

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. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

Rev. John Perez, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Paul Merry, Resident

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ST. PETER CHURCH, DANBURY, CT



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

31	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Leo Delohery
		5:30 PM	✠ Raymond O'Marra
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
1	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ The Brennan Family
		9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ Deceased of the Defazio Family
		12:00 N	✠ Ann and Carl Roberts
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
2	MON	<i>All Souls Day</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
3	TUE	<i>St. Martin de Porres, religious</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Frances Jockneovich
		12:10 N	✠ Judy Gavin
4	WED	<i>St. Charles Borromeo, bishop</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Cathryn Costello
		12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
5	THU	7:30 AM	✠ Edward Higgins
		12:10 N	✠ Murina Dobbins
6	FRI	7:30 AM	✠ Martha Macedo
		12:10 N	✠ Frank Scapeccia
7	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		4:00 PM	✠ Marlene and Richard Scattolini
		5:30 PM	✠ James Kane and Mildred and Anthony Sasso
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
8	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Ventura Francesco
		9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ Elizabeth and Neil McCaffery
		12:00 N	✠ Diamantino Barata
		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 – October 25, 2009..... \$9,623

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

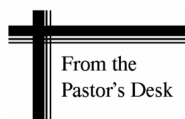
*Sophia Barzelatto Kasin Mannion
Caden Peryea Brandon Taveras*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Randolph Carreiro and Michelle Zampano
Joseph Saba and Jennifer Servello*

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*James Buzaid Nicholas Buzaid Eleanor Cassidy Lynn DiPasqua
Rev. Louis Dytkowski Mary Anne Fortin Michael Gintoli Michael
Halpin Lena Kovacs Thomas Liddane Tony Murphy
Dr. James Pegolatti Kathleen Scott Josephine Tartaglia Isabella
Valdiviezo Jean Veness Madeline Walsh*



From the
Pastor's Desk

We'll begin this weekend with the two liturgical celebrations taking place today and Monday. This Sunday is November, 1 the Feast of All Saints. This is a great day of celebration in honor of all the men and women who have achieved sanctity. They took up Jesus' challenge to offer themselves wholeheartedly to God and to live and to love selflessly. And they did it. They heard upon their death the words, "Come. You have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world." (Mt. 25:33) We are joyful for their accomplishment. We long to make their accomplishment our own. We are wonderfully connected as members of the Body of Christ. We here on earth are united with our sisters and brothers in heaven. In past decades we used the terms the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant. I don't know if we still employ this language. The Church Triumphant is the body of believers who have completed successfully the pilgrimage of life and who reign with Christ. The Church Militant is us, we who are alive in this world and who day in and day out are striving to live out our calling as disciples of the Lord. We are saints in the making. All Saints Day reminds us of the Communion of Saints. Today we give praise to the saints. We sing to them. We look to them for inspiration and help through their prayers for us. We also renew our commitment to perform our ordinary tasks extraordinarily well and so become holy as God is holy. Then when our turn comes to depart from this life we will join the saints in their heavenly song of praise.

Monday is the Feast of All Souls, a day we set aside to offer prayers and particularly the sacrifice of Jesus for all the dead. It is a very ancient custom for us to pray for the dead, a custom that has scriptural precedents in the Old Testament book of Second Machabees. Christians prayed for the repose of the souls of the dead both privately and within the liturgy from the beginning or our history. We pray for the dead because weakness and sinfulness are part of every human life. Some of us die without having sought and received forgiveness or without having done sufficient penance for our sins. As a result, we have to undergo a period of purification before we fully come into God's presence. It is for them that we pray on All Souls Day and offer Jesus' great act of redemption. In addition to the regularly scheduled Masses, we are celebrating Mass Monday evening at 7:30 in memory of all those who have died in our parish since last November 2. Everyone is invited to this Mass, of course, as we renew our hope and trust in God's love and mercy. The entire month of November is for us a period of remembrance of the dead. The All Souls envelopes you returned to us remain on the altar throughout the month in a gesture of our offering of prayers to the Father for their behalf. In addition, we have placed a book of remembrance containing the names of our parishioners and family members who died this past year in front of the Paschal Candle. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Substituting this weekend on the organ bench is Tim Smith. Tim, as I think you know, is one of our cantors and tenor section leader. He is a music major at WestConn and studies organ with Stephen Roberts. Stephen is on a very fascinating adventure this week in Santiago de Chiquitos, Bolivia and the town of Urubicha located in a remote section of Bolivia in the Amazon

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basin. As I learned from Stephen, in the 17th and 18th centuries the area was evangelized by Italian Jesuit missionaries who, with the Gospel, brought and taught western music. A lively and fine center of classical music, the *Instituto de Musica*-- has survived and thrived in the Amazon of all places for all these centuries. The Jesuit mission churches have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you might think, the region is very poor. Stephen, the American Guild of Organists, the Bolivian Rotary Clubs, and the U.S. Embassy in Bolivia cooperated to bring two organs from the United States to Bolivia. One of the organs is a Barckhoff pipe organ from Earlham College, the other an electronic Allen Organ from All Saints Church in Wolcott. Stephen is responsible for obtaining the latter. They were transported by container ship sometime this summer, and, in the case of the pipe organ, were rebuilt by two American organ builders. The pipe organ's new home is in Santiago de Chiquitos; the Allen's at the *Instituto* in Urubicha where it will serve as a teaching and practice instrument. Stephen played the televised dedication concert on the Barckhoff organ on Friday evening with the U.S. Charges d'Affaires, Rotary Club officials and Bolivian dignitaries in attendance. On November 4, he will be in Urubicha to play a program with the *Instituto* orchestra and chorus. Stephen is giving lessons, too, while there. I haven't done so yet, but I think it would be very interesting to search the *Instituto* in Urubicha on the Web and see what I find. You might give it a try.

Let's do last weekend's numbers from the Mass census against the previous week:

	Oct. 17/18	Oct. 24/25
4 p.m.	212	170
5:30 p.m.	102	78
7:30 p.m.	264	estimated 130
7:30 a.m.	78	98
9 a.m.	152	236
10:30 a.m.	183	217
12 p.m.	164	145
5:30 p.m.	192	231
7:30 p.m.	194	227

For the English Masses, our total last week was 944 as opposed to 891 on October 17/18. If we take the estimated number of Brazilians in attendance on Saturday, our total Mass attendance for last weekend comes to 1,532 which is incredibly close to the 1,541 people we counted on the 17/18. The drop in Saturday's Brazilian Mass was attributed to the heavy rain. In fact, you will notice that our two Masses on Saturday were also down, perhaps because of the rain. It is hard to say, however, by how much because we think we saw more parishioners on Saturday the 17th because they attended Mass before heading downstairs for the Pasta Supper. In all, our numbers at our English Masses only varied by fifty-three people. These numbers give us a snapshot of a typical weekend. I was happy to see the increase in the 9 and 10:30 Masses. Let's hope it is a trend.

Fr. Mecca

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

During this month of November, the students take time to research various saints, especially those whose names they share. Each morning at prayer, students will have the opportunity to present their saint and the Community Body will respond, "Pray for us". Encouraging recognition of our saint is one more practice we, at St. Peter-Sacred Heart, try to instill in our children.

November 2nd we honor and pray for all those who have died. Our Prayer Room will have a special scroll where teachers, students, parents, can write the name of a loved one who has died assuring them of our daily prayer.

November 11th is a Day of Remembrance and respect as we honor our Veterans. A Prayer Service will be held November 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Come and pray with us.

Catholic Education throughout our nation is in jeopardy as we struggle through financial stress and economic crisis. St. Peter-Sacred Heart is no different. We are seeking volunteers for our hot lunch program, Bingo night, library, storytellers. Please consider offering an hour or two or three to be of help.

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Happy All Saints' Day---Remember we are all called to be saints! The Saints are holy people we look up to as souls totally devoted to giving their lives to Christ. They were and still are an inspiration to us. They are revered and honored because they were very close to Jesus and are role models for all followers of Christ. Read about their truly remarkable lives and share their stories with your family and friends. May they continue to encourage and inspire you. Tomorrow, November 2 is **ALL SOULS DAY**. We remember our dear ones, family and friends, and we say a prayer for all those who have passed on into eternal life.

Reminder: Next Sunday is the Grade 8 Parents' Meeting--- There will be a meeting for all 8th grade parents regarding Confirmation next Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 AM in the school lunchroom. Please mark your calendars now, and plan to attend. Confirmation has been scheduled for Sat. April 24, 2010 at 2 pm mass in the church.

Reminder!!Children's Mass--- All students in the Religious Education program will be attending mass together with their class on **Sunday, November 15 at 9 o'clock Children's Mass**. Teachers will take attendance at mass. Each class will have a designated pew. After mass we will all go over to the school to begin our classes as usual with the same time schedule. We ask parents of children in K -2 to help after mass escorting the children over to the school. Older children will go with their teachers. Please mark your calendars now. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH EVENTS

***This Friday, November 6, is the First Friday.
Please come spend some quiet time with Our Lord in
the Blessed Sacrament...8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.***

Community Concerns Committee---will meet **Tuesday, November 3, at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**



We offer our condolences to the families of
James Bassett
Sherry Lane
John Lifrieri
Gary Pagano
who passed away last week.

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Community Concerns Committee---The **Emergency Overflow Shelter of Danbury** is looking for volunteers to staff the shelter located at the First Congregational Church on Deer Hill Avenue. The shelter is open during the cold weather months to provide the homeless adults of Danbury with a warm place to sleep. St. Peter Church will be providing volunteers throughout the winter months. Please call Larry Morgan at 203-744-1082 evenings for information and to volunteer.

Tickets are due this Sunday, November 1!



We need everyone's help to make this a success!!!
Amount Sold to date: \$ 13,690.00

Women's Guild---will meet **Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Please bring scissors and pencils. It's time to cut out angels!

St. Peter Church



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Downstairs in the Parish Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

10:00 a.m. UNTIL 7:00 p.m.

CRAFT VENDORS, FOOD, New Items & White Elephant Table

A Door Prize drawn each hour.

Drawing for our Parish Raffle at 6:45 p.m.
Winner does not need to be present.

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

St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church, Danbury, is holding a **Holiday Bazaar on Friday, November 6 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Come enjoy the crafts, games handmade jewelry, white elephant, religious articles and more. Delicious foods – kibbee, tabbouli, stuffed grape leaves, hummus, spinach pies, meat pies, stuffed cabbage, chicken wraps and kafta wraps will be served. Also, home baked sweets – baklava, date and apricot fingers, macaroon ma'amoul, ka'ak, graybee and knafee will be available.

Members of the **St. Augustine School, Bridgeport, CT Class of 1974** are planning a **reunion for the summer of 2010.** They are trying to locate their classmates and lay teachers. Any information is welcome. Please contact Edmund Leahy at edmundk82@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Immaculate High School's second **Explore Entrance Exam** will be **Saturday, November 14 from 8:30 AM to 12 PM at the school.** This is the final exam for which student results can qualify for merit-based scholarships like the Marian Scholarships to Immaculate. Please call (203) 744-1510 extension 132 to register, and visit www.immaculatehs.org for more information. All parents of incoming freshmen are reminded that the deadline to apply for financial aid consideration is November 14th – visit our web site for more information on how to apply.

Memorial Mass for Deceased Women of our Diocese---will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Stamford.** A reception will follow. This is sponsored by the Bridgeport Diocese Council of Catholic Women. If you cannot attend, but would like your loved ones included in the memorial, please contact Marie Walsh 203-569-2559 or email mariewalsh@optonline.net.

VISOS - COMUNIDADE BRASILEIRA

MISSAS

Todos os sábados às 7:30pm e aos domingos às 7:30pm.6

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.



St. Peter Youth Group 2009 Wreath Sale

Representatives from our Youth Group will be at all Masses November 1 through 22 with order forms for fresh 14-inch double face Balsam Evergreen Wreaths by Halas Farm Market. The cost is \$20.00. A red velvet or country plaid bow is included. All orders are payable in advance. Thank you for your support. Pickup for the wreaths is the weekend of November 28 and 29.

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St. Peter Calendar

Información Hispana!

Sat	Oct 31	Community Concerns Committee Bake Sale to benefit Paracare. Following all Masses.
Sun	Nov 1	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8. Community Concerns Committee Bake Sale to benefit Paracare. Following all Masses. Raffle Tickets due back at Rectory.
Mon	Nov 2	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Parish Memorial Mass. 7:30 p.m.
Tue	Nov 3	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Nov 5	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sun	Nov 8	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K-8.
Mon	Nov 9	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Nov 10	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church. Women’s Guild. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	Nov 12	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room. Christmas Fair Setup in Parish Hall.
Fri	Nov 13	Christmas Fair Setup in Parish Hall.
Sat	Nov 14	Christmas Fair. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.
Sun	Nov 15	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Nov 16	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Parish Council Meeting.
Tue	Nov 17	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass 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	Nov 19	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sun	Nov 22	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Nov 23	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Nov 24	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day. 9:00 a.m. Mass.
Sun	Nov 29	NO Religious Education Classes.
Mon	Nov 30	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Dec 1	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church. Comm. Concerns. 7:15 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	Dec 3	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sun	Dec 6	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8. Confession
Mon	Dec 7	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Vigil of Immaculate Conception. 5:30 p.m.
Tue	Dec 8	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception Masses at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 N and 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church. Women’s Guild. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	Dec 10	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sun	Dec 13	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8. Confession
Mon	Dec 14	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Dec 15	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.

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 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 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.

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.

