

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

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ST. PETER CHURCH, DANBURY, CT



JANUARY/FEBRUARY

24	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Marylou Martin
		5:30 PM	✠ Filomena and Joseph Trieu
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
25	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Lucille Cody
		9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ For Those Who Donated to the Christmas Flowers
		12:00 N	✠ Billy Schmiedel
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
26	MON	<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, bishops</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Josephine Moresco
		12:10 N	✠ Phyllis Garavel
27	TUE	<i>St. Angela Merici, virgin</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Annette Durkin
		12:10 N	✠ Josephine Moresco
28	WED	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	✠ Josephine Moresco
29	THU	7:30 AM	✠ Joan McGarigle
		12:10 N	✠ Michael Vodola
30	FRI	7:30 AM	✠ Donald Pepin
		12:10 N	✠ Marion McGlory
31	SAT	<i>St. John Bosco, priest</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ James Lawlor
		4:00 PM	✠ Peter A. Herger
		5:30 PM	✠ Louis Chiarella
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
1	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Sarah Doucette
		9:00 AM	✠ Mary Zito
		10:30 AM	Our Parishioners
		12:00 N	✠ Paul Halas
		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 – January 18, 2009 \$9,531

Our weekly goal:..... \$10,500

PARKING LOT COLLECTION – January 18, 2009..... \$2,423

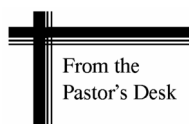
Thank you.

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.

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Marion Aubin Jeannette Burdick Eleanor Cassidy
Mary Christopher Lynn DiPasqua Rev. Louis Dytkowski
Mary Anne Fortin Michael Halpin Lorraine Kain Mary Leiss
Thomas Liddane Tony Murphy Donald Ragaini Joseph Sherry
Beverly Shimmer Isabella Valdiviezo Sue Valuzzo Pat Waters*



From the
Pastor's Desk

We welcome this weekend the Catholic Bookstore which is supplying the books, CDs and religious articles for our book fair. As I said last week, we planned the book fair to coincide with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul during this Year of St. Paul in which the Church commemorates the 2,000 anniversary of the Apostle's birth. The Catholic Bookstore is located on Market Street in Hartford and is operated by the Archdiocese. Its manager is Donna Doutney who is a native of Danbury and of this parish. A dozen or so years ago, Donna conceived the idea of bringing the downtown bookstore out to parishes throughout the Archdiocese and beyond. When we thought of having a book fair we had in mind promoting reading of St. Paul. From there we expanded the concept to include many titles on faith and spirituality. Donna is bringing copies of the books which many of you submitted as your favorite spiritual reading as well as a stock of Fr. Lawrence Boadt's book, *The Life of St. Paul*. Fr. Boadt, a Paulist Father and President of the Paulist Press, will be our guest on the evening of March 6. The selection of books is comprehensive. I invite everyone to come downstairs to browse and, on Sunday morning, enjoy some "coffee and" while you thumb through the books and other articles for sale. Make sure you bring the bulletin with you. In the tear out flap is the ad that gives us a discount of 20% off an item. We thank Donna for this kindness to her home parish.

Last week while talking about the Catholic bookstore, I said the store and location have an interesting history that I would relate to you. The bookstore occupies a building constructed in 1948 for St. Anthony's School. It is attached to a brownstone church that was built in 1854 by the Episcopalians who sold it to the Lutherans who sold it to the Catholics in 1881 when Hartford needed a parish for Italian immigrants. It was named St. Anthony Church. The parish outgrew the church, built another one (since demolished to make way for Constitution Plaza) and converted the old church into a school. The Archdiocese uses the brownstone for a lending library and Catholic Charities' Immigration and Refugee Services. The land on which the church and bookstore stand has even an older story to tell. In the 18th century it was part of Norman Morrison's orchard. When a smallpox epidemic killed his young son in 1759, city residents would not allow the boy's body to be buried in the city cemetery. So Morrison buried his son in his orchard. Morrison was farsighted enough to preserve the site in perpetuity with a protective easement. When he, himself, died, he, too, was laid to rest in the orchard. The graves have survived centuries of change. When you go to the bookstore the staff likes to direct you to the corner of the property where you can see the small plot and a memorial plaque.

Catholic Schools Week kicks off today. Students and their families at the St. Peter Campus have been encouraged to sit together at our 9 a.m. Mass. Students in grades pre-k to 4 who go to class at the Sacred Heart Campus are attending Mass at Sacred Heart at 11 a.m. We welcome the families and members of the faculty and staff. The school has a number of activities planned for the week, and Mary McCormack writes about them in her column. I would only highlight the two Open Houses. Today from 10:30-1 p.m. the Sacred Heart Campus, including the new Day Care Center, is open for visits. Open House at our campus is Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. If you have school age children or children who are approaching school age, we ask you

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

to come by and see the facilities and talk to members of the faculty. St. Peter-Sacred Heart School may be a very good fit for your child.

As part of Catholic Schools Week, the Office of Education is hosting what it is calling a Breakfast of Champions to recognize a student from each of our thirty-nine schools who demonstrate virtue and have achieved academic or athletic success. At the breakfast, which is being held on Wednesday at the Catholic Center, the students will receive from Bishop Lori the St. Augustine Award. I am very pleased to tell you that the recipients from St. Peter-Sacred Heart School and Immaculate High School are both parishioners of our parish. Moreover, they both come to Mass weekly. The outstanding student at St. Peter-Sacred Heart School is Zachary Eriquez, son of Gene and Marta Eriquez. Zachary is an 8th grader who has attended St. Peter School since kindergarten. He is the third generation of his family to go to the school. Kieran Raval, a senior, has been selected from the student body at Immaculate to receive this honor. Kieran is the son of Paula and Pradip Raval. Kieran is actively involved in our youth group, he's spiritual and is looking ahead to attending a Catholic university next year. His mother told me a week or two ago that he has been notified of early acceptance at, if my poor memory serves me, three colleges, including her alma mater, Boston College. We congratulate Zachary and Kieran. We are proud of them both and wish them bright futures.

Today, the 25th, is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. We have the option in this Jubilee Year of celebrating the liturgy for the feast in place of the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. A radical transformation took place within St. Paul as a result of his dazzling encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. His conversion was much more than a personal experience; it also marked a phase of development for the infant Church. He who once was a zealous persecutor of anyone professing the name of Jesus became a zealous preacher of the Gospel to the Gentiles, undergoing hardship and finally death for the Lord. Among St. Paul's extensive writings are such personal professions such as, "For me, life is Christ" and "I live by faith in the Son of God." We should always say with him, "I know whom I have believed."

On the temporal side of things, you'll find inserted into the bulletin the financial reports for the end of the second quarter of the fiscal year that the diocese requires us to publish. If you have questions or comments, you may contact us at the office.

Fr. Mecca

We offer our condolences to the families of

Christopher Chianelli

Herbert Hasbrouck

Angeline Masso

Jay Murphy

who passed away last week.



SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Schedule for Catholic Schools Week

**Catholic Schools Committed to Service,
Come Celebrate our Catholic Heritage**

Sunday, January 25, St. Peter Church 9:00 a.m. Mass, Grades 5-8

Sunday, January 25, Sacred Heart Church 11:30 a.m. Mass, Grade PreK-3-Grade 4

Sunday, January 25, **Open House** at Sacred Heart Campus 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27, Celebrate "Grandparents Special Person Day" through music and dance, 1:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Gym. Refreshments to follow.

Wednesday, Honor our Students – *St. Augustine Honor Award*, 8:00 a.m. Catholic Center Bridgeport.

Thursday, January 29 **Open House, St. Peter Campus** 6:30-8:00 p.m. *Report Cards to be distributed.* Parents to visit classrooms on both Campuses 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Friday, January 30, **Spirit Day** at Sacred Heart Campus – Wear Your Favorite Team's Logo.

**Don't Miss This Week-Long Celebration!
Parents and Friends Welcome!**

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes this Sunday Grades K – 8 10:15 a.m. in the school.

First Reconciliation---The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received for the **first time on Saturday, March 21, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church** by those children preparing for First Holy Communion in May.

Please note – this is a change from the original schedule because of snow cancellation days, we wanted to give the children some extra time to prepare in their Sunday school classes.

Attention Grade 8 Confirmation Students---Don't forget - **this Thursday, January 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** is the first of 3 required workshops for all those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 30, 2009. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm on Thursday.

Reminder for Snow Cancellations---Please look on television stations, Channel 3 WFSB, Channel 8 WTNH, and Channel 4 & 6 WNBC on Sunday mornings if you think classes may be cancelled in bad weather. Or call the Rel. Ed office at 743-1048 and there will be a message on the answering machine.

PARISH EVENTS

Coffee Hour this Sunday, January 25, in the Parish Hall following 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 N Masses.
Visit our Book Fair when you are there!!!



Collection for St. James' Church Food Pantry is this weekend January 24 and 25. Suggested donations are canned fruits, cereal, juices, macaroni and cheese, pasta and spaghetti sauce, paper products peanut butter, soups, sugar, and tea, and tuna.

Please leave your contribution in St. Peter Church vestibule on the confessional side. Thank you for your support.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION---is the process of sitting with another for the purpose of discerning God's movement in your life and deepening your relationship with the Holy. If you wish to see if this is what you need at this phase of your journey with God, you may wish to meet with Yvette Lessard who is a trained spiritual director. She will be available on **Thursday, February 5th**. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

The **Youth Group** is hosting their second annual **Bake-Off** - a rematch between Sam 'Iron Chef' Winstrom's team against Mr. 'Pastry Chef' Gallagher's team. The event will take place on **Saturday, February 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. The cost is \$5.00 for one dessert from each team, beverages and a chance to vote for your favorite dessert. Please come and support our Youth Group and their fundraiser for their 30-Hour Famine.

Year of St. Paul

The **Sacred Places** designated by Bishop Lori in the Diocese of Bridgeport to receive plenary indulgence include the only Parish dedicated to Saint Paul (Greenwich) and the Adoration Chapels listed below:

Saint Paul Parish, Greenwich

Saint John Fisher Seminary Residence, Stamford: Monday to Thursday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Fridays the chapel opens at 6 a.m. and remains open until Sunday at 11 p.m.

Saint Mary Parish, Ridgefield: Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days

Saint Mark Parish, Stratford: Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield: Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days

Saint James Parish, Stratford: Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saint Theresa Parish, Trumbull: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Saint Andrew Parish, Bridgeport: Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ARC (Association of Religious Communities) is seeking our help!



This is the last weekend to help! Boxes are in the vestibule of the church to collect:

- Winter Socks (new, thick and warm)\
- Winter Knit Caps (new, thin and flat)
- Men's Razors
- Bars of Soap (any kind, any size)

Thank you for your generosity...ARC

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

Adult Education at St. Joseph Church, Danbury---Christianity and Other Religions: Respecting Our Differences, Appreciating Our Similarities offered by Dr. Joan Kelly **beginning Wednesday, January 28 from 1:00 to 2:15 or 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center**. For further information, call Dr. Kelly at 203-778-1920.

10th Annual Catholic Awareness Day---Monday, February 9 at the State Capitol in Hartford from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the day to learn and understand the Catholic viewpoint on important issues facing our State, learn about the legislative process and plan to meet with State Legislators. Attend one or more of the following workshops: Immigration; Life Issues; Health Care Reform; and Parochial School Challenges. For more information, contact the Connecticut Catholic Conference at 860-524-7882 or visit our website at www.ctcatholic.org.

Healing Prayer Service---"See, I make all things new!" at **St. Philip Church, 1 Father Conlon Place, Norwalk, Thursday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m.** led by Fran Karpiej. An evening of exhortation, music and healing prayer ministry! Our Lord promises to make all things new, but we cannot always see the blessings before us. We must hold on to God's promise of New Beginnings and New Life in Christ Jesus! For further information, contact Meg Styles, 203-541-8629.

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 Book Fair



Catholic Book Store---

---is here this **weekend January 24 and 25**. There are spiritual books (on every topic), religious gifts for all occasions, crucifixes, Rosaries, medals, CD's and DVD's, children's books and seasonal items.

Don't miss this opportunity!!

Bring this ad to the Book Fair and receive a 20% discount on any item of your choice.

St. Peter Calendar

Información Hispana!

Sat	Jan. 24	Book Fair. After all Masses. Parish Hall. Food Pantry Collection. At all Masses.
Sun	Jan. 25	Rel. Ed. Grades K – 8. Coffee Hour. Hosted by Parish Council. Following 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Book Fair. After all Masses. Parish Hall. Food Pantry Collection. At all Masses.
Mon	Jan. 26	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Tue	Jan. 27	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Jan. 29	Confirmation Workshop. Parish Hall. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sun	Feb. 1	Rel. Ed. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Feb. 2	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Tue	Feb. 3	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Feb. 5	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Feb. 6	First Friday Adoration. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 N
Sat	Feb. 7	YG Bake Off. Parish Hall.
Sun	Feb. 8	Rel. Ed. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Feb. 9	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Feb. 10	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Feb. 11	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sun	Feb. 15	NO Rel. Ed. Classes.
Mon	Feb. 16	Parish Council. 7:30 p.m. Rectory. Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Feb. 17	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church. Men’s Society. 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	Feb. 19	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	Feb. 21	Confirmation Workshop. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Food Pantry Collection. At all Masses.



A Prayer to the Apostle Paul

Glorious St. Paul,
Most zealous Apostle,
Martyr for the love of Christ,
Give us a deep faith,
A steadfast hope,
A burning love for our Lord
So that we can proclaim with you
“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”
Help us to become apostles
Serving the Church with a pure heart
Witnesses to her truth and beauty
Amidst the darkness of our days.
With you we praise God our Father
“To Him be the glory, in the Church and in Christ
Now and for ever”. Amen.

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

Atención: se necesitan nuevos Catequistas que sean bilingües para la Catequesis de los niños en inglés 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 están cordialmente invitados. El Señor Jesús 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 Católica y deben presentar el Certificado del Matrimonio al Sacerdote. Dios los bendiga a todos. Los bautismos serán programados solo los Sábados a las 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 están llevando a cabo en las oficinas de la Catequesis en la Escuela de St. Peter los Domingos a las 10:15 am.

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 comenzaron en Septiembre en la parroquia. Las edades desde 13 años en adelante incluyendo adultos. Información con el Padre Perez. No hay inscripciones hasta el mes de Agosto.

Curso de Estudio Bíblico

El curso Bíblico se está llevando a cabo en la parte baja de la Iglesia y es de 4 a 5 de la tarde. Todos están invitados a conocer más 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.

En la Parroquia de San Jorge en Bridgeport se estará llevando a cabo un curso Bíblico con motivo del año de San Pablo. El curso es el día Viernes 30 de Enero de 7 a 9 de la noche. El tema está basado en la vida, los viajes misioneros y la espiritualidad de San Pablo dictados por la Hermana Sor Divino Pranto y el Padre Julio Lopresti. Interesados por favor comunicarse con La Hermana o el Padre Julio al Teléfono: 203-335-1779 o al E-mail: c.damaris@servidoras.org

Dios los Bendiga.

