced to their native music. It was a very successful event thanks to the efforts of all involved.



Employment Opportunities at St. Peter School

St. Peter School, located at 98 Main Street, Danbury CT, is seeking to employ: part-time help:

Spanish Teacher, 3 days/week for grades 4 - 8. Connecticut State Certification needed.

Classroom Aides for grades 1, 2, and 3. Requirements: high school diploma, minimum. College, 2 yr, 4 yr.

Music Teacher, 3 days/week for grades K – 8.

May this season of Easter joy continue to warm our hearts and fill us with the knowledge of God's love for us.

—Mrs. Mary McCormack, Interim Principal



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, our number is 203 743-1048.

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, 2018

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

**May 22 at 6:00 – Confirmation Rehearsal – Group 1
May 24 at 6:00 – Confirmation Rehearsal – Group 2**

Rehearsal will be in the Church. Sponsors and candidates must attend. If sponsor is not available one parent must attend.

June 3, 2017 – Confirmation

Group 1 - Candidates from St. Peter School, 8A, 8B, 8D and RCIA Teens and sponsors arrive at the parish hall at 9:00, Mass begins at 10:00 am.

Group 2 - Candidates from 8C, B8ACIII, B8BCIII, Spanish Confirmation III and sponsors arrive at the parish hall at 1:00 pm, Mass begins at 2:00 pm.



We have arranged for a photographer to take photos during the Confirmation Masses. All photos will be available for purchase. Photos will be available at: <https://MichelleBabyakPhotography.smugmug.com>.

Click on the client log in box and enter this password: 2017Danbury.

Kindly refrain from taking photos during the Mass and from walking around the church. Aisles must be clear and open at all times. Pictures will be allowed after the Mass is over. Also please do not bring children under the age of 8 to the Confirmation Masses.

PARISH EVENTS

Marian Devotion

Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be, the Rosary, Litany of Mary and Benediction.

Come honor Mary in prayer and song!



It's that time once again to Spring clean for the eighth St. Peter Church

Clean Sweep Tag Sale

Saturday, June 10

Parish Hall

Spaces: \$35 each or 2/\$50.

Sale hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Set up begins at 7:30 a.m.



For reservations, call 203-790-5818 and leave a message. Space available on first-come, first-served basis.

WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT ACCEPT: toys, stuffed animals, books, magazines, clothing, shoes, electronics, appliances, mattresses, baskets, glass vases, cassettes and VCR tapes, and luggage.

Drop Off at the Parish Hall Dates:

Thursday, May 25 Saturday, May 27

Thursday, June 1

Time: From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays May 24, 31 and June 7 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners—Dear Fr. Mecca, On behalf of the students of Immaculate High School, I extend our gratitude for your very generous donation of \$1,124.00 for Adopt-a-Mustang.

Again, thank you for your generous support of Immaculate High School.

Sincerely, Mary R. Maloney, President

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The vigil Mass is Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Thursday the Masses are at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. (school Mass) 12:10 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

St. Catherine of Siena Concerts in the Chapel—St. Catherine is located at 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878. Tickets for \$15 and \$20 are available at the Rectory or can be reserved at 203-37-3689. On May 21 the Ron Petrides Trio (Jazz) is playing at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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.

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.

Catholic Young Adults of Greater Danbury, (18-35), will gather on May 25th, Thursday, at 6.45pm for The Ascension Holy Day of Obligation Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, 46 Stone St., Danbury, followed by ice cream at Double Twister. More info: catholic.ya.danbury@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter—"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Find ways to let the Lord deeper into your marriage 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/>.

Saint Peter Calendar

- Mon May 22** Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Marian Devotions. 7:30 p.m. Church.
- Tue May 23** 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 May 24** Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
Tag Sale Drop Off. 4 to 6 p.m. PH
- Thu May 25** Tag Sale Drop Off. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. PH
Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri May 26** Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH
- Sat May 27** Tag Sale Drop Off. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. PH
- Mon May 29** Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue May 30** 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 May 31** Tag Sale Drop Off. 4 to 6 p.m. PH
Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
- Thu June 1** Tag Sale Drop Off. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. PH
Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri June 2** Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH
- Sat June 3** Confirmation. 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 N
- Mon June 5** Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue June 6** 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 7** Tag Sale Drop Off. 4 to 6 p.m. PH
Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
- Thu June 8** Tag Sale Set Up. Parish Hall
Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri June 9** Tag Sale Set Up. Parish Hall
Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH
- Sat June 10** Clean Sweep Tag Sale 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 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** Tag Sale Set Up. Parish Hall
Latino Choir Practice. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. PH

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

La insistencia de Jesús en que amor a Dios se traduce en cumplir los mandamientos, parece indicar que es el paso previo a recibir el don del Espíritu Santo. Aquellos que aman a Dios, ya tienen la Santísima Trinidad habitando en ellos, por lo que el regalo del Santo Espíritu no es un don nuevo, si no la profundización del don que ya se tenía. Como hay amor hay libertad y es en esa libertad donde se produce la explosión del Santo Espíritu en gozo y felicidad. Es el amor a Dios, cumplir los mandamientos, lo que nos capacita para que el Espíritu Santo actúe con toda su fuerza. Amemos al Señor obedeciendo a Dios y amando al hermano.

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

Donors	245
Amount Pledged	\$115,797
Parish Goal	\$120,000



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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