



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



FEBRUARY

7	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Dorothy Vitti
		5:30 PM	✠ Susan Lynch
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
8	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Gene Bailey
		9:00 AM	✠ In Thanksgiving
		10:30 AM	✠ Antonia George
		12:00 N	Our Parishioners
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
9	MON	7:30 AM	✠ Sally Gereg
		12:10 N	✠ Dr. Sal Staffieri & Joseph O'Donnell
		<i>St. Scholastica, virgin</i>	
10	TUE	7:30 AM	✠ Frances Jockneovich
		12:10 N	✠ Bill Fitzmaurice
		<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	
11	WED	7:30 AM	✠ Beverly Scarpetti
		12:10 N	✠ Mary Blodgett Jackson
		<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	
12	THU	7:30 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	✠ Louis Chiarella
13	FRI	7:30 AM	✠ Frank Comacchio
		12:10 N	In Honor of the Holy Spirit
14	SAT	<i>Sts. Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Clarence Ruppert & Frederick Drake
		4:00 PM	✠ Maria, Joseph and Rosa Miguel
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
15	SUN	7:30 AM	The Scarpetti Family
		9:00 AM	✠ Margaret and Antonio Decensi and William Oliver
		10:30 AM	✠ Michael Federmack
		12:00 N	✠ James Walsh
		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 – February 1, 2009 \$9,284
Our weekly goal:..... \$10,500
 Thank you. Father Mecca

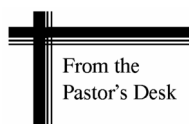
Please remember St. Peter Parish when preparing your will. A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our parish.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jack Dean

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Marion Aubin Eleanor Cassidy Lynn DiPasqua
 Rev. Louis Dytkowski Mary Anne Fortin Michael Halpin
 Lorraine Kain Thomas Liddane Tony Murphy Donald Ragaini
 Joseph Sherry Isabella Valdiviezo Pat Waters*



The groundhog saw his shadow on Tuesday so we are in for another six weeks of winter. As long as the winter happens Monday through Friday, I'm alright with that. We are certainly having an old-fashioned winter this year. My memory is not good, but I can't recall a winter in which we have had snow cover for this amount of time. I like winter with snow, but I admit to having become weary of the clean-up. We are scheduled to experience a thaw this weekend. Enjoy it.

Groundhog Day is also the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, a feast I have always liked. As I said we would last week, we blessed candles, a centuries old tradition, for use in the sanctuary, at baptisms and at home. If you would like a votive, we have some in the 3 and 5 inch size available in the vestibule this weekend.

The Presentation used to be considered the end of the Christmas Season. In that spirit, I'll mention two Christmas related odds and ends that I should have some weeks ago. First, I want to thank all the kind parishioners who brought goodies to the rectory. We enjoyed every cookie, cake and candy. I think we are now into the last box of candy. We appreciate your goodness to us. I also want, personally to thank all of you who sent Fr. Perez, Fr. Joe, Msgr. Pedro, Fr. Merry and me Christmas greetings. During the crazy days before Christmas I do not open cards. My practice is to put them in a basket and open them on an evening when I can read each one slowly and enjoy the artwork. I still have the basket on my coffee table. I hate throwing them away. A few people gave me Christmas gifts without signing the card. I'll use this space to thank you.

As most of you know, the Christ child was stolen from the Manger sometime during the day on Saturday, January 10 during the time between the morning Mass and afternoon confessions. We have ordered another infant from the Italian company which made our set. The set is still produced so the infant will match the other figures and fit perfectly into the cradle. We should receive it in about a month, well in advance of Christmas '09.

If you have driven by the rectory you may have noticed that we invested in storm doors for both the business and center entrances. They were installed a little over a week ago. We were looking to cut down on the drafts from the doors, especially through the door to the office. We purchased screens as well so that in good weather we can now open the doors to take advantage of the breezes and fresh air. In addition to the doors, we had the company make storm windows for the two windows adjacent to the front door. The storms had been foolishly removed a few years ago. Not only were both windows particularly drafty, the absence of storms on windows accessible from the porch created a security risk. We were careful to select a color and style that compliment the house. I have to say I'm quite pleased with the look. We hope you are, too.

You may have heard something about the Diocese's Confession Campaign for this Lent. At the Bishop's request, all parishes will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation available every Tuesday during Lent from 7 to 9 p.m. The Bishop wants to do this with the hope of bringing back inactive Catholics to the Church and encouraging those who have been away from the Sacrament for a long time to meet the God of mercy and love in this intimate way. The Diocese is launching a media campaign that includes

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

billboards and bus and train displays along with this initiative, so if you haven't heard of it you definitely will. At the parish level, we are asked to not only publicize the campaign but pray for it. As of date, we have put up the posters on the bulletin boards and have ordered some prayer cards which we will place in the vestibule and in a pamphlet holder next to the door of the Reconciliation Room when they arrive. Beginning next week and running through the season of Lent, we'll include announcements in the bulletin.

On Inauguration Day, auditors came (at our expense mind you) to conduct the follow-up procedural review mandated by the Diocese of how we are complying with the financial manual. The auditors reviewed the way we handle all income and expenses, including tracking the offertory from the moment you place your envelope or cash in the basket until it is deposited in the bank. At the 4 o'clock Mass several weeks ago, one of the auditors was present to watch our collection and how our ushers secure it once it has come up in the offertory procession. They have one more observation. One or both auditors will come to watch how we open, sort and record the offertory and prepare the deposit. I anticipate that we are in conformity with the vast number of rules. We will be cited for something I'm sure because I have ignored one or two of what I consider over the top requirements, like counting each Mass's offertory separately. We have nine weekend Masses here. That would place an undue burden on our small staff and volunteers. Oversight is good, but, as I have repeatedly said, the Diocese has gone from a little to now an absurd amount. I'll pass on to you any major recommendations if there are any when the report comes. Just so you know, the finance committee will see the reports as a check on the pastor.

Using bulk mail we sent out last week the end of the year contribution statements to the 813 parishioners who use the envelope system. I made a typo in last week's bulletin. I meant to have said that if you do *not* receive a statement and believe you should have, to call us at the office and we will be happy to print one and get it out to you in time for your tax return. Undoubtedly, you figured that out. Those statements should have been delivered to you by now.

This Thursday we will have our annual corporation meeting as required by state law. You may not be aware that every parish is a corporation. The officers are the Bishop, President; the three Vicar Generals of the Diocese, Vice Presidents; the pastor, Secretary and Treasurer. Two lay members round out the corporation. We will reelect our two lay trustees, Michael McLachlan and Anthony Rizzo, and then discuss the current state of the parish and where we might be going in the year ahead.

Finally, a couple of weeks ago I mentioned that Rita Kovacs and Katia Ferriera attended the Pontifical Congress of the Family in Mexico City in January. Rita has written a little summary of the Congress for us. Fr. Mecca

Notes from Rita---What is the World Family Congress? Every three years the Pope invites all the Catholic families around the world to get together to talk, pray and learn more about the real role of the Christian family. Each family serves as the foundation of the evangelization of society. Pope Benedict XVI made an urgent call to change the world we live in, to promote healthy families rooted in faith. The Congress seeks to promote the principles of family life. It is in the family unit where we are first schooled in the way of Christ. Families play many roles. They serve as educators of faith, educators of the truth, and as educators of dignity and respect.

We learned at the Congress how the family is the most important agent of evangelization, a builder of moral values. All the families together make a civilization of love. It was a great experience to gather with 9000 people from all over the world, who had come together with the same purpose. We all shared our concerns about the current state of moral values and the institution of the family.

It was an experience that I don't have enough words to describe. It was also great to know and visit the place where the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared to little Juan Diego as well as witness the strong faith that the Mexican population carry with them. It made me question my own faith at times. Both Katia Ferreira and I learned that it is everyone's responsibility to spread and promote the family.

We would like to thank Msgr. Bob Weiss and Betty-Ann Casaretti for preparing and organizing this wonderful experience.



We offer our condolences to the families of

James Marron
who passed away last week.

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations are offered to our students for their outstanding academic achievements.

Middle School Honor Roll

Ayana Alves, Jazmine Cabrera, Margot Cano, Gabriel Correa, Lorena Curtis, Katie Franqueira, Maura Hughes, Alexa Kozlowski, Kyle Kozlowski, Blaise Pasquarella, Patrick Relator, Richard Voight, Thomas Zielinski.

We are proud to announce Zachary Eriquez, Grade 8, recipient of the Diocesan St. Thomas Aquinas Award for his leadership as President of our Student Council and Academic Achievement.

Josh Hernandez, Grade 8, recipient of the President's Scholarship awarded by Immaculate High School. Josh will receive \$2,000 his freshman year and \$1,000 each consecutive year. Josh scored the highest grade on the Encore list administered by Immaculate High School.

Congratulations Students!

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes this Sunday for all grades K – 8 10:15 am in the school.

Please Note: There are No Classes next Sunday, February 15, due to President's Day Weekend.

First Reconciliation---The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated for the first time by those children preparing for First Holy Communion in May.


The date is: Saturday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the church. 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.

Parents' meeting for Confirmation: this Sunday, February 8, during class time – at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

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*****

Morning of Reflection---The theme of the **February 20** reflection will be **St. Paul**. In this year of St. Paul we will look at Paul's life, his conversion and his great contributions to our faith life. Join us from 10 am to noon in the Parish Hall. The presenter is Yvette Lessard. If schools are canceled due to inclement weather, the session will be held February 27.



Collection for St. James' Church Food Pantry is the weekend of February 21 and 22. 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. Community Concerns thanks you for your support.

Men's Society---will meet on **Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m.** All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Thank you, St. Peter Parish---*On behalf of the residents, graduates, staff and Board of Directors of the Shelter of the Cross, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the many generous Christmas gifts that were provided to our residents by members of the St. Peter family. St. Peter has been a wonderful supporter of our program and we continue to appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity that you share with us. During this time of year when so many are drawn to home and family, we are grateful for your contributions that enable the Shelter of the Cross to continue to be a welcoming refuge for those who have no home of their own. With warm regards, Janice Wiggins, President, Board of Directors.*

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

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.

Morning Glory in Danbury seeks volunteers to assist in **preparing and serving breakfast** to the disadvantaged, **Monday-Friday from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Dorothy Day Hospitality**

House. For more information, call Michele Conderino 748-0848, ext. 231.

Adult Confirmation---Are you a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? On **Pentecost Sunday, May 31, at 3:30 p.m.**, the Diocesan Celebration of Confirmation for Adults will be celebrated at **Saint Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport**. Diocesan refresher classes are offered on seven consecutive Tuesdays from April 14 – May 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Saint Luke Parish in Westport. Adult Confirmation information forms may be obtained from your parish office. If you require further information, please call the Diocesan Office for Pastoral Services at 203-416-1446 or email doconnor@diobpt.org.

I.H.S. \$100,000 Tuition Raffle---The \$100,000 tuition raffle drawing is **March 8, 2009**. Tickets cost \$100 each and only 3,000 tickets will be sold. We appreciate your support of the tuition raffle please be reminded that the winner can choose to use the raffle proceeds to pay tuition at any accredited school in the country! Please continue to spread the word. If you would like to buy a ticket please contact John Brosz at 203-744-1510 Ext. 144 or via e-mail @ jbrosz@immaculatehs.org.

IMS Fourth Annual Gala Dinner Dance---**Save the Date Saturday, March 21, 2009 @ The Amber Room Colonnade**

The next I.H.S. Entrance Exams are scheduled for February 11 at 4:30 p.m. and March 14 at 8:30 p.m. Please contact Mike Bonelli at 203-744-1510 Ext. 157 or via e-mail @ mbonelli@immaculatehs.org to register.

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!

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.
Fri	Feb. 20	Morning of Reflection. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 N.
Sat	Feb. 21	Confirmation Workshop. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Food Pantry Collection. At all Masses.
Sun	Feb. 22	Rel. Ed. Classes Grades K – 8. Coffee Hour. Sponsored by the Homebound and Eucharistic Ministers. Following 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Food Pantry Collection. At all Masses.
Mon	Feb. 23	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. The Book Discussion Group. 7:00 p.m. Rectory. Fr. Boadt’s book <i>The Life of St. Paul</i>
Tue	Feb. 24	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Wed	Feb. 25	Ash Wednesday No Bingo.
Thu	Feb. 26	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	Feb. 28	First Communion Workshop. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Sun	Mar. 1	Rel. Ed. Classes Grades K – 8.
Mon	Mar. 2	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Mar. 3	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Thu	Mar. 5	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Mar. 6	First Friday Adoration. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 N. Presentation on the Life of St. Paul by Reverend Lawrence Boadt Youth Group Famine begins.
Sat	Mar. 7	Youth Group Famine ends.
Sun	Mar. 8	Rel. Ed. Classes Grades K – 8.
Mon	Mar. 9	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Mar. 10	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	Mar. 12	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	Mar. 14	Confirmation Workshop. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Sun	Mar. 15	Rel. Ed. Classes Grades K – 8.
Mon	Mar. 16	Parish Council. 7:30 p.m. Rectory. Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Mar. 17	Hibernian Mass. 11:00 a.m. 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	Mar. 19	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	Mar. 21	First Reconciliation. 11:00 a.m.
Sun	Mar. 22	Rel. Ed. Classes Grades K - *.
Mon	Mar. 23	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

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

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 Catequesis en la Escuela de St. Peter los Domingos a las 10:15 am.

El programa de RCIA o educacion 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 hata el mes de Agosto.

Curso de Estudio Bíblico

El curso Biblico se está llevando a cabo en la parte baja 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.

Para saber cuando se han cancelado las clases de catesismo por favor mirar en el canal 13 WFSB, canal 8 WTNH y los canales 4 y 6 WNBC los Domingos en la mañana y los días que haya mal clima y que usted piense que las clases pueden ser canceladas. Tambien se puede llamar a la oficina de Catequesis al tel: 743-1048 y alli habrá un mensaje en la maquina contestadora

Durante el tiempo de cuaresma, se estaran escuchando confesiones todos los Martes a las 7 de la noche. En todas la Parroquias de la Diocesis de Bridgeport se oiran confesiones. Aprovechen esta oportunidad.

Dios los Bendiga.

