



## 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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SEPTEMBER

6	SAT	4:00 PM	† Joseph N. 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
8	MON	<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
		7:30 AM	† Antonia George
		12:10 N	† Corrine James
9	TUE	<i>St. Peter Claver, priest</i>	
		7:30 AM	† Mary and Joseph Prusak
		12:10 N	† Marianne Sokolovic
10	WED	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	† Butch Crescio
11	THU	7:30 AM	† Carol and Raymond Archer
		12:10 N	† Donald Eriquez
12	FRI	<i>Holy Name of Mary</i>	
		7:30 AM	† Clarence Ruppert
		12:10 N	† Margaret McSpirit
13	SAT	7:30 AM	† Ellen Geoghegan
		4:00 PM	† Maria, Joseph and Rosa Miguel
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
14	SUN	7:30 AM	† Rocco Russo and Manny Merrullo
		9:00 AM	† Stephanie Fehrenbach
		10:30 AM	† Victoria Powers
		12:00 N	† Joseph Lawlor
		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 – ..... \$9,673**  
**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**

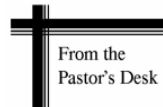
*Jamileh Collazo Reesa DiCello*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*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 Christophe  
 Lynn DiPasqua Rev. Louis Dytkowski Michael Halpin Lorraine Kain  
 Mary Leiss Diane Lopes Tony Murphy Nancy Paul Michael  
 Scapeccia Beverly Shimmer Isabella Valdiviezo Sue Valuzzo  
 Pat Waters Anthony Zarcone*



With the passage of Labor Day life certainly does settle back into a routine whether welcomed or not. We are experiencing it here in the parish as many of you are in your lives. My calendar, alas, is getting crowded with meetings and obligations. Our parish calendar, too, is being filled in with liturgies and events we have come to expect and this year with something new. For the first time in quite a while, our parish is embarking on a raffle. We expected to distribute the tickets to you next weekend, but the printer is telling us a problem at his shop will delay delivery by at least a week. Nonetheless, I want to give you today a sneak preview. In the past St. Peter Home-School Association used to conduct a car raffle each spring. In the absence of this fund-raising event for the school, we have seized on the opportunity to run a raffle ourselves that will benefit our parish.

Over the course of the last fourteen months our parish has come a long way from living from week to week thanks to your faithful support in the offertory and the trimming of expenses. In an upcoming bulletin this month you will receive the end of the year fiscal report and see our progress during fiscal '07-'08. I've told you in past columns that we have been putting money away while maintaining our church and properties better and covering ordinary expenses. We are all very pleased with the trend, but the Parish Council and Finance Committee know that we must always be looking ahead, anticipating and preparing for repairs and improvements. They endorsed initiatives to bring in additional revenue. We planned two that, if successful, could become yearly events. The first, of course, was our fantastic Clean Sweep Tag Sale which we held in the spring. The second is this raffle which will run through December 6 when we will have the drawing at the conclusion of the Christmas Fair.

Our Parish Life Committee selected as the first prize a \$2,500 travel certificate that can be used for plane tickets, hotel rooms, and anything that one can book through a travel agent. The certificate is redeemable through Dream World Travel right down the street on Main Street. Our second prize is \$500 in cash, our third and fourth prizes are \$500 Mobil gas cards and our fifth is a \$500 gift card for groceries at Stop & Shop. I have to tell you I was very much in favor of having a travel certificate as our first prize. When I was in Westport, All Saints School, the regional school for greater Norwalk, solicited me by mail for their raffle. Because St. Luke's had three families with children in the school, because I was a priest in the Norwalk vicariate and because a friend and parishioner of St. Peter's—Jeanne Fuller—is a first grade teacher there, I decided I'd show support for the school by purchasing the \$50 ticket. Well, to my complete surprise I won it! We are offering the same prize and much more for far less. We are selling tickets at \$1 a chance. While it's true, All Saints capped their sales so one's odds were better, a dollar allows everyone a chance (or many chances) at some very valuable and useful prizes. Most everyone likes to travel or thinks about it. This raffle could be someone's ticket to a dream vacation or, in many cases here in our parish, a trip back to their native country to see family. The State has adjusted its regulations to allow cash prizes, so we are offering that as a prize because who doesn't like cash? And, with gas and food prices high right now, everyone would welcome some free passes at the pump and checkout counter. I hope your appetite is wetted!

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On the spiritual side of things, we have been running an announcement about the R.C.I.A. here in the bulletin for most of the summer. No one has inquired about coming into the faith or completing their initiation into the Church. Perhaps there may not be a need for the R.C.I.A. this year. We do have a certain obligation to evangelize, so we have placed in today's bulletin a pamphlet entitled, "What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?" You may enjoy reading it. If you know anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic or who is a baptized Catholic who has not received Eucharist or Confirmation, pass on the pamphlet. Maybe this year is the time for her or him to enter into a fuller and more active life as a disciple of the Lord.

Lastly, don't forget about the picnic next week beginning at 1 p.m. in the school playground. Tickets are available after Mass again this weekend and at the rectory during the week. The advanced ticket system allows us to better estimate how much food to purchase, but if you aren't sure yet of your plans for the 14<sup>th</sup> you can still come by. We'll have plenty of food and we'd like to see you.

Fr. Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the family of*  
**Rev. Joseph Linck**  
**Mary and Felice Danise**  
**Catherine Doherty**  
*who passed away last week.*

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\*

"Let us build the City of God...for the Lord, our light has turned the night into day." We sing joyfully this song as Saint Peter-Sacred Heart School moves forward into our second year, indeed building the City of God.

School bells are joyously ringing welcoming our students to a wonderful new school year. Our year is a year of going forward meeting new academic challenges, revisiting friends and teachers as well as welcoming new friends and teachers.

Our Summer Learning Program was a wonderful success with seventeen students working diligently to excel in reading, math and language arts.

Sacred Heart Campus is experiencing new configurations as we prepare to open our Day Care. Our Saint Peter Campus has been polished and painted with a brand new shine to our prayer room. The school custodian and parent, Caesar Lopes, have sanded and refinished the floor causing it to look beautiful.

The Home School Association and Advisory Board of Education have also been very diligent planning for this school year. Come join us on October 4<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful time at Tarrywile Park, 12:00-4:00. There will be games, a presentation from the Audubon Society featuring Birds of Prey..

Due to the construction at Sacred Heart Campus, Saint Peter Campus will be the home of Kindergarten and Grade 1 for a couple of weeks. We enjoy them each and every day for the beauty and innocence they bring to us.

In just another two weeks we joyfully await the opening day of our Birth to Two Little Lambs Day Care Program. You will hear more about this wonderful event as the day approaches. Registrations are continuing so please spread the word to those with newborns and toddlers one and two.

During these days of economic problems, many of our parents continue to find tuition a heavy burden on budgets. Through your generosity we have been able to help more than one family this

past year. We ask you to please consider helping one of our students pay a monthly tuition or a part of a monthly tuition. Economic times that are difficulty reflect lower enrollment in our schools as well as withdrawal from our campuses. Our education process is an excellent one, one that prepares our students to be the future church's leaders as well as our Country's. Both have serious needs.

We are happy to be back writing to you, sharing with you the good news of our school.

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

### \*\*\*SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION\*\*\*

**All Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 10:15 a.m. in the school.** You may download forms on the parish website [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org), or pick them up in the back of the church, or the rectory, or in the Religious Education office –please call first: 743-1048.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students---Retreat Date: Next Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 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 in October. All service hours and forms are due the day of the retreat. **Confirmation is Thursday, October 23, at 7 p.m. Rehearsal with sponsors is Tues. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**New Catechists needed---**Please call the Rel. Ed office to schedule an interview: 743-1048.

### \*\*\*PARISH EVENTS\*\*\*

**Women's Guild---**will hold its Installation Dinner this **Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maron Hotel, 42 Lake Avenue Ext., Danbury.**

**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.

**Youth Group---**has been busy throughout the summer. We joined the 700 other teens gathered at St. Rose in Newtown for the "Fan the Fire" Youth Rally. The day was filled with speakers, adoration, confession, music, activities, food and Mass celebrated by Bishop Lori. The teens also had their end of the school year dinner celebration at Two Steps with some good food and good company- Deacon John and Father Joe joined us for dinner. Also, the group had a well-deserved trip to Lake Compounce last Sunday.

## **SEPTEMBER 7, 2008**

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Coming up---for the fall. Friday, Sept 5, the youth will be back to praying the Rosary with the seniors at Palace View on the first Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 13, the teens will be speaking and leading discussions at the Confirmation retreat and will host the reception on Oct 23. On Sunday Sept 14, the group will be providing games at the Parish Picnic. Sunday Sept 28th, they will hold a Car Wash - all proceeds will go to help with the cost of the food for their upcoming retreat in Dec.

On Oct 5, the group will be attending a Papal Youth Rally Reunion at St. Thomas Aquinas, In Dec. the youth group will host the annual Children's Christmas party for the younger children of the parish. The big event coming up on Dec 6-7 will be an overnight retreat 'Why Faith'- a retreat for teens given by teens. The retreat will be held at the Seton Neumann Center (on the Immaculate property). The retreat is open for anyone in grades 8-12 in the parish- you do not have to be a member of the youth group to attend.

Things to look forward to in the winter - a rematch of the Bake Off between Iron Chef Sam Winstrom and Pastry Chef Mark Gallagher - last year the desserts were awesome so plan on attending this year. During lent the group will hold their annual 30 Hour Famine to help feed the starving children of the world.

If you are a youth in grades 8-12, come join our Youth Group which meets every other Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Come to a meeting or call Mrs. Barlow-Hansen at 203-740-9345.

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

**Dios los Bendiga.**

**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!!!**

