



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



FEBRUARY

16	SAT	4:00 PM	Our Parishioners
		5:30 PM	† Gloria Mannion
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
17	SUN	7:30 AM	† Clarence Ruppert and Frederick Drake
		9:00 AM	† Lucy DaSilva
		10:30 AM	† Michelle Davis
		12:00 N	† Joseph Paiva
		5:30 PM	† Salome Sahagun, Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
18	MON	7:30 AM	† Josephine and Francis Paola
		12:10 N	† Gale Zinicola
19	TUE	7:30 AM	† Rev. Joseph Gibbon
		12:10 N	† Ellen and Tom Needham
20	WED	7:30 AM	† Eugene Hewitt, Sr.
		12:10 N	† Eva Mannion
21	THU	<i>St. Peter Damian, bishop and doctor</i>	
		7:30 AM	† Charles Durkin
		12:10 N	† Vincent J. Blodgett
22	FRI	<i>Chair of Peter, apostle</i>	
		7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	† Anne Blodgett Lorenti
23	SAT	7:30 AM	† Ellen O'Connor
		4:00 PM	† Dorothy Sweet
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
24	SUN	7:30 AM	† Teresa and Paul Nguyen
		9:00 AM	† Anton Fehrenbach
		10:30 AM	† Michelle Davis
		12:00 N	† Butch Melody and Joe Halas
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

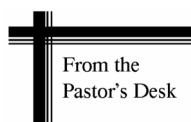
On the weekend, if the intention of the Mass is yours,
please see an usher about bringing up the gifts.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – February 10, 2008 \$8,780
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
Santa Ayala Don Lavalee Diane Lopes Mary Ann Lopez
Art Mannion Joan McGarigle Ellen and Ed Minck
Leroy Morgan Jay Murphy Lorenzo Paniagua John Scalzo
Anthony Tartaglia

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS
James Burke



Some weeks ago I told you every parish in our diocese would receive some tickets to the Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, April 20, and I invited you to let me know if you were interested in going. Twelve families expressed interest for a total of 21 tickets. Last week the diocese alerted us that ten tickets had been allocated to each parish and that the names of the individuals and their date of birth had to be submitted by February 11. Right away we had a lottery here in the office. I placed each family's name in a large bowl and Fr., Perez and I took turns drawing names. I contacted the families by phone and with a letter requesting that they confirm their acceptance of them. For security reasons the tickets are non-transferable after the 11th, so people had to commit themselves this week or forfeit the ticket. The recipients of the tickets are Michele and Jesse Lee; Christine Moore; Regina and Hugh Morgan; Terry and Tom Pepin; and Carlos, Sarah and Carina Zamudio. Our regrets to everyone who desired to attend from the parish but did not receive a ticket. I was in the seminary in New Jersey when Pope John Paul II came to Newark and New York. I was able to be present both at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark for vespers and at Giant Stadium for Mass. The atmosphere in the Cathedral was nothing short of electric. The cathedral was packed, naturally, and as we watched the Pope arrive, on the two large screens erected inside, the excitement grew and grew. The moment he reached the portal, the organ erupted in magnificent sound and the crowd cheered and clapped. Even I, who avoid crowds and was somewhat grumpy at being packed into a pew more tightly than a sardine in a can for so long, was caught up into the excitement. The day of the Mass it poured and everyone was soaked to the bone. Yet, there was silence and reverence and not a complaint was heard. Both events were quite moving. I hope our ticket recipients enjoy their experience.

Last weekend, teens from the parish spoke to us about their up-coming 30 Hour Famine and their efforts to raise money for hungry and starving children throughout the world but most particularly on the continent of Africa. The Youth Group issued a challenge to Deacon John Buchholz. He agreed to shave his beard—a real trauma for him as he has worn a beard for a very long time—if they succeeded in raising \$1,500 from their appeal. You so generously responded that at the end of the noon Mass the teens had not only met their goal they far exceeded it. In sum, you gave a whopping \$2,478.31 to their 30 Hour Famine. You should be commended. I know this parish to be very giving and caring, but I would not have guessed, that in one weekend, without advance notice that sum of money would have been donated. You have opened your hearts to the plight of the starving and to our teens. Your support of their efforts means a great deal to them. On behalf of them, I thank you. I wish to commend the six teens who mounted the pulpit to speak to us. It takes courage to speak to a crowd and they did a very fine job. They are Gina Maffucci, Sam Winstrom, Meghan Gallagher, Carly Sim, Torben Barlow-Hansen, and Tim Lyons. Congratulations to all the members of the Youth Group and to their adult advisors. We look forward to hearing more from them as the famine approaches. The pews have been on my mind for some time now as you know. I solicited bids for cleaning the cushions. The best bid came from a firm in Bridgeport that came highly recommended to me by another parish. Unfortunately, the owner of the company

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was scheduled to retire at the end of last year. Although he wanted to do the job for us and gave me a date—December 31—he had to renege because illness among his workers had thrown off his schedule and he couldn't fit us in. I've contacted other companies and am waiting now to see their proposals. A representative of the Keck Group was here almost two weeks ago to address the repairs to pews and book racks. You might have noticed if you habitually sit in a pew with a missing book rack that your book rack has been replaced. Only one now is missing. (We or they missed one in the count.) We talked about adjusting the kneelers so that they don't hit the books when they are raised. A broken kneeler went to the shop to be repaired. As luck would have it a parishioner brought to my attention another kneeler which has lost one of its feet after Keck was here. I brought to his attention a pew that has developed a long crack in the back. That pew may need to be removed and brought into the workshop for repair. We also talked about the fraying of the fabric on the kneelers and what can be done about that. I'll tell you more as we make progress on this front

We did accomplish something this week. We had someone scrape off the gum from the undersides of the pews. I hope it is all gone. Even though I couldn't see it its presence bothered and disgusted me. Now that it is off, I am launching a little anti-gum campaign. I am asking Frs. Diniz and Perez to join me in announcing at every Mass the need to not come into church chewing gum. I know this sounds odd to most of us. We, who were raised in a different era, cannot conceive of coming to church with gum in our mouths or with snacks or water bottles, but people do. You will notice we've put a notice in the bulletin and hope to have created by this weekend some signs to get the message across. There is a tall waste can in each corner of the vestibule. Anyone arriving with gum should put it there. Thank you.

I am happy to tell you that as part of our Lenten preparation, we will have, in cooperation with St. Joseph Church a Dominican priest to preach. His name is Father John Harris. Currently, Fr. Harris is teaching in Washington, D.C. for the semester. He is an Irish Dominican attached to the Dominican house in Dublin. For a number of years, Fr. Harris was the prior and rector of the magnificent basilica of San Clemente in Rome. Any of you who went on the pilgrimage to Rome during our sesquicentennial with Msgr. Wallin will remember him. He was then rector of San Clemente and gave the group what I hear was a well-received talk on their visit to the church. Msgr. Wallin, Fr. Varga and Fr. Dogali made arrangements to bring Fr. Harris to their parishes. Knowing this, I asked Fr. Dogali if we might somehow piggyback on the visit. Fr. Harris is scheduled to preach at all the Masses next weekend at St. Joseph Church. We have arranged that he will speak at our parish on Monday evening, February 25 at 7:30 and at St. Joseph on the following evening, also at 7:30 p.m. At the time of this printing, Fr. Harris has to return to D.C. for a Wednesday class. If he is able to rearrange the time of that class, he told me he would be delighted to come here the next day, Wednesday, for a third talk. I invite and encourage you to take advantage of Fr. Harris' presence here and come to the two, maybe three, sessions. It is a good thing for our parishes to do something like this cooperatively. You will, without a doubt, be engaged by Fr. Harris. I ran over to St. Augustine's Wednesday afternoon to meet him and to discuss a schedule. He possesses that legendary Irish wit. I was immediately captivated by him. You will be, too!

Fr. Mecca

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

**Saint Peter-Sacred Heart School
Laying the Groundwork
For Tomorrow's Leaders
Birth-Grade 8**

www.stpetersacredheart.org
Email: info@stpetersacredheart.org
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**Sacred Heart School
17 Cottage Street
Danbury
Birth-Grade 4**

**St. Peter School
98 Main Street
Danbury
Grade 5-8**

**REGISTRATION ONGOING
Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal**

***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION*

No Classes this Sunday, February 17 due to President's Day weekend. Classes resume Sunday, February 24th.

First Reconciliation Workshop Next Saturday!!-- The first workshop for ALL First Communion students will be on Reconciliation and will be on **Saturday, February 23**, in the parish hall from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. We need parents to assist, and also to bring a snack. If you can help out please call the Rel. Ed office at 743-1048.

First Penance/Reconciliation is Saturday, March 1st at 11am.

Confirmation Videos are in!!--If you ordered a video of Confirmation in October 2007, please call the Religious Education office 743-1048 to arrange to pick up your video. If you did not order, but would like to purchase one, there are a few available.

PARISH EVENTS



LENTEN TALK

**by Reverend John Harris
of the Irish Province of Dominicans**

**Monday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Church**

followed by refreshments in the Sacristy

Lenten Reminder---

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

*St. Peter-Sacred Heart School will conduct their stations at
1:30 p.m. All are welcome.*

Men's Society---St. Peter's Men's Society is having its next meeting **Tuesday, February 19, 2008 in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.

The Youth Group---has begun their work to raise money as part of their 30 hour famine. This past Sunday, the youth spoke at all the Masses, explaining the project they have taken on - raising funds to help the children in the world that are dying from hunger. We are working towards a goal of \$5,200. Please pray for the teens over the next few weeks and during their famine, that God may provide them with strength and courage. Thanks again for your support.



YES!!

Deacon John will shave his beard the night of the Famine!

Due to your generosity, our Youth Group collected \$2,478.31 last weekend. Thank you for your support!

Community Concerns Committee---The **Daily Bread Food Pantry** located at St. James Church on West Street provides food to the needy in the Danbury area – one bag of food per month to individuals and families. Each bag contains basic canned and packaged items to provide daily meals for three to four days. Please help the Food Pantry by donating from the following list: cereal, canned fruit, soup, tuna, pasta and spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned juice, coffee, tea, sugar, rice, flour or paper products. Please leave your contribution in the church vestibule on the confessional side the weekend of **February 23 and 24**. Thank you for your support!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Fr. Corey Piccinino, who served at St. Peter Parish from 1986 until 2002, will be installed as Pastor of St. Mary Church, Bethel, this Sunday, February 17, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.



We wish Father Corey much happiness!

*****OTHER EVENTS*****

“Resurrection” a musical drama by Bryan Jeffery Leech will be performed by the St. Patrick’s Family Players at **St. Mary Church, Bethel, on Sunday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m.**

Immaculate High School---will be conducting its spring **entrance exam on Monday, March 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Download the application at www.immaculatehs.org and mail it along with a \$50 entrance exam fee to: Immaculate High School, 73 Southern Boulevard, Danbury, CT 06810. For more

information, please contact the Office of Admissions, 744-1510 or www.immaculatehs.org.

How our ABA contributions make a difference---“*With more than 26 years experience in religious education, Carol Pinard, of St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan accepted a new role in 2007, as the Director for Religious Education Programs for the Diocese. She is working with 98 Directors of Religious Education and supervises instruction for 38,000 children enrolled in programs encompassing first grade through Confirmation in our 87 parishes.*

Through Carol’s leadership, the Diocese offers more personalized, hands-on, one-to-one assistance to the Directors of Religious Education and the volunteer catechists. We know that ongoing formation is key to good ministry.

Carol’s work is financed through your generosity in the 2008 Living Our Faith Annual Bishop’s Appeal. Please consider supporting the Appeal this year.”

Adult Confirmation---Are you a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 who has not received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**? On Pentecost Sunday, **May 11, at 3:00 p.m.**, the Diocesan celebration of Confirmation for Adults will be celebrated at **Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport**. Diocesan refresher classes are offered on seven consecutive Tuesdays from **March 25 to May 6**, from 7-9 p.m. at Saint Luke Parish in Westport. Adult Confirmation information forms may be obtained from your parish office. If you require further information, please call the Diocesan Office for Pastoral Services: (203) 416-1440, or e-mail gdonnarummo@diobpt.org.

VISOS - 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. iniciando-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 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 21	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri Feb 22	Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish. 8:00 p.m.
Sat Feb 23	First Reconciliation Workshop. 3:30 - 5:30 pm Food Collection for St. James Food Pantry.
Sun Feb 24	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8. Food Collection for St. James Food Pantry.
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.
Sat Mar 1	First Penance. 11:00 a.m.
Sun Mar 2	Re. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Tue Mar 4	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Thu Mar 6	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room. Rel. Ed. Mary Ronan 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hall.
Fri Mar 7	Youth Group begins 30-Hour Famine. Hall. Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish. 8:00 p.m.
Sat Mar 8	Youth Group ends 30-Hour Famine with Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Sun Mar 9	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon Mar 10	Lenten Penance Service. 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Tue Mar 11	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Music Room. Women's Guild. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu Mar 13	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri Mar 14	Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish. 8:00 p.m.
Sat Mar 15	First Communion Workshop. Parish Hall 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Sun Mar 16	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon Mar 17	AOH St. Patrick Day Mass. 11:00 a.m. Parish Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Información Hispana!

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

Intenciones de las Misas:

Domingo 17 de Febrero: + **Salome Sahagun**

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!

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 comunión y confirmación en la Iglesia Católica. Las clases comenzarán en 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.

Cuaresma:

La cuaresma refleja los cuarenta Dias que el pueblo de Israel paso en el desierto en busca de la tierra que mana leche y miel, tierra prometida por el Señor Yahve a su pueblo de Israel. La Cuaresma tambien refleja el tiempo de ayuno y tentación que el Señor Jesus pasó en el desierto. Por ello la Cuaresma es tiempo de ayuno y penitencia. Vamos a ofrecer al Señor en esta cuaresma la abstinencia o el sacrificio de dejar a un lado lo que mas nos gusta, o lo que queremos dejar a un lado en nuestras vidas: vicios de licor, drogas, cigarillo, enojos, maltratos a los demas y aun dejar de consumir lo que mas nos gusta. Ofrecamos lo mejor al Señor. Vamos a hacer obras de caridad y asi estaremos glorificando a Dios en nuestras mortificaciones.

Todos estan invitados a celebrar el acto de devoción del Santo Via-Crucis todos los Viernes de la Cuaresma a las 8:00 de la noche en el Templo.

Otros programas cuaresmales de la parroquia se estaran anunciando a su debido tiempo.

Dios los bendiga.

Taking care of our Church---



Please dispose of gum in the trash cans in the vestibule prior to entering the Church proper.

Help us keep St. Peter Church clean!

