

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

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Rev. John Perez, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Paul Merry, Resident

Deacon John Buchholz

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AUGUST

30	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Dorothy Vitti
		5:30 PM	✠ Donald Weiland and Tara Nulty
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
31	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Mr. and Mrs. Americo Marcketti and Florence Drago
		9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ Ann Roberts
		12:00 N	✠ Samuel Canale
		5:30 PM	✠ Miguel e Isidoro Arevalo, Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
1	MON	8:00 AM	✠ For God's Blessing upon laborers
2	TUE	7:30 AM	✠ William Schlichtig
		12:10 N	✠ Lawrence Kennedy
3	WED	<i>St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	✠ John J. Scalzo
4	THU	7:30 AM	Dawn Eden
		12:10 N	✠ Margaret and Ted Walsh
5	FRI	<i>Blessed Teresa of Calcutta</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Sue Wilhelm
		12:10 N	✠ Therese Woodcock
6	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Irene Pruzinski
		4:00 PM	✠ Joseph Matranga
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
7	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Samuel Licciardi
		9:00 AM	✠ Josephine Suarez
		10:30 AM	✠ Irene DeFazio
		12:00 N	✠ Guido Cardinale
		5:30 PM	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 – August 24, 2008 \$8,085
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

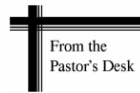
Jamileh Collazo Reesa DiCello

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Eric Santiago and Elisa Nogueira
 Michael McKernan and Tara Healy
 Eden Jacobs and Jessica DaCouto
 Michael Savignano and Denise Zambrant
 Edward Colflesh and Tara Radford
 David Keane and Andrea Ferry
 Michael Morabito and Allison LaBarbera*

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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



Happy Labor Day! It is our last unofficial weekend of summer. I hope you are enjoying it. As I write school is beginning its new year and the weather couldn't be better for outdoor activities. That must make the transition out of the vacation mode a little difficult for the kids. We welcome back our faculty, staff and students and wish every one at St. Peter-Sacred Heart School a good year. Last year was a challenging one as the two schools had to find their way through the consolidation. But that having been accomplished and now behind us, this year promises to be one of growth. A pre-school program has been added this year at the Sacred Heart campus. Some renovations to classroom space were conducted over the summer and that program is now up and running. Mrs. McCormack and the diocesan school administration hope and foresee that the preschool will introduce more families to the school, and they will in turn choose to make St. Peter-Sacred Heart their choice for the remainder of their children's education. Enrollment has remained steady for the year with, as I understand, some increase in the lower grades. Until those students move up, our campus will remain smaller. For a while--a week or two--the number of students here will be augmented by the kindergarten children while the changes are being completed at Sacred Heart.

One of the issues that surfaces at the School Advisory Board meetings again and again is getting the word out that St. Peter-Sacred Heart School exists and does an excellent job of offering a quality education in a Christian, supportive environment with personal attention given to every student. The image of the school suffered two years ago in the consolidation. As you remember, some parents became discontented with the plan and transferred their children out. As enrollment thus fell some more, the question of whether we were seeing the demise of the school hung like a dark cloud, discouraging other parents from having their children attend. We think that period in the school's history has past as people see the school is here to stay and that the diocese is very much committed to it. We have included these past two weeks an intercession at Mass for the school. In your personal prayers, ask the Lord to bless and support Mrs. McCormack, teachers and students, and to continue the distinguished role the school has played in the education of Danbury youth for well over a century. Again, let me tell you that the traditional Mass to the Holy Spirit opening the school year will take place this Thursday at 9:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. We split the monthly Masses between the two churches. I'll concelebrate with Fr. Denis who will preach. Everyone from both parishes is invited to join the school community in prayer. Having concentrated on St. Peter-Sacred Heart School, I don't want to neglect wishing all our young people of the parish in the various schools around the city a very good year. May it be one of personal and intellectual growth.

This weekend and next representatives from the Parish Life committee are selling tickets for the picnic at the end of Mass. Our picnic is two weeks away on September 14. I want to repeat details about our picnic for those of us who missed last week's column. The tickets are \$5.00 with a maximum of \$20.00 for a family. The menu is hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and sausage, soft drinks, and desserts. We ask those coming to bring a side dish, but we don't want you not to attend because you cannot. I was reading a back issue of Martha Stewart Living while sitting in the sun at the Cape (a wonderful pleasure), and I think I found the summer side dish that I want to contribute, time permitting. I say

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

that because I always have ideas to do this and that in the kitchen - just ask Fr. Joe--but end up not having enough unbroken time to shop and make the things--again, ask Fr. Joe. Last year we had a terrific array of sides that everyone enjoyed. The picnic begins right after the 12 noon Mass in the playground behind the rectory. We have the big tent to shade the tables, and we have the bouncy castle, too, to entertain the little ones. I suspect when the committee members meet this Tuesday they'll decide on a fifty-fifty raffle and maybe a nice door prize. Back to the tickets, we are selling them in advance only to get a closer idea of the quantity of food to purchase, but you can simply show up on the 14th if you are not sure ahead of time what you are doing that day.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the food collection last week. We had a healthy amount of donations again this month. Your generosity in this and in so many regards is truly impressive.

Let me finish with another repetition. Two weeks ago I wrote about our need for more volunteers in the bingo kitchen. While we have a dedicated group of nine volunteers we could use more hands. As I mentioned, we are not asking anyone to work every week. We'd be very happy if you contribute a time according to your schedule. There are opportunities to assist with the preparations Wednesday mornings between 10 and 12 noon, when the food is served between 5 and 7:15 p.m. or after 7:15 when the kitchen crew cleans up, serving only beverages and desserts through intermission which typically runs around 8:30. After that the kitchen workers leave for the night. In the past individuals have said they would help out were it not for the smoking. I often think the time has come for a smoke-free bingo, but any time I have said that out loud I'm told that we would not survive. Secondhand smoke is, to be sure, a health issue, but you won't find any in the morning and, quite honestly, it is rather minimum in the kitchen even during the evening. If you are willing to give the kitchen a try, please call us at the rectory. Thank you.

Have a good holiday!

Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the family of

John Allen III
Genevieve Zacharczyk
who passed away last week.

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechist Meeting---for the 2008-09 school year is Thursday evening, **September 4th at 7 p.m.** in the school lunchroom.

9th Grade Confirmation Students---Retreat Date: Saturday, Sept. 13th 10 am in the parish hall. Exam will be given at 10 am and the retreat includes lunch, and also the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ends with Mass at 4 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all those preparing to be confirmed on October 23, 2008. All service hours and forms are due the day of the retreat.

Catechist Sunday is September 21---All catechists and assistants who have volunteered to serve in this important ministry will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 9 a.m. Mass.

All Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 28th 10:15 AM in the school.

NEW students---may download forms on the parish website, or pick them up in the back of the church, or in the Religious Education office --please call first: 743-1048.

Returning Students---Forms were sent home with the children last May.

Remember!! **After September 1st late fee of \$15 will apply.**

If you need a form you can download it from the parish website or pick one up in the back of the church.

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. You are welcome to come to our meeting on **Thursday, September 4.**

First Communion Videos---DVD's and Videos of the First Communion masses last spring may be picked up in the Religious Education office; please call first: 743-1048

PARISH EVENTS

Women's Guild---will hold its Installation Dinner on **Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maron Hotel**, 42 Lake Avenue Ext., Danbury. The meal choices are: Baked Chicken Breast Stuffed w/Spinach, Sun Dried Tomatoes and Goat Cheese; Coconut-Almond Crusted Salmon; Marinated Grilled Sliced Flank Steak w/Mushrooms; and Plain Roasted Chicken w/ vegetables and Rice. Coffee, Tea, and Dessert are included. The cost is \$30.00. Please call the Rectory if you plan to attend.



Parish Picnic...

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

Once again there will be a charge of **\$5.00 per person (no more than \$20.00 per family)** to defray the cost of the tent. **Chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, beverages and desserts will be supplied. You just need to bring a side dish (potato salad, baked beans, macaroni salad, etc.).**

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

Thank you, St. Peter Parishioners---Family & Children's Aid gratefully acknowledges the wonderful donation of back-to-school items that were so generously donated for our children. We were overwhelmed by your kindness!

It is so very important that children who have so little get off to a good start at the beginning of each school year. You have made that wish for our children a reality and we thank you so for thinking of us. As we grow, it continues to be a challenge to provide for so many children in need, but having community partners helps to make our task less difficult. Education is such an important component in our children's lives. Due to their history of neglect, most often we find that the children lag behind in their math and reading skills. We are presently working on creating a children's library/study center where the children may concentrate on "catching up". This opportunity will help to boost their self-worth and afford them every opportunity to advance.

Once again, thank you for partnering with us to help make a positive difference in the lives of children who are innocent victims of adult mistakes. Sincerely, Ellen A. McGlynn, Grant Administrator Development, Family & Children's Aid, Inc.


AUGUST 31, 2008

*This Friday is the First Friday in September.
Adoration is 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Join us!*

Community Concerns Committee---will meet this **Tuesday, September 3 at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** If you are interested in helping in our community, please join us Tuesday.

Spiritual Direction---Having someone to talk to about your spiritual journey is one way of getting closer to God. Spiritual direction provides this opportunity for your continued growth. Yvette Lessard, a trained spiritual director, will be at the **Rectory on Tuesday, September 16** to offer this service. Please call the Rectory to schedule your time.

Morning of Reflection---**Friday, September 19**, there will be a morning of pray and reflection on the *Eucharist as the Embrace of God*. We will examine the ritual of the Mass, Scripture, and the Eucharist (Holy Communion). Join us in the **Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. to noon.** The presenter is Yvette Lessard.

 **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** 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. 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.

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 31, 2008

Información Hispana!

Intenciones de las Misas: Los Domingos a la entrada de la Iglesia a las 5:15 pm

Los Videos de las Primeras Comuniones estan en la oficina de la parroquia, por favor pasar a recogerlos.

Atención Catequistas: la reunion de los Catequistas será el Jueves 4 de Septiembre a las 7 de la noche en el Basement de la Escuela.

Atención: se necesitan nuevos Catequistas que sean bilingues para la Catequesis de los niños en ingles los Domingos en la mañana.

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 motivos de conflictos serán programados a otra hora. Gracias

La registración para el programa de CCD o instrucción religiosa para la preparación de los niños para Primera Comunión y Confirmación se estan llevando a cabo en las oficinas de la parroquia de St. Peter y la de CCD en la Escuela de St Peter, para mayor información favor comunicarse con la secretaria de San Peter Church. Ahora inscripciones en la Iglesia despues de la Misa.

El programa de RCIA o educación Religiosa para 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. Ahora inscripciones despues de la Misa.

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.

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

Dios los Bendiga.

