



## *The Baptism of the Lord*

# Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor  
Rev. Paul Merry, In Residence  
Rev. David J. Riley, In Residence  
Rev. Bruce Roby, 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  
[gsegger@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:gsegger@stpeterdanb.org)  
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### **LATINO COMMUNITY**

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



### **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  
**(HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE)**

### **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.

### **BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY**

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

### **SAINT PETER SCHOOL OFFICE**

Mary Lou Torre — Principal - 203-748-2895  
School Fax: 203-748-5684

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

Barbara Siano—Director of Religious Education K - 8  
203-743-1048 or [stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:stpeterfuture@stpeterdanb.org)

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Michael Falbo—Youth Group Director  
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**Chairman of Parish Council** – Fred Visconti – 203-744-2311

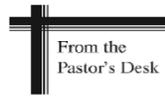
**Chairman of Finance** – Arthur Mannion - 203-733-0183

**Homebound Ministry**— Sr. Mary Bernard Wiecezak, CSFN  
203-743-2707, Ext. 22

**Prayer Line**—Mary Ellen Dunbar — 203-743-2707



JANUARY



12 SAT	5:00 PM	†	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mennonna
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
13 SUN	7:30 AM	†	Margaret Goldrick
	9:00 AM		Our Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†	Rita Talarico
	12:00 N	†	Maria Ba
	5:30 PM		Spanish Mass
	7:30 PM		Brazilian Mass
14 MON	7:30 AM		Elizabeth Ann Lesvesque
	12:10 PM	†	Lourdes Gonzalez and Maria Medina
15 TUE	7:30 AM	†	John Heelen
	12:10 N	†	Souls in Purgatory
16 WED	7:30 AM		Msgr. Kevin Wallin
	12:10 N	†	Dora Collins
17 THU	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>		
	7:30 AM		Special Intention
	12:10 N	†	Rosemary Manacek
18 FRI	7:30 AM	†	Lemoine Family
	12:10 N	†	Florence and James Vulcano
19 SAT	7:30 AM	†	Felix Pelletier
	5:00 PM		Special Intention
	7:30 PM	†	Brazilian Mass
20 SUN	7:30 AM		Our Parishioners
	9:00 AM	†	Antoinette and Richard Galla
	10:30 AM	†	Christopher J. Chianelli
	12:00 N	†	Maria Ba
	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—January 6, 2019.....	\$ 7,394
Online-Giving—January 6, 2019.....	\$ 820
Our weekly goal .....	\$ 10,500
Christmas Collection.....	\$ 22,463
Christmas Collection Onlilne.....	\$ 530
Thank you for your support. 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 offer our condolences to the family of*  
**Msgr. John C. Sanders**  
*who passed away last week.*

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**  
Richard Botelho Marie Carroll Patricia Dean Nubia Dekker  
Paul Hart Karen Lanigan Jack Maher Teddy Marchione  
Dylan McBeth Christopher McLaughlin John Palinkas  
Rick Sarcia Sean Siegle

I want to keep the parish abreast with the reconstruction in the parish hall. I am happy to tell you that the first step in our work is wrapped up. Since December 27, the company AIG (Abatement Industries Group) has been in the hall to prep the space for the removal of the vinyl floor. The water loosened some of the vinyl flooring making it necessary to take it up. AIG was brought in by Catholic Mutual, our insurance company, because the vinyl floor is considered asbestos containing. Why is that, I asked? When the floor was laid down with adhesive some of the old mastic bound to the new tiles. The law requires that the tiles are removed and disposed of as asbestos containing waste and the work done by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor. AIG essentially created a plastic tent downstairs. Walls, ceiling, everything was sheathed in plastic. The flooring is gone. We are down to the concrete slabs. The cost, picked up by insurance, is \$25,790. We were given next week as the tentative delivery date for the new flooring. We were told that it would have to sit at room temperature for three days before installation. Before that can happen a skim coat has to be applied for leveling and the seams sealed. We would like to be able to return to partial use of the hall by February.

We are using the reconstruction to make some upgrades to the hall. It just makes sense to spend a little beyond what we will receive from the insurance company to give us a more attractive and improved space. We have selected new flooring, wood simulated vinyl that is commercial grade to better withstand heavy traffic. It also will not require waxing. This flooring will extend into the kitchen and into the space outside of the bathrooms. Right after Christmas, a few parishioners who are familiar with the kitchen and I joined our contractor to begin the process of selecting kitchen cabinets and specifying what our needs and desires for the kitchen are. The bingo kitchen workers have many useful suggestions for making the space more efficient and for increasing storage. One glaring omission in the kitchen which would not have been noticeable to the casual viewer was the absence of drawers for utensils and cooking implements. We are looking for cabinets that are durable, easy to clean, and attractive. We zeroed in on two models which would meet our criteria. We are waiting for some color samples and dollar figures in order to make the decision. That is about where we are now. I will provide further updates as we go along.

We have been spared ice and snow so far, but we know eventually we will have some wintry weather. I spoke to the 7:30 a.m. daily Mass attendees about how we should handle icy or snowy mornings. Last year we tied the time of the Mass to the schools. Some parishioners voiced a preference to not move the time as sometimes confusion arises. My fear always is injury. On a morning when there

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is ice or snow, it is not a simple affair for us to have all of our paved areas cleaned and salted. Take it from one who has been out there with the salt spreader. I told the folks that I would give the matter more thought and announce a policy in today's bulletin. I think it is best to err on the side of safety, and so we will push the 7:30 a.m. Mass to 9 a.m. on mornings when a school delay is announced. I will place on our phone (as long as it is not a Wednesday) a message confirming that the Mass will be celebrated at 9. School, we know, is often outright canceled even though conditions don't seem that bad. If the schools close, the Mass will be celebrated at 9. Now, in cases when we are to have a storm during the day and the schools have closed in anticipation of it, what will we do? If the storm has not yet arrived or is only just beginning at 7:30, we will proceed with the Mass. And if it is snowing like crazy, please use good sense and remain home. Don't place yourself at risk of having an accident driving or walking. You just don't know how slippery it may be underfoot.

—Fr. Mecca

***Parish Council will have its first meeting of 2019  
this Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Rectory.***

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



Registration for new families is available. Contact the school office for information.  
Phone: 203-748-2895  
Email: [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mtorre@spsdanbury.org)  
Website: [www.stpeterschooldanbury.org](http://www.stpeterschooldanbury.org)

We are in the process of creating a Makerspace for St Peter School students to explore the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM). Makerspaces are places for students to explore their creative side and test their ideas using everyday materials. Students are able to collaborate and use 21st Century Skills. We are collecting the following items if you have any to contribute: Storage containers, tools (screw drivers, hammers, nails, screws, etc.), school-appropriate magazines and newspapers, Legos, blocks, string, rope, popsicle sticks, clay, craft supplies, sewing supplies, fabric, paper, scraps of wood, bubblewrap, cardboard, etc. If you have any items to contribute, they can be left in the main office at St Peter School.

Our Gospel Value for the month of January is Simplicity. Philippians 4:19- "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory of Christ Jesus. When we recognize the soul in our simplicity, we discover abundant freedom."

Our Box Tops Contest is up and running. It will run through February 22. Thank you for clipping Box Tops! We have a category for Parish contributions and we will keep you posted on how you are doing!

—Mary Lou Torre, Principal



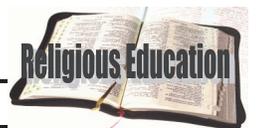
St. Peter's offers two programs for our middle school and high school teens. Both groups meet throughout the year in the Youth Group room across from the religious education office. All middle school and high school teens are welcome to join at any time and are encouraged to come to any of the events on the calendar! The YG Calendar & Registration Form can be found in the Religious Education office. Or contact the Director of Youth Ministry—[ygstpeter@gmail.com](mailto:ygstpeter@gmail.com)

- Sun. Jan 13 Senior YG – Rec Night!
- Fri. Jan 18 Junior YG – New Years Party!
- Sun. Jan 20 Senior YG – New Years Party!
- Sun. Jan 27 Senior YG – New Year New ME!

**Rec Nights!**—This is an evening when each group will battle it out in intense competition growing together as a family of faith in fun activities!

**Junior YG New Years Party!**—The Junior YG was unable to have a Thanksgiving dinner, so we are having a dinner to celebrate the new year! Volunteers are asked to help make dishes, NOT thanksgiving dishes, but anything that you can make for our evening. Please contact Mike Falbo if you can help out.

—Michael Falbo, Youth Director



Date	Religious Ed Schedule
Jan. 13	Grades 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8B attend class from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. St. Peter School Vineyard – 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.(K/1 students with a parent)
Jan. 20	NO CLASS

**First Holy Communion Parent Meeting**—There will be a meeting for all parents of First Holy Communion candidates January 13, 2019 from 10:45 am – 11:30 am, Room B05- St. Peter School.

**Confirmation Documentation**—Please remember to submit your Confirmation documentation if you have not done so already. Saint interviews will begin the last week of January, students will be notified of their interview time.

**First Holy Communion Documentation**—Please remember to submit your First Holy Communion registration form and fee if you have not done so already.

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**Class Requirements Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8B**—Just a gentle reminder that online work, Mass attendance and class attendance are required in order to move forward to the next grade or to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Failure to meet any of these requirements could result in repeating the current grade.

### Upcoming Events: 2019

**January 13, 2019** – First Holy Communion Parent Meeting – 10:45 am – 11:30 am

**February 23, 2019**—**Confirmation Retreat**—All 8B, St. Peter School must attend.

**March 30, 2019**—Confession for FHC candidates 10:00 a.m. St. Peter Church

**May 11, 2019** – First Holy Communion

**June 8, 2019** – Confirmation Mass

—Barbara Siano, DRE

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

**Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners**—*Dear Father, Thank you and your parishioners for including Birthright on your Angel Tree.*

*These items will be added to the layettes we lovingly prepare for our moms.*

*God bless you all in 2019!*

*Sincerely, Mev Richert and Claire Bachelor  
Co-Directors*

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*Thank you so much for the generous Angel Tree you held at St. Peter's to benefit Family & Children's Aid. Our team members were so excited to see all the items you gave, and our families were thrilled to receive such wonderful Christmas gifts. Your donations made a huge difference. We appreciate the time and care you gave each and every request and wish.*

*We are all so glad that you selected Family & Children's Aid to benefit from your kindness! FCA has over 20 programs that include residential group homes for neglected and abused children, a shelter for homeless mothers and children, Child Guidance Centers, an Extended Day Treatment Program, Outpatient Programs, In-Home Services, Therapeutic Foster Care, and a Home Maker Program for seniors.*

*What makes our agency unique is that we look to help children heal from past trauma and negative experiences by harnessing the power of optimism and hope. We utilize proven, methods to give children a role and a voice in their own healing process.*

*Thank you again so much for your donations, which definitely made a difference to the children and families we serve. Thank you, the Parishioners of St. Peter, for your continued support! It means so much!*

*Warm regards,*

*Allison L. Carballo, Director of Development*

**Men's Society**—meeting for January 15, 2019 is CANCELLED due to the Parish Hall Reconstruction. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

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

**Theology on Tap**—Join us Thursday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Irish cultural Cener, 6 Lake Avenue in Danbury. Adults (21+) are invited to this casual, free forum where friends gather to discuss topics relevant to them from a faith perspective. The topic is month is "The Beatitudes". For more information contact Father Sean Kulacz at [frsean@smcr.org](mailto:frsean@smcr.org) or find us on Facebook, Theology on Tap, Danbury.

**March for Life**—bus pilgrimage to Washington, DC on Friday, January 18. The schedule is as follows:

5:00 a.m. depart the Cathedral Parish, Bridgeport;

5:30 a.m. pick up at St. Thomas Apostle in Norwalk and

6:00 a.m. pick up at Basilica of St. John the Evangelist

11:30 a.m. arrive a March for Life

4:00 p.m. depart for Connecticut.

Register at [www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation) by January 11. The cost is \$75 per person. Food and drink may be taken onto the bus. For more information, email [officeoffaithformation@diobpt.org](mailto:officeoffaithformation@diobpt.org) or call 203-416-1670.

**The Face of Prayer**—recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people. Visit [www.thefaceofprayer.com](http://www.thefaceofprayer.com) to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders across the country. Be sure to also join the movement by texting **PRAY** to **55778** to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

**Dorothy Day Hospitality House** is 36 years old and **asking for your prayers**. You may have heard our shelter has been served with a cease and desist order by the City of Danbury. Through a technicality of our original shelter permit, we are in court to keep the doors of our shelter open. We have always tried to serve our fellow brothers and sisters with love and at no expense to the taxpayer. Hundreds of community volunteers, including many from this parish, lend a hand each month. With the power of prayer we hope to serve our community as long as our services are needed, treating people with the dignity and respect we all deserve. As Mark 11:24 states, "Therefore I tell you whatever you ask in prayer, believe you have received it and it will be yours". [www.dorothydaydanbury.org](http://www.dorothydaydanbury.org)

*Saint Peter Calendar*

*COMUNIDAD HISPANA SAN PEDRO*

- Sun Jan 13 **Religious Education.**
- Tue Jan 15 **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 Jan 16 **NO Bingo until further notice.**  
**Novena of Miraculous Medal.** After noon Mass
- Thu Jan 17 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Tue Jan 22 **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 Jan 23 **NO Bingo until further notice.**  
**Novena of Miraculous Medal.** After noon Mass
- Thu Jan 24 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Sun Jan 27 **Religious Education.**
- Tue Jan 29 **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 Jan 30 **Novena of Miraculous Medal.** After noon Mass
- Thu Jan 31 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri Feb 1 **First Friday Adoration.** Follows 7:30 a.m. Mass  
Continues until Noon.
- Sun Feb 3 **Religious Education.**
- Tue Feb 5 **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 Feb 6 **NO Bingo until further notice.**  
**Novena of Miraculous Medal.** After noon Mass
- Thu Feb 7 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Sun Feb 10 **Religious Education.**
- Tue Feb 12 **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 Feb 13 **NO Bingo until further notice.**  
**Novena of Miraculous Medal.** After noon Mass
- Thu Feb 14 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.

El Bautismo del Señor marca el inicio de la vida pública de Jesús. En el bautismo se consagra a Padre y el Padre lo unge con el Espíritu Santo como sacerdote, profeta y rey. Él es nuestro Dios y Salvador. Adoremos al Señor que se entregó a la muerte por nuestra salvación

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**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.

**Grupo de Oración**

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

**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.

**Clase de Biblia**

En mi blog, [www.pbernardo.org](http://www.pbernardo.org)., cada Lunes una nueva clase.

**Hora Santa**

Los segundos y cuartos jueves de cada mes, de 7:00 a 8:00 p.m., tendremos la Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo en la Iglesia. No faltemos a esa cita para adorar al Señor.

**Music Notes:**



**NO BINGO  
UNTIL REPAIRS ARE  
COMPLETE IN PARISH HALL.**