

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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AUGUST

9	SAT	4:00 PM	Our Parishioners
		5:30 PM	✠ Ella Rita Hennessey
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
10	SUN	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
11	MON	<i>St. Clare, virgin</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
12	TUE	12:10 N	✠ Ella Hennessey
		7:30 AM	✠ Clarence Ruppert
13	WED	<i>St. Potian, pope, martyr and St. Hippolytus, priest, martyr</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Ethel and Pierre Lemoine
14	THU	12:10 N	✠ Donald Tovcaso
		<i>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr</i>	
15	FRI	7:30 AM	✠ Thomas Doutney
		12:10 N	Our Parishioners
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
16	SAT	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Gertrude Edmond
		12:10 N	✠ William Fitzmaurice
17	SUN	7:00 PM	✠ Carina Realuyo
		7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
		4:00 PM	✠ Anne Blodgett Lorenti
		5:30 PM	✠ Rita and Joseph Gillotti
17	SUN	7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
		7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
		9:00 AM	✠ James Schlichtig
		10:30 AM	✠ Maria Rincon
		12:00 N	Special Intention
17	SUN	5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – August 3, 2008 \$8,743
Our weekly goal:..... \$10,500
 Thank you. Father Mecca

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

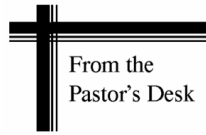
*Madison Witkowski Sean Witkowski
 Joseph Ferreira Tiago Silva*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Keith Gartland and Anne Jacocks
 Michael Loos and Christine Maupin
 Bertrand Espinal and Zeneida Baez
 Eugenio Toral and Flor Pagan
 Robert Becker and Mai Dinh
 Orlando Almonte and Elizabeth Costa
 Pierre Vendetti and Marlene Gonda*

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Marion Aubin Jeannette Burdick Mary Christopher Lynn DiPasqua
 Rev. Louis Dytkowski Michael Halpin Mary Leiss Rev. Joseph Linck
 Diane Lopes Tony Murphy Nancy Paul Michael Scapeccia
 Beverly Shimmer Isabella Valdiviezo Sue Valuzzo
 Pat Waters Anthony Zarcone*



From the
 Pastor's Desk

First off this weekend, I want to introduce you to a visiting priest staying with us through the end of September. He is Fr. Thumma Mariadas Reddy. Father Thumma (pronounced Two-ma) is from India and belongs to the order of Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. Mariadas is Father's religious name, but as he tells me he is commonly called Thumma. Fr. Thumma has a mother and six siblings in India--four brothers and two sisters. He studied in Rome where he earned a Ph.D. in philosophy and a Licentiate in Biblical Theology. He has held a number of positions within his order. He has taught, been the rector of the seminary, and the director of formation for seminarians. He is called upon to preach retreats and give seminars. Currently Fr. Thumma is the General Councilor to the Superior General and resides at the seminary in Pune, India. In that capacity he looks after the missionary activities of his congregation.

Here is how Fr. Thumma came to be with us. Father is good friends with Fr. Joseph who is working for our diocese as a chaplain at Danbury Hospital. Fr. Joseph is a diocesan priest in India. His diocese has so many priests that his bishop has invited some of his clergy to go "on mission" for a period of five years to parts of the world where there is a priest shortage. Some of his diocesan brothers are currently serving in the Dioceses of San Francisco and Superior, Wisconsin among others. Fr. Joseph was serving the Archdiocese of New York and was working in Manhattan before our diocese picked him up to help here. Fr. Joseph has, by the way, a brother who is a priest and another who is nearing ordination. Fr. Thumma's two sisters are in religious life. Obviously, the faith is strong in many Indian Catholic families and religious vocations are encouraged. Fr. Thumma was interested in coming to the U.S. for an extended visit and to work in parishes while here. Fr. Joseph, with the aid of Fr. Petrucci from the hospital, canvassed area parishes to see if anyone could use Fr. Thumma's help on short notice. Fr. Corey was interested in having him at St. Mary's since one of his parochial vicars, who is African, is away a good portion of the summer and early fall weekends preaching for the Cooperative Mission Appeal. Fr. Corey, however, does not have a guest bedroom. We do, so I offered it to Fr. Thumma and invited him to assist us here on occasion. We had no certainty that Fr. Thumma would actually make the trip. As I said, his visit was a sort of last minute idea, and no one was sure he'd actually get a visa. It wasn't until last week that he had an appointment with the American Consulate. Astonishingly, he received the visa in three days, bought a plane ticket immediately (he flew via Dubai) and arrived at JFK on Monday after travelling 18 hours. Fr. Thumma's presence will be helpful to us. I am officiating at Patrick Larkin's wedding in Vermont next week, Fr. Perez will be away for a seminar several days the third week of the month, and then I am taking some days to meet up with friends before Labor Day. So, from time to time you will see Fr. Thumma at Mass. I am sure you will like him. He is extremely affable and always has a smile.

Each year at this time the parish Community Concerns Committee holds a "Back to School Collection" of school supplies for children whose families are financially strapped. We always have a great response from the parish. This year the committee wants especially to aid families who are struggling to send their child or children to Catholic school. Mrs. McCormack, principal

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

of St. Peter-Sacred Heart School, is identifying children who could use help with notebooks, folders, pens, and the like. Part of your donations will go to assist them. The other recipient of the supplies is Family and Children's Aid, Inc. on West Street. This organization helps abused young people. Please see the announcement in the bulletin for the types of things requested. There will be boxes to receive your donations in the vestibule this weekend and next. Thank you.

If when you pulled into the parking lot or drove by it this week and wondered why there is a post sticking up out of the grassy median, I have the answer. Six feet below the surface of the parking lot right by the post is a manhole where the water supply comes in for the sprinkler system. The water meter is down in that manhole. The City notified us that it cannot read the meter down there (so why put it there in the first place?) and gave us the specs on how they want it mounted. Fortunately, we have been able to do the work "in house" with John's know-how, drills and tools. You gotta have the proper tools. While John is working in that area of the lot, we talked about creating more handicapped spaces along that strip. There are currently two. Parishioners last year requested that I designate some more as handicapped, and I said I would be happy to do so. We're just getting to it but very soon we'll make all the spaces from the post to the corner handicap parking, marking them with blue lines.

Finally, we welcome this weekend the Dominican Oblates of Jesus from Hartford. They are selling pies and breads which they bake and transport all around the state to support their order's work with people afflicted with leprosy. Thank you for your hospitality toward the sisters and their helpers.

Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the families of

**Irene Madigan
Rose Sankoorikal**
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 yours, Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration---for fall classes 2008-09

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

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 the Religious Education office 743-1048.

First Communion Videos---Those who ordered DVD's and/or Videos last May, call the Rel. Ed office to arrange for pick up.

Attention All Catechists---Our first meeting for the 2008-09 school year will be Thursday, September 4th at 7 p.m. 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** is being held **this weekend August 9 & 10 and next weekend 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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the normative way in which non-Catholics - those unbaptized 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. If you or someone you know has not received the Sacraments of Initiation that is to say, Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and wish to be a "full member of the Church," call the rectory (743-2707) with your name. We will get back to you.

AUGUST 10, 2008

Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners---Dear Friends at St. Peter Parish, We deeply appreciate your generous and compassionate support of our Food Pantry. Your contribution of almost 100 bags of food comes at a very critical time for us. With fuel and energy costs and our children home from school for the summer, many of our neighbors are in need. Thank you so much for remembering us in our effort to feed the hungry. God Bless You, Always With Sincere Thanks, Susan Moran, Daily Bread, President

Paracare, a nonprofit organization that helps people with special needs is launching a trial program to provide shut-ins with a hot meal---Starting **Thursday, August 21, meals will be prepared and delivered** to anyone in need of this service. It will be available every Thursday evening for as long as there is a need in the community. If you would like a hot meal once a week or know someone who would benefit from this, please contact Joanne LaPorta at 794-1306. Please leave a message and someone will call August 19 to confirm your meal delivery. Also, please contact Joanne if you would like to volunteer in the preparation or delivery of these meals. Thank you.

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.

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!!!

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. inciando-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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The Bingo Kitchen can use some help!



If you would like to help in the Kitchen but do not want to work in smoke, you can be of help Wednesday mornings preparing for Bingo. Please call the Rectory (743-2707), if you are interested.

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 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 inmediateamente 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 conecer al Dios que amamos y nos ama. Esperamos nos acompañen en este nuevo evento. Gracias.

Dios los Bendiga.

