

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday – 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Brazilian Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. 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 - 11:00-11:30 a.m. & 3:00-3:45 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 1:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please pre-register by calling 743-2707. Baptisms will take place every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. except the second Sunday of the month.

Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

PASTORAL STAFF – 203-743-2707

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

Rev. John Perez, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Paul Merry, Resident

Deacon John Buchholz

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ST. PETER CHURCH, DANBURY, CT



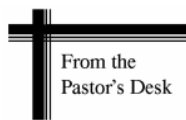
JANUARY

12	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Joan Maher
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
13	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Kenneth Kinkade
		9:00 AM	✠ Annie and Wilfred Eadie
		10:30 AM	✠ Carol Archer
		12:00 N	✠ John E. Obringer
		5:30 PM	✠ Maria M. Charles, Spanish Mass
14	MON	7:30 AM	✠ Vincent Rao
		12:10 N	✠ Americo Crescio
		7:30 AM	✠ Carol Archer
15	TUE	12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		7:30 AM	✠ Sally and Ralph Bridges
16	WED	12:10 N	✠ William Fitzmaurice
		7:30 AM	<i>St. Anthony, abbot</i>
17	THU	7:30 AM	✠ Etta and Helen Gossarth
		12:10 N	✠ Carol J. Dineen
		7:30 AM	✠ Ethel and Pierre Lemoine
18	FRI	12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		7:30 AM	✠ Josephine and Francis Paola
19	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Raymond Pazzone
		5:30 PM	✠ Leona Vogel
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
		7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
20	SUN	9:00 AM	✠ Mary W. Schmeltz
		10:30 AM	✠ Elizabeth McGowan
		12:00 N	✠ Tina Skelly
		5:30 PM	✠ Rev. Vincent Patrizzi, 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 – \$9,019
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.



This week at home my father and I took down the Christmas decorations. (My mother hasn't put up or taken down decorations in at least 30 years once my sisters and I became teenagers and able to do it.) With the forecast of mild weather for the week, we had discussed tackling the outdoor lights first and then moving into the house. More accurately, my father did the bulk of the work. I didn't get to Stamford until almost 3 o'clock since I went to Msgr. Frank Medinsky's funeral and burial in Ridgefield Tuesday. By the time I arrived home, dad had the outdoor lights and decorations down and all of the ornaments off the tree. My family has made it a practice to keep up the decorations through the Feast of the Epiphany. When we were

younger we would wait and watch with amusement as our neighbors across the street would take their tree to the curb on New Year's Day. (They have since gone to an artificial, I presume) Here at church we have left the poinsettias and crèche up, as you see, for another weekend. I debated packing the crèche away, but when I asked, several people suggested keeping it through the weekend since today's feast, the Baptism of the Lord, is the official closing of the season. We have it to enjoy one more time.

Today's celebration of the Lord's baptism is an interesting bridge between Jesus' birth and death. If we celebrate with joy Jesus' coming into the world, you know we do so because with his coming came *our* salvation. That salvation, however, would be accomplished through his taking upon himself our sins and bringing them to Calvary. Here, in this, Jesus' first public appearance, we see how our redemption will be accomplished. In St. Matthew's Gospel, the revelation, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," is addressed to all his readers so that they may see in Jesus from the moment of his initial public activity the beloved servant of God foretold by Isaiah or, better, the Son of God, whose mission is to restore the broken relationship between humanity and God. To accomplish his mission, Jesus asks for baptism from John. By this gesture Jesus shows himself to be entirely in solidarity with sinful humanity. Not only does Jesus announce that the hindrance of sin can be broken, but he shows, by his total fidelity to the Father, that it is possible for every individual in the midst of a world marked by evil, to bring forth the love that God has planted in their hearts. This solidarity with sinners and with humanity in general propels Jesus to accept that other baptism which is his death. The immersion into the waters of the Jordan predicts his plunge into death. Jesus goes down into the water to drown the sins of humanity which he will take upon himself. His emergence demonstrates rebirth to new life and to the Spirit of God.

Last week I commented on the Christmas collection, but I would like to add more thanks and a word or two about it. Additional Christmas gifts arrived since we published the total bringing us above \$25,000. Isn't that wonderful? Again, I say thank you to everyone for your generosity and care for the parish. I think you should congratulate yourselves. The additional good news is that for the first time in years, our bookkeeper reports that we do not need to apply the Christmas collection toward outstanding operating expenses. *That is truly wonderful.* We are current with our expenses which we are covering through the regular offertory. On my end, we have trimmed and saved and living within our means and on your end you have showed your confidence and trust in the administration of the parish. Thank you very much. The Christmas collection has gone into our savings thus giving us some cushion to withstand the impact of any calamity or major expense. We can sleep easier. Thank you. I should also mention that several families who recently experienced a loss of their loved one designated the parish as recipients of gifts in lieu of flowers. We are most appreciative of their kindness and thank them for thinking of us. Those gifts have also been deposited into savings.

I don't frequently talk about Msgr. Pedro and his activities, but I might today. I may have written before that Msgr. Pedro is the superior of an institute formed by the Brazilian Conference of Catholic Bishops to minister to Brazilians outside of the country. This role keeps him busy. Last week Msgr. traveled to Peru for the ordination of a man who will serve the institute in

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that country. Msgr. returned yesterday and is already back at Kennedy Airport today but not to depart this time but to pick up a Brazilian Bishop. Bishop Jose Pinheiro the bishop of the Diocese of Braganca Paulista, which is located in the state of Sao Paulo, has come for a thirteen day stay in the United States to visit our community and other Brazilian communities in Bridgeport, Fall River, Ma., and Philadelphia. The bishop will be staying in our rectory for part of the time. I'll have to be on my best behavior.

Last week I told you we would receive some tickets to the papal Mass with Pope Benedict at Yankee Stadium on April 20. We received seven calls from interested parishioners. To repeat, we will take the requests and when we know how many tickets we will be allocated we will have a lottery. If you desire to go, you can still put your name on the list.

Keep in mind our upcoming activities this month: the ministry fair and the movie night. In two weekends we will have a ministry fair in conjunction with our monthly "coffee and" after Masses. The goal of the "fair" is simply to make all our parishioners aware of ways in which we can pitch in at the parish. As I said last week and as you will hear me say again and again until the 26-27, we need the involvement of many people and the constant introduction of new folks to keep the parish vibrant. But, let me repeat this as well. We want you to come downstairs after Mass even if you don't want to or can't volunteer at this time. We want to grow as a community and know each other better. Plan to stop in for coffee. Movie night is Friday, January 25 in the parish hall. Our parish life committee is showing the film, *Ratatouille*. It had very favorable reviews when it came out. We invite parishioners of all ages to come and enjoy an inexpensive evening out. There is no charge for the movie and only a small one for the refreshments. Fr. Mecca

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Santa Ayala Elizabeth Begert Lorena Coronado
Art Mannion Joan McGarigle Ellen and Ed Minck
Leroy Morgan Lorenzo Paniagua John Scalzo Anthony Tartaglia*

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS

John Notaro Helen Reynolds Dora Russell

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Mission Statement: Saint Peter-Sacred Heart School is a private, Catholic School dedicated to developing a strong academic and spiritual foundation for all students.

"God so loved the world, He sent, to us, His only Son..."

Officially, our Church tells us the Christmas season is over and so we begin to take down our decorations and set our homes in order. After all is said and done, however, how important it is for us to keep alive in hearts, minds and actions, the spirit, the knowledge, the wonder that God is with us! He came to us and remains with us! There is no beginning or end -He is!

The readings of mass before and now after the Blessed Event are filled with thoughts for us to ponder. We are such a blessed people. May your New Year be filled with God.

Wonderful news is ours to share with everyone. We have hired a Computer Teacher. Mrs. Carol Ann Lutz will be at our computer labs, Thursday and Friday to prepare for classes. Classes will begin Thursday, January 17th at Sacred Heart Campus and Friday, January 18th at Saint Peter Campus. Mrs. Lutz is a certified teacher and brings wonderful talent to our classes.

Our Saint Peter Campus is busily completing their midterm exams. On January 22nd report cards will be distributed at our Home School Association meeting, giving us one more opportunity to meet and discuss student progress with parents.

Speaking of Saint Peter Campus, the date is set for our front hall to be retiled. Because of the length of the main hall, we are to retile the entrance up to and including the ending of the hall.

Our nurse's room is in process of being painted. When completed, all rooms on our first floor will be fully cleaned and painted, including the main entrance and hallway.

Sacred Heart Campus is thriving with the wonderful addition of leveled readers for each and every student allowing them to progress at their own developmental reading level. Another wonderful addition to our Sacred Heart Campus is the gift of 2 Mattel Child Oriented Computers. Mrs. Sue Loschiavo is in the process of installation and program readiness. We are most grateful to IBM for its interest and support of our school.

As you see, we are alive and well. Registration for our Day Care, Pre K, K and Grades 1-7 are in focus. Please join us for our Catholic School's Week Open House, Sunday, January 27th.

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes this Sunday. Grades K – 9.

Attention Parents of Grade 2---If your child is in grade 2 and preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, we must have a copy of their Baptism certificate (unless they were baptized here at St. Peter – then we just need the date of Baptism). We are still missing certificates for some students. Please contact the Religious Education office as soon as possible to avoid delaying the sacraments.

Sacrament preparation Parent Meetings---There will be a meeting for parents of children in grade 2 who are preparing for First Reconciliation on March 1st. The meeting is **Sunday, January 27th at 10:15am in the school lunchroom**. Please mark your calendar for this important meeting.

Are you called to be a Catechist?---Come to the parish Ministry Fair the weekend of Jan. 26 & 27th and find out. Look for the Religious Education table in the parish hall after all the masses that weekend.

PARISH EVENTS

Please do not forget---

Volunteer Reception

This Sunday, January 13, 2008

From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Rectory

Men's Society--- St. Peter's Men's Society is having its next meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2008 in the Parish Hall at 7:30PM. We will review the passed year's events and start thinking about events we can handle in 2008. All are welcome to attend.

Youth Group News---December was a busy month for the youth group. We battled the snow storm to pray the rosary with the seniors at Palace View, on the first Friday of December. On December 15, the youth group hosted a Christmas Party for the

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younger children of the Parish. There was food, games, prizes, face painting and of course Santa. The children and teens all enjoyed themselves. On December 28, the Youth Group prayed the rosary and then had their Christmas party at Two Steps. A well deserved dinner for the group after a very spiritual and productive year. For 2008, Sunday Jan 13, there will be a mandatory meeting for anyone in high school that is doing the 30 hour famine. The famine is open to all high school members of the group and by invitation only to those out side the group.

Youth Group Bake-Off



This big fundraiser for the famine is on
**Saturday, February 2 at 6:30
p.m.
in the Parish Hall.**

Two teams will spend the day baking and then provide dessert and coffee to the parish for a \$5.00 per person admission fee. All proceeds will go the famine. Please mark your calendars and support the youth!!!

"...put yourself at the service of others." 1 Peter 4:10

Come and see faith in action!

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to put our faith into action. It takes many hands and hearts to bring Christ to others, and St. Peter Parish has many hands and hearts that do just that!

*Come join us for the
Ministry Fair
in the Parish Hall after all Masses
Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27.*

See how St. Peter parishioners reach out to each other and to the community...and see how you might be able to put your faith into action!



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL

The movie will be "Ratatouille".

Please call the Rectory for your free "movie pass". Refreshments will be available for a nominal fee.



Join us for an
Evening of Fun

OTHER EVENTS

March for Life - Washington, D.C. - Tuesday, January 22, 2008: It is most imperative that we continue our Pro-life activities on behalf of the unborn children. The "March for Life" at our Nation's Capital will serve as witness, motivation, and advocacy for the overall respect of the unborn children and the pursuit of their births. We ask that you, our parishioners, will join participants from parishes and institutions within the Diocese in this "March for Life." We will travel to Washington, D.C. via buses which will depart from easily accessible locations. We will depart at 12:15 a.m.. and we will arrive back in Connecticut at 10:30 p.m.. The cost (gratuity included): per adult, \$45.; per student, \$35. For more information and reservations, please call Mimi Giannino at the Catholic Center (203-416-1444). The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, January 16.

AVISOS - COMUNIDADE BRASILEIRA

MISSAS

Todos os sábados às 7:30pm e aos domingos às 7:30pm.

CONVIVIO

A Comunidade Brasileira se reúne todos os sábados após a missa no Centro Pastoral Brasileiro, 61 Liberty Street, para jantarmos e socializarmos. Venha participar conosco.

CASAMENTOS

Os Noivos devem procurar o Sacerdote na Secretaria Paroquial, à 61 Liberty Street, 6 meses antes do casamento com certidões de Batismo e de Crisma. A data depende da disponibilidade da Igreja..

PASTORAL DO DIZIMO

Recordamos aos irmãos que o DIZIMO é também um Mandamento e tem duas dimensões importantes, entre outras: **A PRIMEIRA:** é ato de amor, fé, confiança e gratidão para com Deus; **A SEGUNDA:** é ato de generosidade para com Deus e para com a comunidade.

GRUPO DE ORAÇÃO CARISMÁTICO

Todas as terças feiras na Igreja às 7:30 p.m. inciando-se com a oração do Terço.

GRUPO DE JOVENS ÁGAPE

Recordamos a tantos jovens da nossa Comunidade que, todo domingo às 5:30 p.m. acontecem, no Centro Pastoral, as reuniões.

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St. Peter Calendar

Sun	Jan 13	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 9. Volunteer Reception 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Rectory.
Mon	Jan 14	Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Rectory.
Tue	Jan 15	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room. Men's Society. 7:30 p.m.
Thu	Jan 17	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sun	Jan 20	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 9.
Mon	Jan 21	Parish Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Jan 22	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Thu	Jan 24	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Jan 25	Family Movie Night. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Sat	Jan 26	Parish Ministry Fair. Following all Masses.
Sun	Jan 27	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 9. Coffee Hour. Following 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Parish Ministry Fair. Following all Masses.
Tue	Jan 29	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Thu	Jan 31	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	Feb 2	Youth Group Bake-Off. 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Sun	Feb 3	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 9.
Tue	Feb 5	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Wed	Feb 6	Ash Wednesday. Masses and Ashes at 7:30, and 9:15 a.m. and 12:10 noon. Liturgy of the Word and Ashes at 5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass and Ashes 7:00 p.m. Brazilian Mass and Ashes 8:00 p.m. NO Bingo.
Thu	Feb 7	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Feb 8	Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish. 8:00 p.m.
Sun	Feb 10	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 9.
Mon	Feb 11	Finance Committee Meeting. 7:00 pm Rectory.
Tue	Feb 12	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Thu	Feb 14	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Feb 15	Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish. 8:00 p.m.
Sun	Feb 17	NO Rel. Ed. Classes.
Mon	Feb 18	Parish Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Feb 19	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room. Men's Society. 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	Feb 22	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.

BINGO

EVERY WEDNESDAY

EARLYBIRDS BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M.

Rita's Cuisine

15 Center Street

Tuesday through Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Información Hispana!

Las Misas en Español son: Domingos a las 5:30 pm

Intenciones de las Misas:

Domingo 13 de Enero: + **Maria M. Charles**

Grupo de oración en San Pedro todos los Lunes a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia. Todos estan cordialmente invitados. El Señor Jesus los espera! **Comenzamos el grupo de oración el Lunes 7 de Enero.**

Clases pre-bautismales:

Los interesados en Bautizar a sus hijos deben estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos por tres meses y deben ver al Padre John Pérez antes de recibir las clases y los padrinos deben ser casados por la Iglesia Católica y deben presentar el Certificado del Matrimonio al Sacerdote. Dios los bendiga a todos. Los bautismos seran programados solo los Sábados a la 12:00 M

La registración para el programa de CCD o instrucción religiosa para la preparación de los niños a los Sacramentos: se estan llevando a cabo en la Escuela de St. Peter a las 10 de la mañana.

El programa de RCIA o educacion Religiosa para los adultos: esto es la preparación de los adultos para recibir los Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo-Primera communion y confirmación en la Iglesia Católica. Las clases comenzaron el 23 de Septiembre en la parroquia. Las edades desde 13 años en adelante incluyendo adultos.

Las personas interesadas en anotar las intenciones de las Misas Pueden acercarse y solicitarlas en la oficina de la Parroquia de Lunes a Viernes de 9:00 a 5:00 de la tarde.

La fiesta de la Navidad se cerrará con la Solemnidad del Bautismo de l Señor el día Domingo 13 de Enero. Y espero que reciban la paz que el Señor Jesus vino a traernos a este mundo y que esa paz se prolongue en sus familias por siempre.

Quiero agradecer a todas aquellas personas que me acompañaron en estas celebraciones Navideñas en las diferentes maneras: las Eucaristias, las Posadas-Novenas, las decoraciones en la Iglesia y basement y en los compartires de la comunidad en dichos eventos: muy especialmente a las familias Gandara, Tovar, campoverde, Rosales y a Rafaela.Silva Gracias de verdad a todos

Esta Ssemana pasada se han reanudado las clases de Ingles. Muchas personas se registraron para tomar las clases y casi nadie esta asistiendo a ellas, los días y horarios de clases son asi par alas personas interesadas:

Martes en la mañana de 9 a 10 am

Miercoles en la noche de 7 a 8:30 pm

Jueves en la noche de 7:30 a 9 pm

Todas las clases son en el basement de la Iglesia.

Dios los bendiga.

