



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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ST. PETER CHURCH, DANBURY, CT



SEPTEMBER

20	SAT	4:00 PM	† Deceased of the Rossi Family
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
21	SUN	7:30 AM	† Rose Alabino Moore
		9:00 AM	† Michele DiBuono
		10:30 AM	† Patricia Hoffer
		12:00 N	† William Fitzmaurice
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
22	MON	7:30 AM	† Donald Pepin
		12:10 N	† Robert Gilbert
23	TUE	<i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest</i>	
		7:30 AM	† Michael Francis Damato, Jr.
		12:10 N	† Frank Scapeccia
24	WED	7:30 AM	† Rev. Joseph Linck
		12:10 N	† Ernestine and James Walsh
25	THU	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	† John Allen
26	FRI	<i>Sts. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs</i>	
		7:30 AM	† Ethel and Harold Archer
		12:10 N	† Leona Vogel
27	SAT	7:30 AM	† In Thanksgiving
		4:00 PM	† Alice Frischmann
		5:30 PM	† Nora Corey
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
28	SUN	7:30 AM	† Thomas Cody
		9:00 AM	† Leo Hammond
		10:30 AM	† Gloria and Walter Barlow
		12:00 N	Our Parishioners
		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 – \$9,002
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

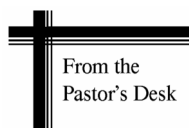
*Gabriella Hurtado Cristian Pintado George Pintado
Luis Quiroz Marolyn Trigueros*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*David Keane and Andrea Ferry
Michael Morabito and Allison LaBarbera
James Scarpa and Loyane Aquino
Vincent Abeyta and Agnieszka Machate
Francisco Ortiz and Karen Ulloa
Anthony Rios and Jennifer Laslo
Matthey Norwood and Claudia DeGrazia*

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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



From the
Pastor's Desk

This weekend in your bulletin you will find the end of the year financial reports. The parish has always distributed an end of the year report in the form of a fiscal year-end income and expense sheet, but this year you will notice that there are three separate and very different looking reports. The reason is the Diocese now mandates these reports. In its "Parish Administration Financial Manual" which was rolled out in February, the Diocese says, "Pastors are required to report annually the results of Parish financial activities in September of each year for the fiscal year ending on June 30th. Such results should include the summarized version of the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, and Statement of Expenses by Functional Activities for the fiscal year." So, that's what you have here. In addition to reporting at year end, beginning this fiscal year we are required to publish quarterly in the bulletin a statement of financial position and statement of activities for the quarter. That means in a few weeks another report will be published in the bulletin for the quarter July 1-September 30. Why the changes? You know that in light of a certain scandal (read Darien) the Diocese wants greater transparency. I think that's a good thing. Bishop Lori writes in the forward to the manual, "Sound financial stewardship is part of our mission. It is more than a means to an end; rather, it is a necessary expression of our gratitude to God for the spiritual and material blessings He has showered upon our local Church. It is also a way of engendering trust among parishioners and inviting their participation not only financially but also personally. Such trust renders our parishes more pastorally effective and encourages those we serve to grow in their love for the Church."

I could leave it at that and move on, but I don't know whether the reports are necessarily comprehensible to you and me unless they are the sort of things we see and handle regularly. Since I am not familiar with them, our bookkeeper Mary Schlichtig has helped me with this commentary.

The first page contains the "Statement of Financial Position." As you examine it you should know that all the figures here include Brazilian offertory and investment. What you see in cash is what the two communities have in the bank, that is, the savings each of us has accumulated and what is in the one operational checking account. "Receivables" are the outstanding pledges to the restoration of the church in 2001. We are still collecting, though not much, on pledges. (Writing to those folks who are not paying on their pledge with the hope that they might be able to do so is on my "to do list.") "Investments" represents a certificate of deposit that we opened this year and another held by the Brazilian community. As you look at our cash assets we can be justifiably proud of ourselves. In comparison, as of June 30, 2007, we had a meager \$29,633 in savings. That was scary, but we have come a long way. The Finance Council's advice is that we have the equivalent of four month's expenses, roughly \$300,000, tucked away to cover us in case of unanticipated extraordinary expenses before we begin to pay down our debt. That is why you see that much cash. Under the "Liabilities and Net Assets" section, "accounts payable" covers things we pay monthly or quarterly. What you see is a snapshot taken on June 30th. It is important to know here that we are current on all our

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insurances, payroll taxes, lay and priest pensions. "Loans payable" is the mortgage we have for the purchases of the Brazilian Center, parking lot and for the restoration of the church.

On the reverse side of the page is the "Statement of Activities." I don't think it requires much explanation except to say that "Assets released from Restriction" is the money that came in from the restoration pledges and was applied to the debt. On this report, too, you see the good news. We experienced an increase in net assets.

The third report is the "Statement of Functional Expenses by Natural Classification." When I looked at it, I asked, "what's a natural classification?" The report can be read across and down. In the "Interest" column, those figures represent our interest on the mortgage. The salaries and compensations for the priests, Director of Music and cantors fall under "Pastoral & Liturgical Services." Those of the office workers, custodians, cook, and housekeeper come under "Administrative & General." The category "Other Parish Activities" largely represents Brazilian expenses. The heading "Contributions & Assessments" includes our *cathedraticum* (the tax the diocese levels on a parish's offertory) and payments toward the school.

On the reverse side of the second sheet is a summary of statistics on sacraments. It has nothing to do with financial disclosure, and we are not required by the Diocese to publish it. We decided to do it because there was a blank page and thought you might find it interesting. The idea was not original. We saw that another parish had done it.

I do not anticipate writing much commentary to accompany future reports, but since this is the first time you and I are seeing these documents, I thought it helpful. I do think we can conclude from the year-end reports that the health of our parish is overall quite good. We are certainly trending in the right direction. And, I don't mean that just in the sense of dollars. We are as a faith community attracting a wide variety of people who are interested in being identified with us, worshipping and meeting Christ here in the Sacraments and in one another. All that is very good, indeed. I thank all of our active parishioners for your support, affection for and commitment to the parish. We are in fact the living body of Christ.

That spirit, by the way, was very evident at our picnic last week. What a great event! We believe we had more of us attending this year than last despite the high humidity. After a dark morning, the day cleared up pretty well, and there was shade for everybody under the tent. The men at the grills were exceptional in the heat. The food was terrific. The addition of chicken, sausage, peppers and onions to the traditional hot dogs and hamburgers I think went over well. Once again the side dishes were plentiful and varied as were the desserts. I thank the men from the Men's Society, and the members of the Parish Life Committee, and the Youth Group for making a fun party. I want to recognize All Season Rentals for the donation of the inflatable castle, Double Twister for the ice cream and fixings, and Halas Farm Market for fresh produce. We appreciate their generosity.

This week is Catechetical Sunday when parishes throughout the country commission catechists. We are blessing our thirty-three catechists and assistants at the 9 o'clock Mass. Due to the extensive coverage of the financial reports, space is tight, so I will speak more about our catechists and religious education next week.

Fr. Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the family of
Viviana Vera
who passed away last week.*

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

"Praise and Glory to our God..." As of this writing, the above seems most fitting to help express the joy in my heart for all of you. In just a very short time (October 1st) Saint Peter-Sacred Heart School, Sacred Heart Campus, will host an Open House announcing all to come visit our beautiful facility for our Babies, Toddlers, Ages 1 & 2 and welcome "home" our Kindergarten, Pre-K 3 & 4. The actual moving of students may be earlier, but our above date is the Open House. Please come and join us. (Time to be announced).

Our Advisory Board, in conjunction with our Home School Board, is planning a school Family Fun Festival at Tarrywile Park. The goal is to bring families together sharing fun and games. Father Mecca and Father Dennis are our most wonderful supporters.

In just a month's time, October 26th to be exact, our School will welcome the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' team to review our accreditation document and status. At this time, the seven person team will be visiting both campuses, talking to children, meeting pastors and parents as well as sharing our everyday schedule. We are excited about this process and proudly present all we are about.

As you know, economic times are very difficult for many, causing both parents to work leaving various school activities in danger of collapse. One such program is our Hot Lunch Program. If any person would like to volunteer time on Thursdays or Fridays to shop, cook, serve, or supervise, please call the Office of either campus. We would be happy to talk to you.

How blessed are we to be here at Saint Peter-Sacred Heart School among all of you so loving and supportive. Thank You. Have a Blessed Day!

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday!---a day set aside in every diocese all over the country, to honor all those who have answered the call to share their faith with our children. All of our catechists and assistants will be at the 9 o'clock children's mass for a special commissioning and blessing for their ministry. Coffee will follow in the parish hall for all catechists, volunteers, and their families.

All Classes begin next Sunday, Sept. 28th 10:15 AM in the school--You may download forms on the parish website 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.

9th Grade Confirmation Students---Confirmation is Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7 p.m. (*Rehearsal with sponsors is Tues. Oct. 21st at 6:30 pm.*)---You only have 2 classes to attend: Sundays Sept. 28th and Oct. 5th in the school. Interviews with the pastor will be during this time. Please bring your letters with you.

We ask all the congregation to please pray for the Confirmation Students as they prepare to be confirmed in October.

New Catechists are needed---The Holy Spirit is calling YOU!!--
We are now accepting applications for new catechists and assistants. VIRTUS training is required of all volunteers. Please call the Rel. Ed office to schedule an interview: 743-1048.

*****PARISH EVENTS*****

Children's Liturgy Returning---We will be resuming the Children's Liturgy of the Word next **Sunday, September 28** at the **9:00 a.m. Mass**. The Children's Liturgy breaks open the Word to K-5th graders at a level designed for them. We will continue to celebrate the Children's Liturgy at the 9:00 a.m. Mass throughout the school year, except for major holidays. Many thanks to the parents who bring their children to this Mass – all K-5th grade children are welcome! We are always in need of additional adult volunteers to run the 20-minute program during Mass (a workbook lays it all out!). Call the Parish Office to leave a message for Deacon John or send him an e-mail at deacon.john@snet.net.

Your generous gift will be wisely used to further the evangelization of countless hundreds of people in these needy areas. This work of the Lord translates into the training of religious personnel, catechists and lay leaders. Without your valuable assistance these apostles could not pretend to have the tools necessary for accomplishing such good work.


Please know that you are truly present in this work of making the Good News of Christ known to so many.

I assure you in Christ's name that you will be showered with abundant blessings because of your generosity.

Gratefully in Christ Jesus, Rev. Frederick Saviano, Dio. Director



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. Come to a **brunch at the Rectory on Sunday, September 28, at 11:45 a.m.** to meet the Team and to learn more about the process of Initiation.



Collection for St. James' Church Food Pantry is next weekend September 27 and 28. Suggested donations are canned fruits, cereal, juices, macaroni and cheese, pasta and spaghetti sauce, paper products peanut butter, soups, sugar, tea, and tuna. Please leave your contribution in St. Peter Church vestibule on the confessional side. Community Concerns thanks you for your support.



sponsored by the Youth Group of St. Peter next Sunday, September 28, on the Rectory Grounds From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Donations will help purchase food for their retreat.

Saint Patrick's Cathedral, NYC Pilgrimage

***Thursday, October 16, at 11:30 a.m. – Parking Lot
Returning to Danbury about 9:30 p.m.
The cost is \$26.00.***

There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral at 1:30 p.m. and Mass with Fr. Mecca in Our Lady's Chapel. The bus will be leaving New York at 8:00 p.m. A list of local restaurants will be provided. Call the Rectory to reserve a seat.

Thank you St. Peter Parishioners---I would like to thank you and all the generous faithful of your Parish Community for your generous support of \$3,353.00 for the Mission Co-Op Collection this year. As you know, these funds assist the works of so many Mission Dioceses and Religious Congregations in the Third World Countries.

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.

St. Peter Calendar

Información Hispana!

Sun	Sept 21	Catechist Sunday. 9:00 a.m. Mass. Reception to follow in Parish Hall.
Mon	Sept 22	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Sept 23	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Sept 25	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	Sept 27	Comm. Concerns Food Pantry Collection.
Sun	Sept 28	Rel. Ed. Classes Begin. K-9. Comm. Concerns Food Pantry Collection. Youth Group Car Wash. Rectory grounds.
Mon	Sept 29	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Sept 30	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Oct 2	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Fri	Oct 3	First Friday Adoration. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 N
Sun	Oct 5	Respect Life Sunday. Rel. Ed. Classes. K-9
Mon	Oct 6	Marian Devotion. 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Tue	Oct 7	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church. Community Concerns. 7:15 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	Oct 9	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sun	Oct 12	NO Rel. Ed. Classes. Columbus Day holiday. Brazilian Baptisms. 1:15 p.m.
Mon	Oct 13	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Oct 14	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Women's Guild. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Oct 16	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room. Confirmation Rehearsal. 7:00 p.m. Church.
Fri	Oct 17	Organ Concert for Parish.
Sat	Oct 18	Women's Guild Pasta Supper. 5:00 p.m.
Sun	Oct 19	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Oct 20	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Parish Council. 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Oct 21	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Men's Society. 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Thu	Oct 23	Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in Parish Hall.
Sat	Oct 25	Comm. Concerns Food Drive for Paracare. SPSHS Harvest Fair at Tarrywile.
Sun	Oct 26	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8. Coffee Hour. MS Pancake Breakfast Following 7:30 , 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses.
Mon	Oct 27	Comm. Concerns Food Drive for Paracare. Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Oct 28	Children's Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.

October the Month of the Rosary...

The Rosary will be recited at 11:50 a.m. each day during the month. Join us in honoring Mary.

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: 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 el basement de 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 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 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 coner al Dios que amamos y nos ama. Esperamos nos acompañen en este nuevo evento. Gracias.

El Viñedo de Raquel: El Viñedo de Raquel es un programa que se esta dando en Nuestra Diocesis. Es un curso para las personas que estan sufriendo las culpas de abortos cometidos. Es un programa que es confidencial y todo es en secreto. Por favor busquen la sanación que el Señor quiere darles.

Dios los Bendiga.

