

## 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

### BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY

Rev. Msgr. Pedro D. Diniz – 203-730-9071

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### PARISH STAFF

Mr. Stephen T. Roberts, Music Minister - 203-792-1751

Dr. Nancy Engel, Children's Choir - 914-591-7541

### SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack - 203-748-2895

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Ms. Joanne Durkin, Director of Religious Education

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**Chairman of Parish Council** – Carmen Vendinha

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**ST. PETER CHURCH, DANBURY, CT**



**MAY/JUNE**

<b>31</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠ Andrew Sullivan
		<b>5:30 PM</b>	✠ Agnes and Martin Lynch
		<b>7:30 PM</b>	Brazilian Mass
<b>1</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Gene Kelly
		<b>9:00 AM</b>	Our Parishioners
		<b>10:30 AM</b>	✠ Pasquale DiBuono
		<b>12:00 N</b>	✠ Rosemary Murphy
		<b>5:30 PM</b>	✠ Maria Orozco de Carranza, Spanish
		<b>7:30 PM</b>	Brazilian Mass
<b>2</b>	<b>MON</b>	<i>Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	
		<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		<b>12:10 N</b>	✠ Thomas Jones
<b>3</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<i>Sts. Charles Lwango and companions, martyrs</i>	
		<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ J. Raymond Ward
		<b>12:10 N</b>	Rev. J. Joseph Joaquin
<b>4</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Santa Ayala
		<b>12:10 N</b>	✠ Eva Mannion
<b>5</b>	<b>THU</b>	<i>St. Boniface, bishop and martyr</i>	
		<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Margaret Ann Mosley
		<b>12:10 N</b>	✠ Jennifer Daly
<b>6</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<i>St. Norbert, bishop</i>	
		<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Marion Vosskuhler
		<b>12:10 N</b>	✠ Thomas Jones
<b>7</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Carl Burdick
		<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠ Carol Godfrey
		<b>5:30 PM</b>	✠ Regina and Jose Liriano
		<b>7:30 PM</b>	Brazilian Mass
<b>8</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Special Intention
		<b>9:00 AM</b>	✠ Mr. and Mrs. Eugenio Montesi
		<b>10:30 AM</b>	Our Parishioners
		<b>12:00 N</b>	✠ Maureen and Bob Mealy
		<b>5:30 PM</b>	✠ Eulogio Sosa, Spanish Mass
		<b>7:30 PM</b>	Brazilian Mass

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

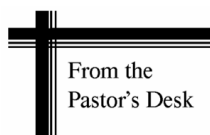
**SACRIFICIAL GIVING – 25 May 2008..... \$8,862**  
**Our weekly goal:..... \$10,500**  
 Thank you. Father Mecca

***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**  
*Gianna Custodio Angelo Fernandez Riccardi Fernandez*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
*Kevin Koval and Doranne Alvarez*  
*Steven Pires and Jessica Groski*  
*Tany Douangta and Paula Pacheco*

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**  
*Jane Bedini Michael Halpin Diane Lopes Art Mannion*  
*Joan McGarigle Ellen and Ed Minck Leroy Morgan*  
*Isabella Valdiviezo Pat Waters Anthony Zarcone*



*Since Father Mecca is away, Fr. Joe Joaquin has stepped up and given us the following...*

A wonderful story comes to us about Pope John XXIII and the plans submitted to him by an architect with regard to a new building that was to be constructed on Vatican Grounds. Shortly afterward, Pope John returned the plans with three Latin words written in the margin, “*Non sumus angeli,*” meaning, “*We are not angels.*” The architect and his staff couldn’t figure out what the Pope meant, and finally someone noticed that the plans did not include bathrooms.

Just a short anecdote about one of our 265 popes. Another quick story is that when Pope John XXIII was asked by a reporter for the number of people who worked in the Vatican, he said, “Very few.” As the Vicar of Christ and the successor of Peter, we owe our respect and obedience to our Holy Father. Each June the universal Church call the faithful to support our Pope’s many charities. It is the American Catholic Church that has been so generous to what we call *Peter’s Pence*.

Peter’s Pence, the direct support of Peter’s succession, began in England. Pope Gregory the Great (540-607) organized and directed personally the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons. For this reason, English Catholics have always regarded themselves as united in a special way to the Holy See. They began making pilgrimages to Rome and in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century the English pilgrims founded a kind of pilgrim’s hostel with its own church. King Ine imposed on every family in Wessex a tax of one penny (pence), called *Romscot*, to be paid to “St. Peter and the Church of Rome.” It was abolished by Henry VIII in 1534, revived by Mary Tudor and finally suppressed by Elizabeth I in 1558.

The modern revival of Peter’s Pence took place after Pius IX was forced to flee to Gaeta in 1849 and when in 1860 the greater part of the Papal States were seized. Expressions of sympathy and contributions for the impoverished, exiled Pope flowed from all sides. Pope Leo XIII in 1878 opened a special office called Peter’s Pence. English Catholics began this wonderful charity. St. Gregory the Great first used these contributions as he said, “The money of the poor for the benefit of the poor.” This year Peter’s Pence coincides with the Feasts of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 28/29.

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Some fifty-five years ago, *The Inquiring Photographer* of the New York *Daily News* conducted an interview with six people. The question asked was, “What am I living for?” The responses were published and five were similar in desire – having a good time and more money. However, the answer of one of them was thought-provoking. He was identified as a Cuban by the name of Jose Suarez, who lived in Havana. His answer was, “I’m trying to live in the manner intended by my Maker. There is a purpose to life. The older I grow, the more I appreciate and realize what that purpose is. Basically, that purpose lies in thinking less and less of yourself and more and more of others.”

In the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Luke, a lawyer, i.e., one learned in the law (Torah) and identical to the group called scribes, gave an answer which was commended by Jesus – love God and love of neighbor. Jesus then adds, “Do this and you shall live.”

The purpose of life was well put by Mr. Suarez. He had learned the message that Christ repeated over and over. It is by living the

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message of love, by being doers of the word that we remind others of Christ's mandate to live the Bible, not limited to being well-versed. It is by example that we show life in Christ. It is our example by which we glorify the Father.

If we do not do the "Good works" that Jesus did, we are not expressing love for Him as he wishes. It is mercy and compassion that He wants. It is caring for the poor, counseling the confused and those who suffer abuse, giving inner-city children the opportunity of education through schools that help them break out of lives beset with obstacles. "Good works" were the words Jesus used to express *works of charity*.

The ordinary way that Catholics are able to do "good works" is through the church, for the monies realized support the programs and ministries that reach those who need it. The collections, the Bishop's Appeal and emergency disaster collections are the basis for helping others. Please consider helping out. Offer your pledge or donation by sending the special envelopes or cards that you received in the mail. There are also envelopes on the table at the entrance of the church. Completed pledges or one-time donations can be put in the collection basket. Checks should be made out to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your help!

Father Joe



*We offer our condolences to the family of*

*Reverend Mark Grimes*

*who passed away last week.*

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\*

Saint Peter-Sacred Heart Summer Learning Center  
Located at Saint Peter Campus  
98 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810

Summer Schedule – June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Classes: Monday-Thursday

Reading	9:00-10:30 AM
Math	10:30-12:00 PM
Language Arts	12:00 -1:30 PM

Cost:

\$30 per 1 ½ Hours x 4 days = \$120 x 4 weeks: \$480/course

2 courses/\$960-10% discount \$864

3 courses/\$1,440-20% discount \$1,152

Registration Fee: \$25

Each course must be paid in full on Opening Day, June 30, 2008.

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION\*\*\*

Classes have ended for the 2007-08 school year.

Classes will resume at the end of September.

**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. After September 1<sup>st</sup> a

late fee of \$15 will apply. If you need a form you can download it from the parish website or pick them up in the Religious Education office.

**NEW registrations---**You may download forms on the parish website, or pick them up in the Religious Education office.

**Catechists---**A dinner in honor of all catechists, assistants and Religious Education volunteers will be held on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> after the 5:30 pm mass. Invitations have been mailed. Please RSVP as soon as possible to 743-1048, or email [jdurkin@stpeterdanb.org](mailto:jdurkin@stpeterdanb.org).

**First Communion Videos/DVD---**Videos will be ready for pick up in June. (Not too late to order –call 743-1048). 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.

**VBS "Vacation Bible School" this summer 2008---**Applications can be downloaded from the parish website: [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org), or please call the Religious Ed office for details 743-1048.

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

**Parishioners, please note: 2008 Danbury Portuguese Day – this Sunday, June 1---**The Parade will begin at 10:15 a.m. in front of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. From there, the parade will proceed to Main and West Streets for a flag raising ceremony, and speeches at Library Plaza. The parade will then continue across Main Street onto Liberty Street toward East Liberty Street and Town Hill Avenue where there will be numerous speeches by City and State Officials, and members of the Portuguese Community, flag raising and viewing of the various folklore dance groups. **The Liberty Street/Town Hill Avenue (Portuguese Square) area will be closed to traffic from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m.**

*This Friday, June 6, is the First Friday.  
Adoration will begin after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and  
continue until noon.  
Join us in honoring the Eucharist...*

**Parish Life Committee---**will meet this **Monday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory.**

**Community Concerns---**will meet this **Tuesday, June 3, at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** If you enjoy helping others, please join us.

**Women's Guild---**will meet next **Tuesday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Our Nominating Committee will give us their results as we enjoy our annual ice cream social.

**Morning of Reflection---**The next morning of reflection will be **Friday, June 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall.** Yvette Lessard will present more on the theme of Prayer, and there will be time to experience quiet prayer. Please bring a Bible and notebook if you can. Also, please call the rectory to register so that adequate preparations may be made.

*JUNE 1, 2008*

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**Spiritual Direction**---Yvette Lessard will be at the **Rectory Thursday, June 5** to offer the opportunity for spiritual direction. You may call the Rectory for an appointment or to see whether spiritual direction is for you.

**How ABA contributions make a difference**---Bishop Lori is committed to adult formation and training of those who teach religious education. The St. Cyril of Jerusalem School is now in its sixth year and offers a broad-range of courses on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible. All instructors are priests, professors and scholars in the diocese.

This summer, the School will begin to offer convenient on-line courses. We will also expand the course offerings, develop specialty tracks for Catechists, Youth Ministers, and Family Life Ministers. And, offer certification for tracks through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bruce Dougherty, the new director of the school, says, "St. Cyril affects all who are learning the faith in the diocese – from children to adults. We will continue to ensure that they receive faith-filled instruction from our teachers and catechists. We look forward to meeting the future needs of faith formation for adults in the most up-to-date media possible. The program is getting better every day."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem School 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.

**We would like to thank all those parishioners who have helped us toward our goal. As you can see below, we are still in need of pledges. Please help us.**

**To date: cash and pledges \$77,796; parish goal \$110,000.  
Total participation – 307**

**Amount to be raised: \$32,204**

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

**Birthright invites you to Volunteer**---Friendship counseling and clerical volunteers needed. Training provided. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support to women in crisis pregnancies. Our guiding principle: "It is the **right** of every pregnant woman to give **birth** and the **right** of every child to be **born**." Please join and be blessed with the opportunity to help a mother and her child. Call 800-550-4900.

**Immaculate High School in Danbury**---kicked off a raffle this month that offers ticket holders the potential to win a grand prize of \$100,000 for tuition to **any** accredited K-12 school(s), college(s) or universities located in the United States. Up to two students may be designated by the prize winner to receive the tuition award. Tickets cost \$100.00 each and only 3,000 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on November 27, 2008. **Tickets may be purchased at Immaculate High School or by calling 744-1510, ext. 131.**

**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, 7:15 – 9:20 p.m., at St. Philip Parish, Norwalk. Instructor is Pam Arsenault, DRE at St. Rose of Lima in Newtown. For information or to register, email [EPSCTRecruiter@trinitydc.edu](mailto:EPSCTRecruiter@trinitydc.edu) or call Priscilla Toumey at 203-354-8672. For more information about EPS, see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>.

**Project Rachel/Rachel's Vineyard**---If you've had an abortion in your past, would like to talk with someone who understands what you have been through and would like to be directed on a path of healing, the Diocese of Bridgeport offers Project Rachel – a one-on-one private meeting for those hurting from an abortion. Please call 203-218-0291 for a confidential conversation. For more information, please call the director or e-mail her at [Jeremiah31v17@aol.com](mailto:Jeremiah31v17@aol.com) or visit [www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com). This ministry is sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmarybethel.org). Make checks payable to St. Mary Church. For more information or questions, call Kate Fitzgerald at 744-5777.

## 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

Tue Jun 3	<b>Children's Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. Music Room. <b>Community Concerns.</b> 7:15 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu Jun 5	<b>Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.</b> at Rectory from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. <b>Parish Choir.</b> 7:30 p.m. Music Room. <b>First Friday Adoration. 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.</b>
Fri Jun 6	<b>Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.</b> at Rectory from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sat Jun 7	<b>SPSHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Night. 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Finance Committee Meeting.</b> 7 p.m. Rectory.
Mon Jun 9	<b>Children's Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. Music Room. <b>Women's Guild.</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue Jun 10	<b>Accepting Donations for Tag Sale.</b> at Rectory from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Parish Choir.</b> 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Thu Jun 12	<b>SPSHS Graduation.</b> SH Campus 5:00 p.m.
Fri Jun 13	<b>Clean Sweep Tag Sale.</b> Parking Lot from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sat Jun 14	<b>Parish Council.</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Mon Jun 16	<b>Children's Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. Music Room. <b>Men's Society.</b> 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue Jun 17	<b>Parish Council.</b> 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu Jun 19	<b>Catechists Dinner.</b> 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Sat Jun 21	<b>Children's Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Tue Jun 24	<b>Parish Choir.</b> 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Thu Jun 26	<b>Clean Sweep Tag Sale Rain Date.</b>
Sat Jun 28	

### Información Hispana!

Intenciones de las Misas:

**Domingo 25 de Mayo:** Acción de gracias por favores recibidos por Margarita y Svetlana.

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 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 para mayor información favor comunicarse con la secretaria de San Peter Church.

**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. Información con el Padre Perez.

**Grupo de Jovenes:** La comunidad Hispana de Sanrta Maria esta invitando a todos los Jovenes a que formen parte del 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 día 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

### Vendors Needed

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.

