

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

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Ms. Joanne Durkin, Director of Religious Education

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203-743-1151

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AUGUST

2	SAT	4:00 PM	Our Parishioners
		5:30 PM	✠ Filomena Pacific
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
3	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Rev. Jonas DeMoraes
		9:00 AM	✠ Blanche and Harry Barese
		10:30 AM	✠ Ann Roberts
		12:00 N	✠ Rosemary Murphy
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
4	MON	<i>St. John Mary Vianney, priest</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Robert Scarpetti
		12:10 N	✠ Rev. David Krahel
5	TUE	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Carol Archer
		12:10 N	✠ Peter and Ogden Linabury
6	WED	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Doris LeClair
		12:10 N	✠ In Thanksgiving
7	THU	<i>St. Sixtus II, pope, martyr and companions Cajetan, priest</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Mary Deakin
		12:10 N	✠ Jane Falis
8	FRI	<i>St. Dominic, priest</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Antonia George
		12:10 N	✠ Ted Kolwicz
9	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		4:00 PM	Our Parishioners
		5:30 PM	✠ Ella Rita Hennessey
10	SUN	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
		7:30 AM	✠ Ann LaJoie
		9:00 AM	✠ Madeline and Richard Duchesne
		10:30 AM	✠ John Hevey
		12:00 N	✠ Annette Durkin
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

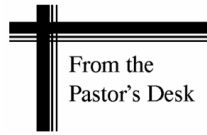
SACRIFICIAL GIVING – July 27, 2008 \$9,353
Our weekly goal:..... \$10,500
 Thank you. Father Mecca

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
Molly Cline Jacob Pardalis

BANNS OF MARRIAGE
Keith Gartland and Anne Jacobs
Michael Loos and Christine Maupin
Bertrand Espinal and Zeneida Baez
Eugenio Toral and Flor Pagan

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



From the
 Pastor's Desk

On Monday a young couple, Rochelle and Anthony, came into speak to me about getting married here in 2010. The bride-to-be had the usual concerns about coordinating the church ceremony and the reception, but this bride had an additional one as well. She said to me she was approaching the church early because she needed RCIA, that is, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, before the wedding. I was impressed that she knew the RCIA. As I listened, I realized that Rochelle didn't need the RCIA process after all. She is baptized and she has made her First Communion. What she is lacking, is the Sacrament of Confirmation. Preparation for adults who have never been confirmed is a separate process. It's funny that I had this conversation on Monday morning right on the heels of another conversation late last week with a member of the parish about whether our parish intended to establish a RCIA program this year. The answer is a definite 'yes' if there are people within the parish who are interested in it. Let me quickly go over for whom the RCIA is intended. The RCIA is the normative way in which non-Catholics-those un-baptized as well as those baptized into other Christian denominations-enter the Church. It is also the way baptized Catholics who never received any catechesis and didn't received Eucharist and Confirmation complete their Sacraments of Initiation. The first group of folks are called catechumens; the second candidates. In our diocese, the bishop has asked that parishes not confirm adults who need only Confirmation at the Easter Vigil or at the parish's Confirmation of 8th/9th graders. The bishop prefers to confirm them at a special ceremony on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral. The diocese runs a Confirmation preparation program for these adults each spring using the facilities at St. Luke's in Westport. Parishes may offer their own preparation programs if they feel a need to do so. Our young bride to be would prepare for the Sacrament in one of these two ways.

We will begin printing in the bulletin an announcement regarding the RCIA and run it through September as we try to get the message out that we are eager here to assist people with their faith formation and entrance into the Body of Christ. If you or someone you know has not received the Sacraments of Initiation that is to say, baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation wish to be, as the bride-to-be said, a "full member of the Church," call the rectory with your name. We will get back to you.

As we wait and see if we have interested persons in full initiation, we are moving toward putting a RCIA team together. Our parish has not had a RCIA team for a while now because our former pastor liked to prepare individuals himself. I was aware last summer of the need to begin to form a team, but when no one responded to our announcement in the bulletin for initiation into the faith or completion of it, I let that need slide while we addressed other things. I did, however, have an individual in mind whom I intended to approach to head the team. She would have been perfect. She had worked with RCIA with her husband in years past and has a lifetime of experience in catechetics. Maggie Curran, as it turned out, had already been recruited for the very same job by Fr. Dogali at St. Joseph's. I was more than disappointed to have been beaten to the punch, but I've got to compliment Fr. Dogali. He recognized talent when he saw it and was quick to go after it. In truth, I am pleased that Maggie's talents have been put to use within the Church once again. I have

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

asked some people during the course of the year if they would be interested in being on a team and three have agreed. This is not to say we would not welcome others to join in the formation of catechumens and candidates. If you think you might like to consider this ministry, please speak to me.

I want to complement every one who remembered to bring in food for the city's pantry. I don't believe the volunteers who shuttled the food over to St. James counted the bags, so I can't give you an idea of the volume of groceries collected that way. But we donated quite a generous amount of food. On Sunday several parishioners coming in for the last two Masses and seeing the floor of the vestibule in front of St. Theresa covered with bags commented to me on how well people responded. We really did. Thank you to all for helping to feed the hungry.

In real summertime fashion, I went to see "Wonderful Town" last Saturday at Richter. Matt Sumski, one of our cantors, had a role in the show and invited me to come and see it. As I am watching the number "Conquering New York," a really fun piece, I noticed a familiar face in the ensemble—our own Allie Bukowski who cantors at the 9 a.m. Mass! The show was very well done. Congratulations to Matt and Allie for fine performances. Both Matt and Allie can be seen in the next production, "Music Man," which begins this weekend.

Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the family of

John Cristaldi
who passed away last week.

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL
Tuition 2008-2009

Pre K-3 and Pre K-4

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	\$3,800
Monday, Wednesday and Friday	\$3,240
Tuesday and Thursday	\$2,160

Assessment **\$400**

Kindergarten – Grade 8

1 Student	\$3,650
2 Students	\$6,388
3 Students	\$8,450
Non-Catholic (per student)	\$4,500

Assessment **\$400**

Registration Fee Per Family **\$75**

Before/After Care: **\$10.00 per hour**
\$12.00 per hour per family

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

Sincerely your, Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

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: Forms were sent home with the children last May. 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 masses last May, please call the Rel. Ed office and arrange to pick them up. 743-1048

Attention All Catechists---We will have our first meeting for the 2008-09 school year on Thursday evening, September 4th at 7 PM in the school lunchroom.

New Catechists Needed---We are now accepting applications for new catechists and assistants. Please call the Rel. Ed office to schedule an interview: 743-1048.

PARISH EVENTS



Community Concerns ---Our annual **BACK TO SCHOOL Collection** will be held on the weekends of **August 9 & 10 and August 16 & 17**. Please leave your donations in the vestibule of the church. As always, the most needed item is backpacks. Other items needed include: pencils, pens, markers,, notebooks, loose-leaf paper and binders, erasers and rulers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Morning of Reflection---On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will have a morning of prayer and reflection on Mary. We will focus on the Mary of our personal experience, the Mary of Scripture, and the Mary of Tradition. Join us in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for a prayerful morning led by Yvette Lessard in honor of Our Lady

Thank you St. Peter Parishioners---*Catholic War Veterans Post 1042 expresses heartfelt thanks for the courtesies and support extended to us on July 12 and 13th, 2008. Cross of Peace funding is a major factor for recreational activity at West Haven Veterans Hospital. Our post support for parochial school scholarship awards also benefits from these donations – which continue throughout the year. We gratefully and prayerfully recognize your contribution to these programs. Most Sincerely, Edward L. Berholz, Welfare Officer, CWV Post 1042*

Spiritual Direction---is a valuable accompaniment on our spiritual journey. Yvette Lessard will be at the Rectory on Friday, August 8, to offer spiritual direction to anyone seeking guidance in deepening their relationship with God. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

AUGUST 3, 2008

Youth Group---Coming up is the **Youth Group Retreat**, planned for the fall-(date not set yet). The teens have begun planning the talks, speakers, and activities. The theme of the retreat is 'Why Faith.' The retreat will be open to all youth group members and any teen from St. Peter's that wants to come. More information will follow as the plans get set. If you are in Grades 8-12 and would like to join the youth group, please contact Mrs. Barlow-Hansen at 203-740-9345.

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

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.

Connecticut Catholic Singles Summer Dinner Dance---will take place at **Silvermine Tavern, Norwalk, on Sunday, August 24, at 6:00 p.m.** Admission is \$35.00. For reservations call 203-261-2414.

THE ANNUAL "BLUE MASS" will be celebrated by Bishop William Lori on **Sunday, September 7, at Noon at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Fairfield.** All are invited to attend this special Mass, honoring the service of Fire, Police, and EMS personnel in 21 towns and cities in Fairfield County, with special remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to others five years ago, on September 11, 2001

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.

AUGUST 3, 2008

Save the Date---Parish Picnic



**Sunday, September 14 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
On the Rectory Grounds**

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

Información Hispana!

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 comunión 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 Sanra 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.

Curso de Estudio Bíblico

Este Domingo Julio 6 comenzamos el grupo de estudio Bíblico para todas las personas interezadas 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.

