



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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SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE

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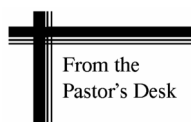
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ST. PETER CHURCH, DANBURY, CT



JANUARY

19	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Raymond Pazone
		5:30 PM	✠ Leona Vogel
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
20	SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
		9:00 AM	✠ Mary W. Schmeltz
		10:30 AM	✠ Elizabeth McGowan
		12:00 N	✠ Tina Skelly
		5:30 PM	Rev. Vincent Patrizzi, Spanish Mass
21	MON	<i>St. Agnes, virgin and martyr</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Billy Soltesz
22	TUE	<i>St. Vincent, deacon and martyr</i>	
		7:30 AM	In Reparation to the Sacred Heart
23	WED	12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		7:30 AM	✠ Phyllis Baris
24	THU	<i>St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor</i>	
		12:10 N	✠ Buddy Marques
25	FRI	7:30 AM	✠ Etta and Helen Gossarth
		12:10 N	✠ Americo Crescio
26	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Joseph F. Prusak
		12:10 N	✠ Margaret Kelly
27	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Rick Reiner
		9:00 AM	✠ Mary Lou Martin
		10:30 AM	✠ Filomena and Joseph Trieu
		12:00 N	Brazilian Mass
		5:30 PM	✠ Rosemary Lariccia
		7:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ Michelle Davis
		12:00 N	✠ Billy Schmiedel
		5:30 PM	San Antonio de Padua, 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 13, 2008 \$10,008
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
Lily Tran

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH
*Santa Ayala Elizabeth Begert Lorena Coronado
 Don Lavalee Art Mannion Joan McGarigle Ellen and Ed Minck
 Leroy Morgan Lorenzo Paniagua John Scalzo Anthony Tartaglia*

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS
*Bishop Daniel Hart Rita Baillargeon Lucy Da Silva
 Katherine Halpin-Saunders Helen Reynolds*

Our house is about to become full again. In a bit of a turn around from recent years, we will be filled to capacity by the end of the month. Fr. Joseph Joaquin is coming to live with us. If you saw the latest issue of the *Fairfield County Catholic* you may have read of Fr. Joaquin's retirement from Sacred Heart Parish in Georgetown. Father has been pastor there for sixteen years. He reached retirement age last year, but the bishop asked him to stay on through the end of the year. He officially retired on January 6. I received a phone call from Fr. Kevin Royal, the Director of Priest Personnel, the Friday before, asking if our rectory had space for a retiree, and if so, would we be willing to accept Father Joaquin into our home. I know Fr. Joaquin from when I previously belonged to this vicariate, and I always liked him. He is kind, friendly, humorous, and a gentleman in all respects. Father considered moving to the priest retirement residence in Stamford, but because he sees quite a few doctors in Danbury, he thought it better to stay in this area. We had our first chance to converse about the arrangement at Msgr. Medinsky's funeral. He was genuinely excited to live here and accepted the invitation sight unseen. It was I who hesitated and insisted that before deciding he ought to visit and look at the rooms. Since the available space is on the third floor, I wondered if he could climb the stairs. Fr. Merry initially moved into the third floor when he came but found the two flights a bit much, so he gave up more space to move down a flight. Fr. Joaquin came by last Friday, took the tour, and upon assuring me the stairs posed no challenge, we sealed the deal.

Father wanted to move in this past Thursday, but I had to put him off. Our Brazilian bishop guest was in the bedroom until Wednesday, and we needed to arrange for painting and repair to the bathroom walls. The plaster there has bubbled and the paint has peeled from water seepage. The painter has been here this week working around the bishop while he is with Msgr. Pedro at the Brazilian Center. The sitting room across the hall has only a love seat and a chair that we brought upstairs from the guest room. This house has never had furniture for every room. When I moved into that very same space in '96 there was not a stitch of furniture in the sitting room and mix matched old pieces in the bedroom. I bought my own furniture for the sitting room and lived with what was in the bedroom. Those of you with memories that stretch back a decade recall how we had so many pressing needs around here, including Fr. Corey's old bed with the slats that repeatedly fell out when he got in. Do you remember his stories? They were priceless and only he could tell them with such flair. It was a good thing I did invest in furniture because there wasn't much in the rooms at St. Luke's. At St. Augustine's I was fortunate enough to follow Fr. Dogali, who had refurnished the bedroom with great pieces that provided abundant storage. That house is older than this one and, unlike this one, has few closets and those that exist are very small. I don't remember what was in that sitting room, but what was there we distributed to other rooms that were lacking necessities. Again, my own furnishings came in handy. Unfortunately for Msgr. Wallin, when I left so did the furniture and my successor inherited an empty room. My sitting room here had been furnished by my predecessors with their personal furniture, so once again, my trusty pieces have filled the void. But, back to our third floor rooms, the bedroom was updated with a good bedroom set and chair, so Father Joaquin should be

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comfortable there while we work on the other room. We expect him any time this week so you will begin to see him at church next weekend. Father would like to be part of our parish and celebrate Mass with us. Because he is after all retired and deserves a break from a regular schedule, we won't over book him, but Frs. Perez, Pedro and I are delighted to have him join in our priestly ministry. I am certain you will take to him immediately and enjoy his presence. Welcome Fr. Joaquin to St. Peter's!

I hope you looked at the *Fairfield County Catholic*. One of our parishioners, Kieran Raval, is featured in an article. Kieran is the son of Pradip and Paula Gavin Raval. Kieran attended St. Peter School. His father volunteered at bingo for many years, and his mother has joined our parish finance council, acting also as that body's representative to the parish council. Kieran is now a junior at Immaculate High. A member of our Youth Group, Kieran has provided leadership, energy, and commitment to that organization. He is a fine young man, intelligent and reflective. He is, also, I might add quite talented in the culinary arts—I've been to his house for dinner. I was surprised and excited to see an article about him and to learn something about him that I did not know. I like what Fr. Audette had to say about Kieran. He captured him well. The article, if you can't find it to read yourself, tells of Kieran's adherence to what is called Straight Edge. Those of us who do not have teenagers and probably many of us who do wouldn't know the name Straight Edge. To quote Kieran, Straight Edge "is about positive lifestyle choices that you make." The term, he explains, comes from the world of hard core punk music but with a twist. The lyrics convey positive messages of self-control, personal development and well-being. Kieran and the many other fine young men and women of the parish are witnessing to God through their lives. Thank you for that. We admire each one of you.

We received a phone call from Sister Eliana DaSilva early on Monday morning. She calls from time to time to say hi to Carol and Mary and to keep in touch with the parish. We haven't spoken for some time, though we normally exchange Christmas cards. I say normally because this year I never got around to writing them. Sister called with some sad news. Her mother, Lucy, died Monday morning in Brazil, and she wanted us to know. Many of us remember meeting Lucy when she came to visit Sr. Eliana here. She was so sweet. She was 96 years old. God bless her. We will pray for the repose of her soul this weekend, and we have scheduled a Mass for her on Sunday, February 17 at 9 a.m. Please remember both Lucy and Sr. Eliana in your prayers. If you would like to write Sister, the address is 3603 McRoberts Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

You know what will follow in the space that is left—the ministry fair and our movie night. I will promote both from the pulpit this weekend so perhaps it is enough to repeat the invitation to join us. The ministry fair is the idea of our parish council which expressed its desire to attract more parishioners to service within and beyond our community. After each Mass we will have some refreshments and are asking you to come downstairs for a little while to meet others and look over the many ministries. After the Saturday Masses we are serving wine and cheese. On Sunday we will have coffee and breakfast foods. As I said in earlier columns, our diocese is conducting an evangelization effort on the parish and diocesan level with the goal of raising consciousness, outreach and service. A parish always needs the input from new blood, and you'd enjoy meeting some very nice fellow parishioners. So, please give thought to assisting your parish in some ways. There

will be in the parish hall exhibit boards with all the ministries as well as some representatives to chat with you. Again to repeat, we want you to come downstairs regardless of whether you have the time or inclination to volunteer because, most importantly, we want to know you and be able to put a name to a familiar face.

Finally, movie night is Friday. This could be a lot of fun. Come young, come old. The movie is delightful, and it is *free!*

Fr. Mecca

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.

Saint Peter-Sacred Heart School will celebrate Catholic Schools, January 27-February 2, 2008 with schools across America as we open our doors and join together in a special celebration of how Catholic schools "Light the Way."

Catholic schools provide a faith-based education that supports the whole child in improved learning, and in leading a fulfilled, balanced and meaningful life. Catholic Schools also "Light the Way" by supporting families and making positive and lasting impact in our communities.

We'd like to invite you to join us this week, to discover more about the special role our schools play in the positive growth of our children. Come to all of our Catholic Schools Week celebration events...and bring the whole family.

Don't Miss This Week-Long Celebration! Join Us January 27th-February 2nd and Discover How Catholic Schools "Light the Way."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes this Sunday---Grades K – 8

Reminder! – 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 Meeting Next Week!---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 Jan. 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 NEXT weekend of Jan. 26 & 27th and find out. Look for the Religious Education table in the parish hall after all the masses !

2007 Confirmation Videos arrived.---They are available in the Religious Education Office.

PARISH EVENTS

Letter from Bishop William E. Lori--*Forming Disciples and Missionaries of Jesus Christ is the theme for the 2008 Collection for the Church in Latin America, held the weekend of January 26 – 27. The theme was chosen to echo that of the recent Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America, held in Aparecida,*

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Brazil, in May 2007, called at the request of Pope Benedict XVI. The conference expressed his love and care for the Church throughout the Western Hemisphere.

For more than 45 years, proceeds from the collection have been distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions in 23 countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral workers, catechists, and youth ministers.

The Diocese of Bridgeport has supported the Church in Latin America since its earliest days. Two priests originally from this diocese are currently working in Brazil, Father Ed McCall and Msgr. Joseph Potter. A portion of the funds from the Collection assists their ministries.

"This year, I ask you to contribute generously again to this worthy Collection. I am grateful as always for your continuing generosity." Faithfully in Christ, Most Rev. William E. Lori

Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners---On behalf of the staff, the residents, and the Board of Directors of Interlude, Inc. I would like to thank you for your congregation's generous donation of Holiday gifts for Interlude's clients once again this year through the Angel Tree program.

As you know, Interlude provides residential and case management services to adults with a mental illness or substance abuse disorder. Many of these individuals do not have families who are involved in their lives. Interlude's Holiday celebrations may be the only gatherings they attend during the season. We appreciate your care and thoughtfulness towards them – it will make a big difference in their Holiday season.

Again, thank you so much for contributing to the clients of Interlude, Inc., and we wish you the very best in the new year ahead. Sincerely Kathleen Deschenes, Executive Director

More Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners---Thank you for all the smiles we were able to share with our clients at Birthright this year. We remember the smiling faces when we met their babies for the first time. The smiles said "thank you" for the gifts you provided. We wish you many smiles with your family during this Christmas season. Thank you for all of your help this past year, especially with the Mothers' Day Carnation Sale and your Christmas Angel Tree! With Love, Birthright

Come join us for the

Ministry Fair

in the Parish Hall after all Masses

Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27.



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 20	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
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 – 8. 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 – 8.
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 – 8.
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.
Sun	Feb 24	Rel. Ed. Calsses. Grades K – 8.
Tue	Feb 26	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Thu	Feb 28	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Feb 29	Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish. 8:00 p.m.

2007 Year-End Contribution and Restoration:
Statements will be sent upon request. Please fill in the information below and place it in the basket next weekend or call the rectory to request your statement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Phone: _____

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 Catolica 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.

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 dias 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.

