

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



JUNE

21	SAT	4:00 PM	Our Parishioners
		5:30 PM	✠ Maria and Michael Rizzo
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
22	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Elizabeth Flanagan
		9:00 AM	✠ Lillian Veilleux
		10:30 AM	✠ Grace and Fred Broas
		12:00 N	✠ Rosemary Murphy
		5:30 PM	✠ Segundo y Maria Santa, Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
23	MON	7:30 AM	✠ Margaret Mary Mosley
		12:10 N	✠ Emelda Thiruchelvam
24	TUE	<i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Christine Melody
		12:10 N	✠ Humberto Cupialo
25	WED	7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	✠ Joseph and John Arconti & Sons
26	THU	7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
		12:10 N	✠ Sheila Michko
27	FRI	<i>St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ John Danaher
		12:10 N	✠ William Oliver and Margaret and Antonio Decensi
28	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Rita and David Danaher
		4:00 PM	✠ Dominic Magliaro, Jr.
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
29	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Rita Baillargeon
		9:00 AM	✠ Arthur Bennett
		10:30 AM	✠ Vincent Gallo
		12:00 N	✠ Jayne Calabro
		5:30 PM	✠ Graciela Gonzales del Valle, Spanish
		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 – June 15, 2008 \$9,127
Our weekly goal:..... \$10,500
PARKING LOT COLLECTION – June 15, 2008..... \$3,440
 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

Declan James Keefe

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Keith Maloney and Jennifer Morris

Hector Ortiz and Sonia Zertuche

Richard Messina and Jacqueline Roy Cooper

James Garron, III and Christina Carvalho

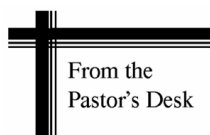
KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Marion Aubin Jane Bedini Jeannette Burdick Michael Halpin

Diane Lopes Art Mannion Ellen and Ed Minck Leroy Morgan

Pat Waters Beverly Shimmer Isabella Valdiviezo

Anthony Zarcone



From the
Pastor's Desk

Two weeks remain until the close of the Annual Bishop's Appeal. We have been keeping you abreast with our progress by weekly including the figures here in the bulletin and with periodic comments from me. This will be my last. First, the good news. This year we have seen a 2% increase in the number of families who have contributed bringing us up to a 16.97% participation rate. While this is not a huge improvement, it is a good sign. Last year 14.9% participated. I had said earlier in the campaign that I was hoping that we would reach a percentage rate of 20%. I think we are in striking distance. I might be living in fantasy land to say that, but I am hoping and praying that in these final two weeks of the campaign some of you who have been holding out will make a gift. As of this week 334 parishioners have contributed to the Appeal. Clearly, it is improbable that the \$21,799 we still need to reach our goal of \$110,000 is going to flood in. That's the bad news. I am a realistic about that. We are going to have to pay the balance out of our offertory or savings. That is not my choice; it is the choice of our parishioners, and I remind myself each week that I cannot lose sleep over it. The Diocese will get its money one way or another and we'll continue to skimp and save where we can and postpone what we cannot afford. Having said this, I am appealing to you one more time to put aside your objections to the Appeal and make a gift, if not for the good works of the Church, for the sake of our parish.

Let me pass on two remarks made to me last weekend during the tag sale. One parishioner told me she stopped giving to the Appeal because of the treatment Fr. Madden received during that awful scandal at St. John's, Darien. But, she added, she has increased her donations to our parish. I thanked her for that. A second person told me she stopped giving because she did not want to contribute to the payouts for the priests' sexual misconduct. I think there is a good deal of disfavor toward the Diocese out there, and, believe me, I understand that and share in it from time to time. We often disagree with policy and with personalities and behaviors. Try, however, to separate those feelings from the needs of the Diocese to provide its services. Do I think the Diocese might need to par down its goals? Yes, I do. But I also know that the expenses associated with providing even the basic services to educate new priests, feed the poor, provide counseling to those who cannot afford private therapists, assist couples with adoption, etc., have gone up. The price of everything around us has gone up and, even if the government does not say it, most of us acknowledge that our economy is in recession. Money is tighter for all of us. You know I have not asked for big contributions. I said at the time of our in-pew weekend that our parish can and will make its goal on small gifts IF more of us made a gift. And so once more I ask you to take an envelope with you from church this weekend and make a gift of \$10, \$20, \$25. I don't think I'm presumptuous in saying that that amount is in the reach of everyone. And, for the record, not a penny of the Appeal money is used for payouts stemming from the sexual misconduct settlements. The Diocese is meeting those costs from the sale of properties and insurance.

You see in today's bulletin the revenue our Clean Sweep Tag Sale generated for the parish. Isn't that great?

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My personal, but unstated goal was \$5,000 in profit. I wouldn't reveal at the Sunday Masses my personal goal, or the goal one of our co-chairs had in mind. I did say it was the same. Talking to the chairperson of the Parish Life Committee, it turned out that she, too, had her sights on this amount. What can I say, great minds think alike! For all practical purposes we made it! Our only expense was advertising. Sarah and Dave Pinault, owners of All Season Rentals from whom we rented tables have donated their services. Thank you, Sarah and Dave! We received from a parishioner a donation of some Franklin Mint Collector plates that we are arranging to sell on e-bay. With the completion of those sales we will actually exceed our expectations. Congratulations to us!

Members of the Parish Life Committee were not reticent to tell me that they did not want this hard earned money to be used to cover our Appeal deficit. I completely understand their feelings. Of course, you know we have one and only one operating account. All revenue goes into it. Separate accounts like one for Parish Life, the Women's Guild or Men's Society are all things of the past. The Diocese began some years ago to forbid them. The accounting software all parishes are now using allows us to list revenue, say for the Women's Guild, under an account, but it is all deposited in the one operating account. Since the scandal at St. John's Darien, the oversight has become, well, shall we say, Orwellian. The tag sale proceeds have gone into the operating account, but we intend to put it towards improvements at church. I suggested to members of the committee that we earmark this revenue for the sanctuary floor. As a matter of fact, Wednesday of this week was the date the engineering firm made to come to study the cause of the heaving and loosening of the sanctuary floor marble tiles. As soon as we receive their assessment and suggested action plan I will share it with you. From what I gathered this morning from John who was with the engineer and Rick Palanzo, who arranged the visit, we do not have a structural problem-- thank you, God--but I'll wait for the written report before saying something more.

Don't forget that next weekend's liturgy is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul the principal patrons of Rome. Peter, the "Prince of the Apostles" and our patron and Paul, "the Apostle of the Gentiles," have been celebrated on this date since at least the year 258. We will celebrate our patronal feast day with extra solemnity at all Masses, including St. Peter hymns, and with the sacred music concert. I hope that many of you will join us next Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. for the concert which, besides being a way to fete ourselves on our feast day, honors Msgr. John Bumstead who devoted much of his pastorate here towards the significant undertaking of the installation of the organ we enjoy every week. Our own Stephen Roberts and choir will perform for us. A lovely reception of wine, cheese and fine finger foods is planned after the concert. I invite you to set the time aside to be with us.

One last word, Tuesday 24th of June is the Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. This is another great feast in our Church dating from 4th century and celebrated by both the Eastern and Western Christian churches on the same day. The date was chosen in accord with the angel's message to Mary at the Annunciation: "your cousin Elizabeth also, in her old age, has conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month." (Lk. 136) It is mind boggling to think half of the year has passed and in six months we will be celebrating Christmas. St. John the Baptist was a remarkable man for his asceticism and for the

courageous way in which he carried out the prophetic role God asked of him. With true humility, John always pointed attention away from himself and towards the Christ. *It is the bridegroom who has the bride; and yet the bridegroom's friend, who stands there and listens to him, is filled with joy at the bridegroom's voice. This is the joy I feel, and it is complete. He must increase, I must decrease. (Jn. 3:29-30)* As we celebrate the feast days this week of three great saints who gave their all for Jesus the Christ, let us meditate on our own dedication to Him and work toward making way for Christ to increase and dominate our lives.

Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the family of

Linda Maxwell

John Roche

who passed away last week.

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

"United they Stand" a quote from the Danbury News-Times in their recent article regarding the first graduating class of Saint Peter-Sacred Heart School. The 24 students from the graduating class came a long way from the first day of school. They melded academically, athletically and socially. Class Night and Graduation Night were indeed memorable occasions.

The first Graduating Class of St. Peter-Sacred Heart School

Jessica Blanchard Kaci Budnik Brian Cecilio
Kaitlin Connors Lindsay Danise Mark Davis Kristin DiMauro
Brendan Enright Nicara Enright Dennis Gehring
Bryan Guananga Angelito Gutierrez Nicole Hanna
Alexis Koukos Juliana Leone Jhoana Loja Andre Massa
Jason Mendes Bryan Miranda Nicholas Olivo Emily Sousa
Bianca Summa Jessica Trester Brianna Valluzzo

Congratulations to the Class of 2008!

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation---Attention all 9th graders for this fall: Confirmation is Thursday evening, October 23, 2008 at 7 p.m. The Confirmation Retreat is Sat. Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The exam will be given in the first hour. Interviews are on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Only 2 classes in the fall on Sunday morning, Oct. 5 and Oct. 19.

Registration---new students---You may download forms on the parish website, or pick them up in the Religious Education office, or call 743-1048.

Returning Students---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 1st a late fee of \$15 will apply. If you need a form you can download it from the parish website or pick it up in the Religious Education office

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VBS - "Vacation Bible School" this summer August 4-8 2008-- Applications can be downloaded from the parish website: www.stpeterdanb.org, or please call the Religious Ed office for details 743-1048.

*****PARISH EVENTS*****

Parish Life Committee---would like to thank all those who donated to, participated in and/or purchased something at our Clean Sweep Tag Sale. Here are the figures.

Gross Income	\$5,145.00
Minus ad	\$ 297.00
Net Income	\$4,848.00

This was a big success not just in monies realized but in the spirit of the parish with many parishioners coming together to work.

Children's Liturgy---We will be celebrating the Children's Liturgy at the nine o'clock Mass until the end of June. This year, many children enjoyed hearing the gospel at their level and acting it out or doing a craft project. Thank you, Father Mecca and Deacon John for suggesting this. And thank you to all the children who participated. You were a delight to work with and made doing the Children's Liturgy a real treat for everyone involved. The summer is a more relaxed time and we look forward to seeing the children on Saturday or Sunday at a Mass of their family's choosing. As Sister Marita Daniel (former principal of St. Peter School) would say each June, "There's no vacation from God." We will resume the Children's Liturgy in the fall. If any adult would like to join us in this endeavor, please leave your name at the rectory. Have a safe and happy summer.

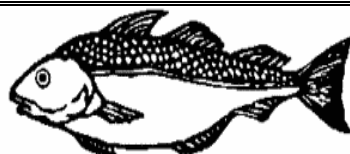
Community Concerns Committee---will hold its monthly food collection this weekend, **June 21 and 22** to benefit the **Daily Bread Food Pantry** located at St. James Church on West Street. The Pantry provides food to the needy in the Danbury area – one bag of food per month to individuals and families. Each bag contains basic canned and packaged items to provide daily meals for three to four days. Please help 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. Thank you for your support!

Men's Society---is sponsoring its **Eleven Annual Boat Fishing Trip**. A day of fishing or cruising aboard the Deborah Ann IV in Long Island Sound, on **Saturday July 26, 2008**. Date based on boat availability, can change to suit winner and weather. "Bring your lunch, catch your dinner." The proceeds will **benefit the Sister Marita Daniel Scholarship Fund**. Suggested donation is \$5.00 and will be available after all of Masses and from any Men's Society member. The **drawing** will be held **Tuesday July 15, 2008**.

How ABA contributions make a difference---*We are grateful to the 334 families who have made a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal. Our parish has raised \$88,201.61 towards our parish goal of \$110,000.*

We are in the final two weeks of the 2008 Living Our Faith Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you have not completed your pledge

form, please prayerfully consider participating. Together, we can raise the necessary funds to serve critical ministries that directly impact our own parish.



The St. Peter Men's Society is sponsoring its **Tenth Annual Boat/Fishing Trip Drawing**. A day of fishing or cruising aboard the Deborah Ann IV in Long Island Sound on **Saturday, July 26, 2008**. (Date based on boat availability, can change to suit winner and weather. "Bring your lunch, catch your dinner". The proceeds will **benefit the Sr. Marita Daniel Scholarship Fund**. Suggested donation is \$5.00 and will be available after all Masses and from any Men's Society member. The drawing will be held **Tuesday, July 15, 2008**.

Congratulations!

This year's Scholarship was split between two graduates of St. Peter-Sacred Heart School. Nicara Enright and Juliana Marie Leone will both be attending Immaculate High School in the Fall

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 ORACÃO 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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*****OTHER EVENTS*****

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.**

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.

St. Peter Calendar

Sat Jun 21 **Catechists Dinner.** 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue Jun 24 **Children's Choir.** 6:30 p.m. Music Room.
Thu Jun 26 **Parish Choir.** 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Rehearsal for Concert
Sun Jun 29 **Msgr. Bumstead Memorial Concert.**
4:00 p.m. St. Peter Church.

You are cordially invited to the

Monsignor Bumstead Memorial Concert

Sunday, June 29, at 4:00 p.m.

featuring Stephen Roberts and the St. Peter Choir.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.



BINGO

THIS WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M. – PARISH HALL

6:30 P.M. – EARLYBIRDS

