

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
Website - 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
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



27 SAT	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
	1:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
	5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
29 MON	<i>Memorial Day</i>	
	8:00 AM	† In Memory of those who died in Service to Our Country
30 TUE	7:30 AM	† Nancy McCord
	12:10 N	Thomas Moore
31 WED	<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
	7:30 AM	Msr. Kevin Wallin
	12:10 N	† Helen Redmond
1 THU	<i>St. Justin, Martyr</i>	
	7:30 AM	Special Intention
	12:10 N	Vincent Keilty
2 FRI	<i>Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	
	7:30 AM	† Candy Mancusi
	12:10 N	† Joan Berry
3 SAT	<i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
	7:30 AM	† J. Raymond Ward
	5:00 PM	† Eleanor Lewis
	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
4 SUN	7:30 AM	† Joseph Panetta
	9:00 AM	† The Lindauer Family
	10:30 AM	Our Parishioners
	12:00 N	† Delia Collado, Juana Rodriguez and Juan Espinal
	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 21, 2017.....	\$ 7,936
Parking Lot Collection—May 21, 2017.....	\$ 5,069
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
 Luke Kessler Skylar O'Marra Josephine Verdejo

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 & Everett Strout Judy & Arthur Taylor

It is Memorial Day weekend. Monday is a solemn day to honor all the men and women who over the course of our nation's history have given their life in defense of the principles enshrined in our Constitution. We pause once a year to remember them, to thank God for their sacrifice of the highest order, to pray for them and for our men and women now serving us in the armed forces, and to pray for peace so that no more young lives are lost in war. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit of God can penetrate the hearts of those corrupted by sin and bring about a conversion away from the desire to kill and maim toward supporting life for all peoples.

This Saturday, speaking of the Holy Spirit, is our parish's celebration of Confirmation. On Thursday, as Barbara and I were looking over our first draft of the program and Keen Tung was preparing seating signs, I asked, "Why is the celebration of this Sacrament so much work?" It really is a big effort. We have two ceremonies on Saturday to accommodate all those who are to be confirmed—about 150. Bishop Caggiano will be here to confer the Sacrament on our young people. Somehow in between pictures and resetting the church and shepherding the second group as they arrive, we will serve the bishop and catechists lunch. It is only by chance that Confirmation is happening on Pentecost weekend. We did not submit this particular date, but it was what worked for the bishop. It's a happy coincidence, I think.

Our annual Clean Sweep Tag Sale is approaching in two weeks. We are accepting items and looking forward to a good turnout. As you read a few weeks ago, we are trying the sale for the first time indoors in the parish hall. We have encountered some pretty hot and humid weather over the years that takes a toll on our volunteers by the end of the afternoon. Whether the move indoors affects attendance remains to be seen. Although the tag sale is not a huge money maker, whatever it brings in is all profit to us. We certainly can use it because our weekly Offertory does not cover ordinary operating expenses—just look at last week's. We really only have two fundraisers other than bingo—the tag sale in the spring and the raffle in the fall. Please look around the house for items which you can do without that would sell well, or if you know anyone downsizing, let them know of our sale. Thank you!

Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal continue to arrive at the Development Office as I noticed in this week's report of 252 donors. As we turn the calendar to June and to the last 30 days of the fiscal year, we are, with \$118,417 pledged, in striking distance of our goal. Fr. Leonel conducted the In-Pew segment of the campaign with his community last weekend, and we picked up a good number of additional gifts. I am grateful to everyone who is participating in the Appeal. Thank you!

Enjoy the holiday.

—Fr. Mecca

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thank you to all who purchased carnations on Mothers' Day.

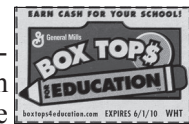
Because of you, we were able to send a check to Caroline House in Bridgeport in the amount of \$640.00.

Thank you.



Box Tops for St. Peter School

Thank you to those who have been sending in their Box Tops! We collect them on an on-going basis in the blue box at the front entrance of Church. Every Box Top is worth 10 cents. They add up quickly. So, please check your household items before you toss them in the recycling bin or trash. You may be tossing out a Box Top.



Thank you from SPS Home School Association.

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal



Marriage Preparation is offered monthly through a one-day Marriage Conference held at the Catholic Center in Bridgeport. It is a full-day of formation, dialogue among the couple, and reflection. The content presented comes from the Unveiled Program, which is relevant and aesthetically pleasing, solid on the tenets of the Catholic faith, and captivating. The day also includes a bag of supplemental conference materials for the couple, continental breakfast, light lunch, dinner, and an opportunity for Confession.

The new Marriage Conference is designed to share in Christ's vision for married love including the theology of marriage, communication, intimacy, and married spirituality. At the end of the Conference, couples are able to understand the fundamental components of the human and spiritual elements of sacramental marriage and be empowered to live out that vision in the world.

SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to Grace Tirado, Grade 8, who was presented with the Thomas Aquinas Award at our diocesan Breakfast of Champions. Grace excels in her studies, her generous giving of time as a coach to our girls cheerleading team, and in being an all-around excellent student.

We continue to accept registrations on a wait list for Grades 5 and 7 because all other grades have at least 23 students. It is rare that we would accept an 8th grade student at this time.

We are offering summer classes for extra help in reading, writing, and math for Grades 2, 3, and 6.

Have a blessed Memorial Day. Come see us at our concession stand at the parade on Monday. Coffee, juice and pastries will be offered.

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, 2017.

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 a.m.

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 p.m.



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 the Mass is over. Also please do not bring children under the age of 8 to the Confirmation Masses.

PARISH EVENTS

*This Friday is the First Friday in June.
Adoration will begin after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and
continue until Noon.*

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, June 1 Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Join us on June 10th !!!

**"Sell Your
Old Gold"
Fundraiser**



Friday, June 16th

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parish Office
Saturday, June 17th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parish Office
Sunday, June 18th 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

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.

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.

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/>.

St. Gregory the Great is holding its **Vacation Bible Camp** June 26th to June 30th 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 9th to insure a spot for this exciting week!!

Saint Peter Calendar

Mon	May 29	Memorial Day. One Mass at 8:00 a.m. Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	May 30	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass SPS Sports Awards. 6:30 p.m. PH 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 SPS Graduation. Church 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
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	Tag Sale Drop Off. 4 to 6 p.m. PH Novena of Miraculous Medal. After noon Mass
Thu	June 22	Tag Sale Drop Off. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. PH Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO

Iniciamos el c. 17 de S. Juan, llamado la "oración sacerdotal" de Jesús. Juan lo centra en la última cena, en el que Jesús hace una recopilación de su misión y ora por sus apóstoles y sus amigos. Su misión es cumplir la voluntad del Padre y así la va desgranando, frase tras frase, Jesús sabe lo que tiene que hacer y lo que el Padre le pide no es una perita en dulce. Es dar la vida por una humanidad que rechaza de plano su presencia en el mundo. Él se entrega a la muerte por salvar a aquellos que le matan. Más amor no se puede pedir. A nosotros todavía no se nos ha pedido verter una sola gota de sangre y todavía nos quejamos.

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	252
Amount Pledged	\$118,417
Parish Goal	\$120,000



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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