



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



MARCH/APRIL

28	SAT	4:00 PM	† Maria, Joseph and Rosa Miguel
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
29	SUN	7:30 AM	† Winifred Seeley
		9:00 AM	† Salud S. Soriano
		10:30 AM	† Michael Corey
		12:00 N	† Ruth Herrick
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
30	MON	7:30 AM	† Louise Fauser
		12:10 N	† Charles Gallagher
31	TUE	7:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
		12:10 N	† Elizabeth and Neil McCaffery
1	WED	7:30 AM	† Rose Bonacci
		12:10 N	† Michael Pacific
2	THU	<i>St. Francis of Paola, hermit</i>	
		7:30 AM	For World Leaders
		9:15 AM	School Mass
		12:10 N	Special Intention
3	FRI	7:30 AM	† Patrick Durkin
		12:10 N	For Those Preparing for Baptism
		7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
4	SAT	8:00 PM	Spanish Stations of the Cross
		7:30 AM	For the World Hungry
		4:00 PM	† Marinicola Pidala
5	SUN	5:30 PM	† Paul and Richard Halas
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
		7:30 AM	Our Parishioners
		9:00 AM	† Leo Delohery
		10:30 AM	† William Schlichtig
		12:00 N	† Christopher Chianelli
		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 – March 22, 2009 \$8,400

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

Thank you. Father Mecca

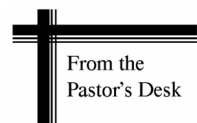
Please remember St. Peter Parish when preparing your will. A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our parish.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Diana Montesdeoca Jennifer Monesdeoca Luis Montesdesca, Jr.

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Marion Aubin Eleanor Cassidy Lynn DiPasqua
Rev. Louis Dytkowski Mary Anne Fortin Michael Halpin
Walter Hentschel Lorraine Kain Lena Kovacs Thomas Liddane
Tony Murphy Kathleen Scott Isabella Valdiviezo*



From the
Pastor's Desk

We welcome to our parish this weekend LaSalette Father Stan Kennedy. As I said at the end of the column

last week, Fr. Kennedy will speak at all the Masses about Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. This organization was founded in 1981 by Catholic lay people who wanted to participate in the social outreach of the church in a unique way. C.F.C.A. is a sponsorship program. It matches a child, youth or elderly person overseas with a sponsor here. For a dollar a day a sponsor helps to provide food, medical care, schooling, and other things. There is an insert in today's bulletin from C.F.C.A. that gives us information and the opportunity to become a sponsor should we be interested. I thank Fr. Kennedy for coming from his order's residence in Hartford to be here and help celebrate Mass in my absence.

As many of you know, I have had a lifelong interest in the French language as well as with the culture and history of the country. I have frequently thought of attending an immersion program to make some headway in my verbal skills. A few irresistible factors came together prompting me to go study at the Alliance Francaise in Paris this month. There is a couple from Fr. Joe's former parish who keeps in close touch with him and has visited here numerous times. The husband is French born and has a niece who is a student in Paris and active in a parish there. After talking on an occasion, they, unbeknownst to me, contacted their niece who in turn spoke to her pastor, who in turn extended an invitation to me to stay at the rectory if I were interested in doing so while studying in the city. The parish is St. Pierre du Mont Rouge. (How is that for a coincidence?) It is a real working parish in a residential neighborhood, not a tourist church, with Masses in Portuguese and an African language. I'll have the benefit of living with three priests and joining them in their worship and as much of the life of the parish as I am able. Add to this favorable living arrangement some unbeatable airfares, and I couldn't resist the opportunity to capitalize on the offer. Classes finished on Friday, but I'm spending this weekend visiting with a French sister, a Daughter of the Holy Spirit, with whom I became friendly when she lived at the Bridgeport convent next to the Cathedral. I'm hoping to visit one or more of the great Gothic cathedrals on this trip—Chartres or Rheims—and, of course, go to Notre Dame de Paris for the Sunday organ recital, Vespers and Grande Messe at 6 p.m. I return on Tuesday.

We have two weeks remaining in Lent. This is the time when most of us like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Tuesday evening we are particularly inviting parishioners from the Hispanic community to take advantage of the confession campaign and come for the Sacrament. Because of the confession campaign, we are not scheduling an evening penance service but encouraging you to come on one of the Tuesday nights. We will have extended confession times during Holy week. We'll publish the times next week along with the entire Holy Week schedule.

Next Saturday, April 4, we have much going on, so I want to give the 4 o'clock Mass goes a heads up. The eighth grade Confirmation students will be on their retreat Saturday from 9-3 in the parish hall. That same afternoon Fr. Perez has a wedding upstairs. Do you think there will be a bit of traffic congestion? I'm hoping the parking lot will be cleared at 3:30, but be aware there might be some spill-over, and we'll all have to be a little more patient as we see larger crowds than normal on Palm Sunday.

Fr. Mecca

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



*We offer our condolences to the families of
John Kornhass Alexander Marchak
Kenneth Vulcano Gail Zaleta
who passed away last week.*

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Throughout these days of Lent, our Church has called us, on a daily basis, to be more aware of God in our lives. Daily readings from the Old Testament have reminded us of God's calling Israel to know He is their God and loves them as His children. How marvelous for us to reflect on these thoughts as we ponder God's love for His people and proof of that love by sending His own Son to fulfill that love. Each day we at Saint Peter Campus reflect of these daily readings in an effort to bring our students' minds and heart into the wondrous and awesome knowledge of God's love for them.

Friday Stations of the Cross and monthly Mass are simple but concrete methods of solidifying our faith in our young. Let us join together in prayer as our journey of these next few weeks brings us to the holiest of weeks and the glorious day of Resurrection.

On the business side of our days, we are vigorously working on our re-registration and registration of new students for school year 2009-2010. Again, we encourage our readers to seriously consider providing a Catholic education for your child. Come and visit, see why investing in Catholic Education is the wisest investment you can make for your child. We are hosting an Open House on Sunday, April 26th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Saint Peter Campus. Any new registrations on that day will receive free registration fee for your child.

In the meantime, why not join us for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Our Multi-Cultural evening of music and dance, food and fun is also fast approaching. Come join us.

Special thanks to all our wonderful St. Peter Parishioners for your generous contributions to our "Buy a Tile" as we re-tile our main hall.

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!

Saturday, April 4, 2009

From 9:00-11:00 AM

Sacred Heart Campus Gym

Cost: \$5.00 per Person, \$15.00 Family of Four

For further information, please call 792-6194.

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes this Sunday for all grades K – 8

First Communion Parent Meeting This Sunday---We will have a **Parent Meeting** today **Sunday, March 29** during class time, at **10:15 am in the school lunchroom**. Please remember to bring \$5 to purchase the family banner kits for First Communion Day.

Confirmation Parents of 8th grade class---If anyone can please help us and donate some food for the lunch on the Retreat day, Saturday, April 4, please call the Religious Ed office 743-1048 and I will tell you what to bring. Thank you!

Confirmation Students---Exam this Sunday, **March 29** during class time. **Confirmation Retreat** is **Saturday, April 4 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall**. At that time your Service hours are due. You will also have your interview with the Pastor during the retreat, so please do not forget to bring your Letters to the Pastor with you to the retreat.

May 3 Mass--The May Crowning at **9 a.m.** will be for all children. Please plan to attend. A letter has been sent home to all families. Please put this on your calendar. All children will sit with their class and teachers will then escort them over to the school for classes as usual at 10:15 a.m.

PARISH EVENTS

Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE 

Our monthly Coffee Hour, hosted by our Community Concerns Committee, is this Sunday, March 28, following the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Join us in the Parish Hall.

This Friday, April 3, 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.

Lenten Confession Campaign---Lent is the time we can check where we have failed to be faithful to our relationship and friendship with God. Today's Responsorial Psalm can be our prayer of repentance for the coming week: "Create in me a clean heart, O God." During Lent, in our Diocese, we have the opportunity on Tuesday nights to create that clean heart by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this Year of St. Paul we can also turn to his words to remember this gift to the Church. "All this has been done by God who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Lenten Tuesday Evening Confessor Schedule

Mar. 31 Hispanic Community, Fr. Perez

Apr. 7 English, Fr. Mecca

Community Concerns Committee---will meet next **Tuesday, April 7, at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. We welcome new members. With the economic strain these days our helping hands are needed!

Women's Guild---will meet **Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. All women of the parish are welcome to join!

2009 Annual Bishop's Appeal

St. Peter Goal	\$110,000
Pledged	\$ 52,640
No. of Pledges and Gifts	156

Women of the Parish...Save the Date...

Sunday, April 19

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass



**The Women's Guild is holding its annual
Communion Breakfast at the Ethan Allen Hotel.**

**Tickets will be on sale next weekend for \$25 per person.
Please plan on joining us...**

The Ninevite Prayer Group of Reparation has changed its meeting time. From now on, we will meet after the Tuesday 12:10 Mass in Church. Please join us.

Saturday, May 30

St. Peter Church will hold its second



Clean Sweep Tag Sale

The committee will be asking for persons to purchase spaces in which to sell their treasures. They will also be asking for gently used items to be donated for the Church to sell. All proceeds will go to St. Peter Church for capital expenditures. So begin looking for and collecting donations...

NO BOOKS, NO CLOTHING AND NO CHILDREN'S TOYS!

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

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.

Retrouvaille of Connecticut

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or cold and distant, even if you are divorced or separated but you want to try again, then the Retrouvaille program can help you. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will take place April 17 through 19, 2009. For more information please call our confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or e-mail us at 3001@retrouvaille.org.

If you are suffering from the pain of an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend from April 17 – 19** in Fairfield County. The retreat will combine spiritual meditations, discussions, Confession, a Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love and to help you forgive yourself and others. Participants have their own private room. For more information, please call the retreat director at 203-218-0291 or email her at Jeremiah31v17@aol.com or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com. All inquiries are kept in the strictest of confidence. This ministry is sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Celtic Collection Silent Auction---The Greater Danbury Hibernian Scholarship Fund Raiser is to be held on **April 18 at Immaculate High School**. The event hours are **7:00 to 10:00 p.m.** with an admission fee of **\$15.00 per person**. This event is open to the general public and will feature auction items donated by the Hibernian membership as well as from many businesses in the Danbury area. Auction items are still needed for this event. There will be appetizers and dessert and coffee served as well as traditional Irish musicians playing favorite Irish songs.

The Scholarships are given each year to middle school students in the greater Danbury area who wish to enter Immaculate High School. Last year, we gave out additional book awards to area high school students who will be attending college. For more information regarding this event, please contact Debbi Lynch-Fako at 203-792-7579 or Maureen Davis at 203-826-7121.

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. 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Peter Calendar

Información Hispana!

Sun	Mar. 29	Rel. Ed. Classes Grade K – 8. Coffee Hour. Hosted by Community Concerns. Following 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.
Mon	Mar. 30	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Mar. 31	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Thu	Apr. 2	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room. Brazilian Stations of the Cross. 8:00 p.m. Parish Choir in Church. 9:00 p.m.
Fri	Apr. 3	First Friday Adoration. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 N. Stations of the Cross. 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. Spanish Stations of the Cross. 8:00 p.m.
Sat	Apr. 4	Confirmation Retreat. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sun	Apr. 5	Palm Sunday. Rel. Ed. Classes Grade K – 8.
Mon	Apr. 6	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Apr. 7	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Wed	Apr. 8	No Bingo.
Thu	Apr. 9	Holy Thursday. 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer 7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper
Fri	Apr. 10	Good Friday. 8:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer 12:10 p.m. – Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m. – Veneration of the Cross
Sat	Apr. 11	Holy Saturday. 8:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer 8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil
Sun	Apr. 12	Easter Sunday. 7:30, 9:00 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 N Masses No Religious Education Classes. Spanish Mass. 5:30 p.m. Brazilian Mass. 7:30 p.m.
Mon	Apr. 13	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Apr. 14	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Wed	Apr. 15	Bingo Resumes.
Thu	Apr. 16	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Apr. 17	Morning of Reflection. 10:00 a.m. Parish Hall.
Sun	Apr. 19	No Religious Education Classes. WG Communion Breakfast. Ethan Allen Hotel. Following 10:30 a.m. Mass
Mon	Apr. 20	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Parish Council. 7:30 p.m. Rectory.
Tue	Apr. 21	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Thu	Apr. 23	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	Apr. 25	First Communion Workshop. 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. Parish Hall.
Sun	Apr. 26	Rel. Ed. Classes Grade K – 8. Coffee Hour. Hosted by Lectors & Men’s Society. Following 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
Mon	Apr. 27	Hispanic Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Apr. 28	Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Thu	Apr. 30	Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in 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 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 Confirmacion 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.

