



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



MAY

17	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Susette Talarico
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
18	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Rosemary Murphy
		9:00 AM	✠ Michele DiBuono
		10:30 AM	✠ Vincent Rao
		12:00 N	✠ John Henkel
		5:30 PM	✠ Luciano R. Reynego, Spanish Mass
19	MON	7:30 AM	✠ Thomas Jones
		12:10 N	✠ Josephine and Francis Paola
20	TUE		<i>St. Bernardine of Siena, priest</i>
		7:30 AM	✠ Mary Prusak
		12:10 N	✠ John Roche
21	WED		<i>St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, martyr and companions</i>
		7:30 AM	✠ Katherine Sapoci
		12:10 N	✠ Peter Durkin
22	THU		<i>St. Rita of Cascia, religious</i>
		7:30 AM	✠ Joanne Lipari
		12:10 N	✠ Robert Conway
23	FRI	7:30 AM	✠ Rocco Errichetti
		12:10 N	✠ Franco Morello
24	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		4:00 PM	✠ Ella Rita Hennessey
		5:30 PM	✠ Maria Rizzo
25	SUN	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
		7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
		9:00 AM	✠ Ernestine and James Walsh
		10:30 AM	✠ Gloria and Walter Barlow
		12:00 N	✠ Raymond Isacson
		5:30 PM	Accion Gracias e Favores Recibidos, 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 11, 2008..... \$9,311

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

Karina Adames Catherine Guallpa

BANNES OF MARRIAGE

Freddy Jaramillo and Kathleen McCarthy

Kevin Koval and Dorianne Alvarez

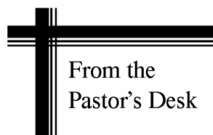
Steven Pires and Jessica Groski

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Jane Bedini Diane Lopes Art Mannion Joan McGarigle

Ellen and Ed Minck Leroy Morgan Isabella Valdiviezo

Anthony Zarcone



From the
Pastor's Desk

Last week I began with the spiritual and moved to the temporal. This week I am going to do the opposite. I need to continue to address the Annual Bishop's Appeal and give you an update on where we are with this monster. The latest numbers are these: we have pledged \$76,097.00 toward our goal of \$110,000. In the two weeks since our "in-pew Sunday" and the last time I provided an up-date, our total has gone up \$9,387. Of that, \$4,412.00 came in through "in-pew" envelopes in the offertory. I thought I had done a fairly decent job with the "in-pew" speech. I hate to think that I'd have to try again in June, but I will do it if it helps get more people involved in giving. You know and certainly you must also feel that it would be very sad and unfortunate for us to have to make up any shortfall from our savings or offertory collection. I am not yet resigned to it, but I am preparing myself to simply accept the possibility. Can we pull together and raise the nearly \$34,000 in the next six weeks? I beg those of you who do not and have not given to the Appeal to give *something*, any amount you can. So many of us have been so good in the past 10 months that even in tough economic times we have been able to lift our parish out of economic instability. With the support of many, we have kept our offertory steady, allowing us to restore the position of cantor, take on a few necessary projects, and still put money into our savings. (We're up to \$70,000!) We even were able to invest our Christmas collection rather than use it to pay bills. That alone has been unprecedented for years. We are not living on the edge any more, but we are not comfortable either. We need everybody to be part of the Renaissance, not just the old-faithful. According to the diocesan list, there are 1,983 families in our parish. We need some of the 1,600 who have not pledged to the Appeal to get on board. Admittedly, many those families do not come to Mass. Still, the majority of us in the pews are not contributing to the Appeal and that is putting a strain on us all. Please help. We have made two steps forward. Let's not go back one.

The Clean Sweep Tag Sale is generating some buzz. As I said at some Masses, the great thing about the tag sale is that it takes money out of other people's pockets and not ours. Our preparations are getting into high gear. Ads have gone into local papers advertising space to rent. We are going to recycle the Bishop's Appeal banner into a Clean Sweep Tag Sale banner and put it outside in the parking lot as advertisement. We are hearing from parishioners all the time that they are planning to contribute stuff. This is going to be big and good for us. We are continuing our pulpit announcement every week to catch those who didn't hear it the week before. To summarize, we can help by spreading the word about the sale, giving flyers to people we know or leaving them at establishments you know who will accept them, donating your excess, or volunteering your help on the day of the sale.

Tuesday of this week, the eighth grade class took its graduation picture. That's surely a sign that the academic year is coming to a close. It reminded me that I need to congratulate two eighth graders who were awarded scholarships by the Danbury Knights of Columbus at a breakfast last Friday. They are Jessica Blanchard and Dennis Gehring. The Council presents an award to a graduating student from each of the Catholic elementary schools

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who plans on continuing his/her education at a Catholic high school. Because of the consolidation of the schools last year, the Council thought this year they would give two awards, one each to students of the former Sacred Heart and St. Peter's School. The awardees are attending Immaculate High next year. Good work Jessica and Dennis and congratulations!

We had a lovely celebration of First Holy Communion last Saturday. The children looked beautiful, they were well prepared, and I think it was the general opinion that it was a special moment in their lives and the lives of their families. Quite special, I thought, was the children's singing of the hymn, "Give Me Jesus," after Communion. Their voices were sweet and yet forceful enough for all to hear. This weekend we repeated First Communion in Spanish with Fr. Perez as the main celebrant and with me as the potted plant. Last summer when we informed the parents of the Hispanic community that they were required to enroll their children in the parish's religious education program as opposed to running a parallel program in Spanish, we compromised on the issue of the celebration of the Sacrament. Some parents were concerned that they could not participate in their child's First Communion in English, so we were more than happy to conduct a ceremony in their native language. As it turned out, a good many Hispanic families decided to join the English language ceremony. I suspect with the passage of years that will be the norm. In any case, since the only foreign language I have some knowledge of is French, I prayed my part of the Eucharistic Prayer and made my remarks in English. We congratulate these youngsters and offer them our prayers for a long and intimate relationship with our Eucharistic Lord.

Speaking of the Eucharistic Lord, next Sunday is Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of The Lord. We had been asked what we might do to mark this feast. We have decided to have an indoor procession with Benediction at the conclusion of the 10:30 Mass. Our staff thought this would be sufficient this year given the timing of the feast on the busy Memorial Day weekend. I will be vacationing in London (my first trip to England) for a week, so Fr. Perez will celebrate the Mass and offer Benediction. The 10:30 Mass seemed to be the best time for our commemoration since the choir will be present to add solemnity. This weekend, with the celebration of Trinity Sunday, we are directed to participate in the life of the Godhead, to live in love and unity like the Father, Son and Spirit. We cannot do that without the Grace we receive in the Eucharist, without the divine exchange that happens in the Sacrament, without allowing ourselves at each Holy Communion with the Lord to be consumed by him.

On a final note, today our two female cantors/ soprano and alto section leaders, Katie Kupchik and Meagan Johnson graduate from WestConn. We congratulate them and wish them very well. Both of these talented young women are attending graduate school in the fall, but we will continue to have them with us through the summer. Also, we extend congratulations to our parishioner, Dr. Paul Hines, a professor at the University who has been named by the students Teacher of the Year. Outstanding performances by all!
Fr. Mecca

*We offer our condolences to the families of
Lorraine Figliuzzi
Yvette Young
who passed away last week.*



SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Glory and Praise to our God! The Spirit of the Lord is truly upon us as we celebrate this month of May, honoring in very special ways, our own dear Blessed Mother. Each morning our students at the Saint Peter Campus recite a decade of the Rosary while our Sacred Heart Campus prays the five decades each Friday.

Our beautiful second graders have received their First Holy Communion and now may join our school community as we prayerfully receive Christ into our hearts at Mass.

Our heartfelt wishes are to invite all our readers to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother Friday, May 23rd, 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church. On this afternoon we will recite, through each student, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, followed by our Crowning of the Blessed Mother by one of our eighth graders.

Prior to this beautiful experience, we at Saint Peter-Sacred Heart are celebrating our first year with a "Night of Praise" to be held at Sacred Heart Gym on May 20th at 7:00 PM. Come and join us as we honor all who have made this first year of reconfiguration a wonderful success. Yes, there are faith goals to set and strive toward but the year is just about finished and we are so grateful for all the support you have given to us.

There are more happenings we will share as the school days come to a close for 2007-2008. Look for 'Summer Learning Center' registrations. School registrations are ongoing.

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, May 18, is the last day of classes for all Grades K through 8.

Congratulations to our First Communion Students!---Saturday, May 17th, the following students received Holy Eucharist for the first time: *Karina Adames, Bryant Caicedo, Michael Duran, Kaitly Loja, Lisett Lojano, Dennis Luna, Luis Jose Rodrigues, Christiana Ruiz, Sindy Sanchez*

You can still order the video or DVD; pick up an order form in the Religious Education office. Videos will be ready for pick up in June. You must come to the Religious Ed office. We will not be able to mail them. Please watch for announcement in the Church bulletin when they are ready to be picked up. Thank you.

Text Book Return---Please return all text books to your classroom teacher this Sunday, the last day of classes.

GRADE 8---Make-up class for Confirmation Workshops is this Sunday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Rel. Ed. Office.

VBS "Vacation Bible School" this summer 2008---Please call the Religious Ed office for details.

Registration---We have sent home, with the children, registration forms for students returning to Religious Education in the fall. Please send these back as soon as possible, to avoid a late fee and also to help us to plan classes and order books for next year. Thank you!

Fall classes are already being planned if you would like to be a catechist or an assistant, please call the Religious Ed. Office at 743-1048.

MAY 18, 2008

PARISH EVENTS

**Parish Council will meet this Monday, May 19,
at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
All parishioners are welcome!**

**Next Monday, May 26, is Memorial Day.
There will be one Mass at 8:00 a.m.**

Men's Society---will meet this **Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** All the men of the parish are welcome!

How ABA contributions make a difference---Susan participated with more than 500 youth across the Diocese of Bridgeport last summer in the inaugural Fan the Fire Youth Rally. She joined her friends for a day to grow in faith and connect with Jesus Christ. Deacon Ralph Poyo drew upon common experiences teens are exposed to in today's world to strengthen their relationship with God. Susan also participated in talks about Sacred liturgy, the Sacraments, and the universal call to holiness that the Lord seeks in each of us.

In 2008, the Diocese is planning a two-day Rally at St. Rose of Lima Parish. The first day will reach out to college-age adults and the second day will be tailored to teens. The Diocese of Bridgeport is committed to youth and is working closely with parishes to strengthen Youth Ministry. Jamila Evans, the new Director of Youth Ministries has been recruited to work directly with parish leadership to strengthen youth programs.

Youth Ministry is one example of the impact that your support makes through the 2008 Living Our Faith Annual Bishop's Appeal. Please consider supporting the Appeal this year.

**To date: cash and pledges \$71,685; parish goal \$110,000.
Total participation – 252; Per cent of participation – 12.80%**

OTHER EVENTS

The Danbury Council of Veterans---invites neighbors, friends, and relatives of deceased veterans, interred within any of Danbury's cemeteries, to pick up a **free American flag** to place at the grave site. Please have the name and location of the deceased veteran's grave before picking up the flag. **Flags will be available after May 5 at Veterans Advisory Office**, Mr. Pat Waldron: 203-797-4620; American Legion/Marine Corps League, 203-744-5150; Disabled American Veterans, 203-743-3013; Catholic War Veterans (CWV), 203-743-9616; Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), 203-748-9579, and the Wooster and St. Peter Cemeteries. *Danbury's Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 26, starting at 9:30 a.m. Come join us in honoring those who served our country preserving the freedom we enjoy today!*

St. Mary's Fun-in-the-Sun Camp, Bethel---July 7 – 11 and July 14 – 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is the 10th year of summer camp for children in Grades K-5 – amusements, water slides, rock wall, games, T-shirts, prizes, bible and saint stories, arts & crafts, songs, prayer and much more. Cost is \$90 per child per week.

Registration forms available on the website at www.stmarybethel.org. Make checks payable to St. Mary Church. For more information or questions, call Kate Fitzgerald at 744-5777.

Retreat – Danbury Emmaus is having a retreat for adults 18 and older to be held at **Seton Neumann Retreat Center** at Immaculate High School in **Danbury the weekend of June 6 through 8.** It will be a weekend that you will never forget. Come, deepen your relationship with God, or get to know Him for the first time, while you also make friendships that will last a lifetime! You won't be disappointed! If you have any questions about this retreat or are interested in attending, please call Gary and Fran Rosato at 203-748-0639.

How do Scripture, Church tradition, liturgy and the lives of the saints help us teach the faith? Find out in "Introduction to Catechesis", a four-session course offered by EPS, an academic and spiritual development program for Catholics who want to understand their faith so they can apply it to their daily lives. The course runs Mondays and Wednesdays, June 16, 18, 23 and 25, from 7:15 to 9:20 p.m. at St. Philip Parish, 25 France Street, Norwalk. Instructor is Pam Arsenault, DRE at St. Rose of Lima in Newtown. For information or to register, email EPSCTRecruiter@trinitydc.edu or call Priscilla Toumey at 203-354-8672.

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.

St. Peter Calendar

- Sun May 18 **Last Rel. Ed. Classes 2007/2008 year.**
- Mon May 19 **Parish Council.** 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue May 20 **Children's Choir.** 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Men's Society. 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Thu May 22 **Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.**
at Rectory from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Sat May 24 **Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.**
at Rectory from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Sun May 25 **Coffee Hour.** Hosts: Youth Group
Following 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.
- Mon May 26 **Memorial Day. Mass at 8:00 a.m.**
- Tue May 27 **Children's Choir.** 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Thu May 29 **Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.**
at Rectory from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Sat May 31 **Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.**
at Rectory from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Sun Jun 1 **Coffee Hour.** Parish Hall. Following 7:30, 9:00
and 10:30 a.m. Masses.
- Tue Jun 3 **Children's Choir.** 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Community Concerns. 7:15 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Thu Jun 5 **Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.**
at Rectory from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Fri Jun 6 **First Friday Adoration. 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.**
- Sat Jun 7 **Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.**
at Rectory from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Mon Jun 9 **Finance Committee Meeting.** 7 p.m. Rectory.
- Tue Jun 10 **Children's Choir.** 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Women's Guild. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Thu Jun 12 **Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.**
at Rectory from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
- Sat Jun 14 **Clean Sweep Tag Sale.** Parking Lot
from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mon Jun 16 **Parish Council.** 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Tue Jun 17 **Children's Choir.** 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Men's Society. 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.

Información Hispana!

Intenciones de las Misas:

Domingo 18 de Mayo: Luciano Roman Reynoso by Maria Reynoso.

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 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 por motives de conflictos serán programados a otra hora. Gracias

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 comenzarán en Septiembre en la parroquia. Las edades desde 13 años en adelante incluyendo adultos.

Grupo de Jovenes: La comunidad Hispana de Sanrta Maria esta invitando a todos los Jovenes a que formen parte de grupo Juvenil que se esta llevando a cabo en el Centro Parroquial (Basement de la Iglesia) todos los Domingos inmediatamente despues de la Misa. Padres apoyen a sus hijos para que estos aprendan a caminar con el Señor Jesus.

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.

Tag Sale:

La Parroquia estará haciendo un Tag Sale el dia 14 de Junio de 8 de la mañana a 2 de la tarde.para coleccionar fondos para la parroquia. Para este evento se estan rentando mesas por si alguien esta interesado en vender sus propias propiedades de su garajes o si no quieren rentar el espacio y tienen algunos objetos para donarlos a la Iglesia y que podamos coleccionar mas dinero con ellos se los vamos a agradecer. Si quieren donar los objetos o rentar un espacio por favor llamar a la Iglesia para mayor información.

Tiempo Ordinario de la Iglesia: Hermanos, con la celebración de la Solemnidad de Pentecostes se termina el tiempo de la Pascua. Ahora regresamos en la Iglesia al color verde, que significa la esperanza de la resurrección en la Iglesia y esto sera por todo el Tiempo Ordinario en la Liturgia Eclesial.

Dios los Bendiga

**Saturday, June 14
St. Peter Church will hold its first**



Clean Sweep Tag Sale

Rent a space in our highly-visible parking lot.

Spaces: \$50 each or 2/\$75. (Each space comes with a table)

Sale hours 8:00 to 2:00;

Set up begins at 6:30 a.m.

For reservations, call Brenda at 203-790-5818 or email her at baf71@aol.com. Spaces available on first-come, first-served basis. Rain date: June 28.

