

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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JULY

12	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Marlaine and Richard Scattolini
		5:30 PM	✠ Ella Rita Hennessey
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
13	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Helen C. Blodgett
		9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ Ann Roberts
		12:00 N	✠ Rosemary Murphy
		5:30 PM	Briana y Ruth Macancela, Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
14	MON	<i>Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Walter Messer
		12:10 N	✠ Diamantino Barata
15	TUE	<i>St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Yvette and Gerard Allain
		12:10 N	✠ Edmundo Ampeloquio
16	WED	<i>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Marie Cains
		12:10 N	✠ William Fitzmaurice
17	THU	7:30 AM	✠ Mathew Woods
		12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
18	FRI	<i>St. Camillus de Lellis, priest</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Laurie Ellen Dann
		12:10 N	✠ Michele DiBuono
19	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Lucy Lovello
		4:00 PM	✠ Maria, Joseph and Rosa Miguel
		5:30 PM	✠ Josephine and Francis Paola
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
20	SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
		9:00 AM	✠ Magherita, Pasquale and Daniel Fanelli
		10:30 AM	✠ The Fennel Family
		12:00 N	Special Intention
		5:30 PM	San Pedro, Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

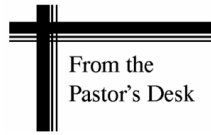
On the weekend, if the intention of the Mass is yours, please see an usher about bringing up the gifts.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – July 6, 2008 \$8,128
 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
 Frederic Amougou Nathalie Ganzhi Emma Pires

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH
 Jane Bedini Jeannette Burdick Lynn DiPasqua Michael Halpin
 Diane Lopes Art Mannion Ellen and Ed Minck Leroy Morgan
 Pat Waters Michael Scapeccia Beverly Shimmer
 Isabella Valdiviezo Anthony Zarcone



Last week I would have liked to have had reported on the Bishop’s Appeal and put that baby (or, as I described it previously, that monster) to rest for this year. The Appeal runs four months, but to all of us here in the office it seems so much longer. I waited another week to satisfy your curiosity about how we did because last week we had to transmit the bulletin in the beginning of the week due to the July 4th holiday. In addition, I wasn’t confident that the latest figures I had from the Development Office would be the official final accounting. We now have our final figures and they are these: We had 430 families participate in the Appeal contributing a total of \$101,881.61. Our participation rate reached an outstanding 27.67%. Before I comment on that, I should finish with the figures. In addition to the \$101,881.61 contributed by the 430 donors, one parishioner made what the diocese calls a “leadership gift.” That gift was in the form of stock that amounted to \$19,910.12. This extraordinary gift was credited to us on June 27. With that gift our parish not only reached its goal of \$110,000.00, it exceeded it for a grand total of \$121,791.73. Congratulations! We did it. We do not need to make up any shortfall. I can’t believe it. I am *very grateful* to each and every one of the 431 families who responded. As I had written and said during the month of June, I fully anticipated that we would have to pay off the shortfall. I just wanted to reduce the amount. You recall that going into the final two weeks of the campaign we were short \$21,799, a figure that truly disturbed me. You can see for yourselves the dramatic difference, a difference *you* made by becoming part of the effort. Excluding the “leadership gift,” we shrunk the gap by over \$13,000 in two weeks time. How marvelous is that? I have to say I would not have minded making up the \$8,000 difference so much because even more important to me than the money was the participation rate. To be honest, I said to some folks that if we did not reach our goal but had a high participation rate a signal might be sent to the diocese that their goal for us is unrealistic. (yeah, right.) Certainly we can hold our heads high this year. Compared to last year when just 14% of our parishioners participated, we experienced a big increase in involvement. That is a good sign of the health of our parish.

Now, some of you are thinking that since we exceeded our goal we should be seeing some return of that excess. You are right to think so. The PAC, that is, the Pastors Advisory Committee for the Appeal, set up a return policy that gives back to the parish half of the amount collected over the goal. This year the PAC also put in as an incentive a further payback for parishes that both exceeded the goal and increased their participation rate by a certain percentage. (I don’t remember what that number is.) We would be eligible for both given our figures, but, in the strange world of the Diocese of Bridgeport, we are not. Believe it or not, the diocese is not including “leadership gifts” into the formula. Thus, we aren’t seeing any return. I could comment, but I’ll be prudent and allow you to read between the lines. We’ll concentrate on the positive—the spirit of St. Peter Parish which saw us through the campaign. Once again, my sincerest thanks to the 431 families who contributed. God bless you for your love and support of Christ and His Church.

Next week is Mission Co-Op Sunday in the parishes of our diocese. Coming to us this year is Fr. Ayub Mwampela from

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the Diocese of Mbeya, Tanzania. He will speak at each Mass and celebrate some as well. We will not, however, take up the collection for the missions until the following week (July 26/27) because next week is our second collection for the parking lot mortgage.

With the arrival of summer, I decided that our staff needed summer hours. Please note that the official rectory office hours through Labor Day are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. I say officially because the staff has been staying later. I have to fight Carl and Mary some days to leave their desks. No one would believe how much work there is in a parish office—record keeping, phone calls, drop-ins, etc. People actually ask what we do all day. The women are often here well beyond the hours they are paid for. In order to give them a bit of a respite, I've reduced the office hours for these two months. I've been hoping the pace would slow down with the arrival of July, but it has not appreciatively done so. There are a number of things we have not had time to tackle, one of the biggest of which is reorganizing the supply storage closet. We keep saying one day we'll close the office a half day so we can take this project on but have not yet found a good chunk of free time to devote to the project. I've had some sacristy projects and house jobs on my mind as well. We are hoping to accomplish these tasks during the "quieter months" of July and August. I'm also hoping for myself to do more home visits. One of the worst things about being a pastor is the overwhelming (for me) amount of desk work. There are weeks on end that I do not get out to see the homebound. I need to correct that this summer. To that point, please do not feel shy about calling the rectory to request that a priest come to visit you or a family member. We are really quite pleased to do so. We enjoy the visits. And while I'm talking about visits, we remind you that both priests and lay visitors from the parish go to the hospital weekly. We download the list of our parishioners hospitalized each day, but the accuracy of that information rests with the patients and their families at the time of admittance. Remember to tell the hospital your parish affiliation and that you would like to be visited by a priest.

A friend of the family gave me a list of Mass intentions at my parents' 4th of July picnic because her church is booked for the year. Just so you know, although our weekends are pretty much booked, we have plenty of weekday Masses without intentions if you are looking to have a Mass said for someone.

Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the families of

*Andrew Behari
Scott Kroha
Virginia Mastropolo
who passed away last week.*

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Fall classes 2008-09

New students---You may download forms on the parish website, or pick them up in the Religious Education office –please call first: 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 call Religious Education office 743-1048.

First Communion Videos---Those families who ordered DVD's and Videos of the First Communion Mass on May 10, 2008 may pick them up in the rectory. Videos for the May 17th Mass will be available after July 15th

PARISH EVENTS

The **Men's Society** is having its next **meeting Tuesday July 15, 2008 in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.** We will be **drawing the winning ticket for our annual fishing trip**, therefore please attend the meeting and return all sold tickets. All are welcome to attend.

Morning of Reflection---The next morning of reflection will be **Friday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall.** **Yvette Lessard** will lead a **reflection on Jesus.** We will consider who Jesus is for us and ponder the question He posed to His disciples: **"Who do you say that I am?"**



Collection for St. James' Church Food Pantry will be the weekend of July 26 and 27. Suggested donations are tuna, pasta and spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, tea, sugar, and paper products. Please leave your contribution in St. Peter Church vestibule on the confessional side. Community Concerns thanks you for your support.

**The pantry especially needs:
soups, cereal, canned fruits and juices.**

Reminder to all Parishioners---Once again we would like to let you know that if you are in the hospital for a couple of days and would like to see a priest, please let the hospital staff know by filling out the appropriate paperwork. Due to the new Privacy Act this information is not readily available to us. Thank you.



The **St. Peter Men's Society** is sponsoring its **Eleventh 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 this Tuesday, July 15, 2008. **This is your last chance to win!**

**Save the Date---Sunday, September 14, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Parish Picnic on the Rectory grounds**

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Parishioners please note:

The Rectory Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during the Summer.

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.

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

The Catholic War Veterans Post 1042 will be here this weekend, July 12 and 13, after all Masses to conduct the 2008 Cross of Peace Appeal to benefit recreational evenings at the West Haven Veterans Hospital and various scholastic achievement awards at K-8 parochial schools. Please be generous.

World Wide Marriage Encounter---A Get-Away Weekend!!! Do you need a vacation? Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you, your spouse! Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend will be **July 18-20!** For more information about this weekend or to register, please contact Joe and Jane Staszowski at 860-644-7260 or meweekend@gmail.com.

Fan the Fire Youth Rally, Saturday August 16! St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newtown, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event features high energy, inspiring speakers and musicians along with a Teen Mass celebrated by Bishop William Lori. Lunch and Dinner are included. The cost of the rally is \$25.00 per participant. Scholarships are available. All details for the rally are posted at www.fanthefirerally.com.

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Información Hispana!

Intenciones de las Misas:

Domingo 13 de Julio: + Intenc. Briana y Ruth Macancela por Miguel (Padre y Espos)

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 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. El grupo esta en Vacaciones de Verano.

Las personas interesadas en anotar las intenciones de las Misas solicitarlas antes de la Misa. Estaremos anotando todas las intenciones de las Misas desde las 5:15 pm hasta las 5:25 pm.

Curso de Estudio Bíblico

Este Domingo Julio 6 comenzamos el grupo de estudio Bíblico para todas las personas interesadas en tomarlo. El curso se lleva a cabo en el Basement de la Iglesia y es de 4 a 5 de la tarde. Todos estan invitados a conocer mas de Nuestra Iglesia Católica a la que pertenecemos y a concer al Dios que amamos y nos ama. Esperamos nos acompañen en este nuevo evento. Gracias.

Dios los Bendiga.

