



## 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**



**MAY**

2	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Frances Jocknevech
		5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
3	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ John J. Scalzo
		9:00 AM	✠ Butch Melody
		10:30 AM	✠ Walter Barlow
		12:00 N	✠ Sophie Slater
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
4	MON	7:30 AM	✠ Butch Melody
		12:10 N	✠ Maria Rizzo
5	TUE	7:30 AM	✠ Brian Blanchfield
		12:10 N	✠ Kenneth J. Vulcano
6	WED	7:30 AM	✠
		12:10 N	✠ Robert J. Hossan
7	THU	7:30 AM	✠
		12:10 N	✠ Loretta & John Durkin and Family
8	FRI	7:30 AM	✠ Frances & Clarence Ruppert and Clarence Jr.
		12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		7:30 AM	✠ Winifred Turgeon
		4:00 PM	✠ Angeline Barata
9	SAT	5:30 PM	Our Parishioners
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
		7:30 AM	✠ Marion McGlory
		9:00 AM	✠ Lucille Cody
		10:30 AM	✠ Margaret and Leo McLaughlin
10	SUN	12:00 N	✠ Ruth Herrick
		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 – ..... \$9,417**  
**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**

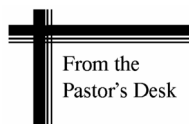
*Lindsay Guaman Jalyn Gomez Jaeden Inocentes  
Anthony Jamerson Jacob Silva*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*William Silva and Angelica Garcia  
John Rodrigues and Tiffanie Caravan  
Jeffrey Ginty and Bevin Krack*

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

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



*Water, water, everywhere, and all the boards did shrink; Water, water, everywhere nor any drop to drink.* When I was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade our teacher had us memorize and recite passages from great works of poetry. Do you recognize the above quotation? It is from the *Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner* by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. I know we had to memorize more than those two lines, but that is all I can remember these many years later. I found myself muttering them (as well as a few other things) when I came into the office today and the staff handed me our latest water issue. Waste water from the school cafeteria is backing up and the school was not able to use the kitchen sinks. We have been told by the plumbers that because the sinks are below ground the best solution to prevent clogging is to install pumps that will force the waste water up and out into the sewer line. The school will be inconvenienced for a little while as we wait for the work to be done. People often say things come in threes. I think we've hit and surpassed three water works if we count the boiler, the third floor pipe in the rectory and three other issues, one each at the school, rectory and church. At the school we have had a leaking gutter and a joint that has separated. PANA, Inc. is here today, as a matter of fact, making the repairs. At the rectory, the last time it rained I heard a pinging sound coming from my closet which is above the office entrance. I found water dripping from a hole in the ceiling. The hole was left behind when the bathroom directly overhead was renovated with new piping back in the days Fr. Corey lived there. We have eliminated with good certainty the possibility that the water is coming from the bathroom because it has never dripped again. We are waiting for the next rainstorm to track the path of the water. In the meantime I have the large tub for the Christmas tree in the middle of the closet. Because the closet is not for clothing—it is lined with shelves for storage—I'm not inconvenienced. Over at the church, we have had water seeping into the parish hall through the window wells during storms. The problem there is two fold. The drains at the bottom of the wells need cleaning out, but the sidewalk renovation the city conducted some years ago raised the grade along Center Street so that in places it is level with or higher than the granite sills, thus allowing water to run in. During the summer months we are going to address these water issues. *Water, water, everywhere.* The next water I want to see is the ocean from my lounge chair at Cape Cod.

I cannot pass on this week much in the way of updates on other issues. The work on the school boiler is not yet complete. The larger fabric and naugahyde samples for the pews and kneelers have been sent from the mill and should arrive by the end of the week. The representative from the Keck Group, however, has told me that between Keck and the mill we will receive a \$12,000 adjustment on the cost of the work. I'll let you know the final price of the job as soon as we have it fully priced.

Many of you have asked often about Fr. Joe's health and if he has his date for the pacemaker. I can pass on to you that Fr. Joe's cardiologist set the date for Wednesday, May 6. He had received word last Friday, but the bulletin had already been transmitted so I couldn't tell you last week. Fr. Joe passed his pre-op this week. That's a good sign. With the pacemaker we are hopeful that he will have more energy and stamina. Please remember him in your prayers this week. Fr. Joe has a weakened heart from two heart attacks, and other health problems complicate even "routine"

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procedures for him. I have told him that once his heart is ticking better we are going on a road trip to North Andover, Massachusetts to spend a day with his sisters. Let's hope we can do that soon.

In a sign of the times I suppose, we experienced two thefts from the candle money box in the last two weeks. On Wednesday of this week someone destroyed the lock. The lock, in fact, had been already compromised. Not much money was taken because the box had been emptied on Monday. The offering box is usable for the time being, but we need to install on it a stronger lock.

First Holy Communion takes place this coming weekend. First Communion is one of the best celebrations at a parish, I think. I'm looking forward to it. We have a rather large class this year, which, of course, is great to see. We have a second celebration of First Communion the following week in Spanish. We give the Hispanic families the option of celebrating in either English or Spanish. Although the majority of children are comfortable enough with the liturgy in English, their parents have trouble participating fully in it so for those who prefer we have the second celebration and Fr. Perez presides and preaches. I get to sit and enjoy and not think.

We had a good start to the Clean Sweep Tag Sale last Saturday. We were accepting donations from 10-2. As I sat on the porch for a meeting, I watched many cars drive in. Marita Repole gave her time to accept the donations. Thank you, Marita, and all who came by. Please look around your house and see if you have anything you want to get rid of. In addition, spread the word about the tag sale to relatives and friends who might like to make donations or purchase a table to sell their own things. We have drop off dates this week on Thursday and Saturday as you can see in the ad on the following page. The tag sale last year was fun and profitable. We anticipate this year's will be the same. God knows we need the extra income given the recent unanticipated expenses!

The Bishop's Appeal is progressing despite the fact that I have not spoken about it at all from the pulpit. As of this week we stand at \$71,500 of our total goal of \$110,000. We are at a better place now than this time last year. For comparison sake, we had \$63,835 pledged by this time last year. We held our first in-pew solicitation during the first weekend of May last year. My original plans for this weekend would have prevented me from being present at each Mass, so I put off the in-pew for next weekend. So, you can expect me to talk at each Mass appealing to those of you who are not on the parish list and do not receive mail from us or the diocese. There will be envelopes in all the pews, and I will ask you to take one home to make a pledge and mail it or return it in the offertory on a subsequent weekend. As you heard me say repeatedly last year and will hear me say again like a broken record, in a middle income parish like ours the only way we achieve the goal is through a high participation rate. We need more than a quarter of our parishioners to make pledges. Last year we achieved an astonishing participation rate of 28%. Even with that we only made and exceeded our goal because someone made a very large donation of stock in our name. We need the support of everyone who is in a position to make a gift no matter how small. I asked you last year to give \$10 or \$20 if that's all you could rather than give nothing at all. A gift says you care about the needs of others. It says you care that your parish meets its obligations. Remember, any shortfall has to be made up. Wouldn't you prefer that we don't have to do that? Our fund raising last year and your generosity in the offertory have allowed us to build a savings while keeping up with things and make improvements. I'm sure you agree that we want to continue this trend. So, I ask those of you especially who give by means of

loose cash and not on receiving mail from us, to be open to the possibility of making a pledge next week during the in-pew solicitation. Thank you.  
Fr. Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the families of  
Betty Ragaini Bertera  
Jeanie Smith  
who passed away last week.*

\*\*\*SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS\*\*\*

Happy Fourth Week of Easter!

Our Home School and School Advisory Boards met to plan and work on a marketing plan presenting all we at Saint Peter-Sacred Heart offer to our students. Our reconfiguration of two wonderful schools is just now ending its second year. All should be proud of the stability, support and progress made. Our marketing plan's goal is to encourage children's parents to invest in the future of our Church and our Country. Our children are today's leaders among themselves. How important to continue their Baptismal Foundation in a Catholic School. An individual reading our letter may be of a marketing background and wish to volunteer to help. Please call. We are a unique school, a school of diverse background, a Catholic school having a distinct intermediate program for Grades 4 and 5 as well as a distinct middle school program for Grades 6-8.

A final celebration, but far from the least, was our Multi-Cultural Night held Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Campus Gym. The evening was marvelous!! Guests numbered over 200, appetizers, entrees and deserts were bountiful. Family pride was exuberant as the various cultures were honored through song, dance and poetry. Our pastors, Fr. Dennis and Fr. Mecca along with Senator Michael McLachlan were there to support, greet and meet our families. In a word the evening was a success thanks to Arlene Salvador Director of our Day Care, our teachers and our parents.

Looking forward to 2010 because that is the year Saint Peter School campus celebrates 125 years of Catholic Education in Danbury. Celebrate!

Again, we thank you for being you, we ask your prayers for all we do.

Have a great week. Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

\*\*\*SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION\*\*\*

**Classes this Sunday for all grades K-8.**

**This Sunday is the May Crowning of Mary**---All Religious Education classes will meet at the 9 o'clock children's Mass and sit with their class. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will lead the entrance procession and place a crown of roses on the statue of the Blessed Mother. After Mass the children will go to the school for classes as usual.

**First Communion Students---**

Masses – Saturday, May 9 11:00 a.m. in Church (English);

Rehearsal – Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

Saturday, May 16 11:00 a.m. in Church (Spanish);

Rehearsal – Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

**Do not forget to turn in your family banner to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible!**

**Congratulations to all our Confirmation Students who were confirmed by Archbishop Cronin on Thursday evening!**

Davidson Abiali Devon Ames Jhonatan Acre Arthur Balarezo  
 Diana Barrionuevo Brian Bill Anthony Bobenhausen  
 Karina Brito Brandon Celentano Jenny Chacon  
 Jefferson Coraizaca Zaida Coraizaca Carlos Cordova  
 Mariuxi Cordova Kenny Damo Giovanni Dayrit  
 Sarah DeFlumeri Nicholas DiNardo Zachary  
 EriquezChristopher Espinal Laury Espinal Kyle Ferguson  
 Angel Guaman Michelle Gustavson Laura Jara Hein Le  
 Joshua Lenihan Lisett Lojano Jason Mendoza Nelson Merchan  
 Phuoc Nguyen Ariel Nunez James O'Toole Andres Pelaez  
 Wilmer Ramos Sienna Ratigan Darwin Remache  
 Angel Rodriguez Grace Rodriguez Jessica Rodriguez  
 Erika Rodriguez Lillian Rosado Sindy Sanchez  
 Christopher Sari Kimberly Schwab Brian Siguenza  
 Jomae Silverio Victoria Smith Jeyson Suarez George Tacuri  
 Claire Tensa Vanessa Tyrrell Catherine Vasquez  
 Stephanie Velasquez Jhenny Vellavicencio Thania Villavicencio  
 Johnny Zaruma.

Thank you to Mary Ellen Barlow-Hansen and the Youth Group for hosting the Confirmation reception and to all those parishioners who baked and contributed to the reception.

**\*\*\*PARISH EVENTS\*\*\***

**2009 Annual Bishop's Appeal**

<b>St. Peter Goal</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 71,536</b>
<b>No. of Pledges and Gifts</b>	<b>235</b>

**Community Concerns Committee**---will meet this **Tuesday, May 5, at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

**Women's Guild**---meets next **Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Our project for the evening is birthday boxes for Interfaith Aids. Please don't forget your gift for the box.

**Youth Group**---The final tally is in on the 30 hour famine. The dedication and commitment that the group displayed to raise money for the hungry was outstanding. I think many of you witnessed how involved they were and how much of their very busy lives, they were willing to give up for such a good cause. With your help, the group raised \$5000! How wonderful is your support. Some of the money was used to buy food for 7 local families that the youth adopted - families having trouble supporting and feeding themselves. The rest of the money went to feed the starving children outside of the US. Thank you again. **To show our appreciation for your support all year, please join us for our annual**

**Block Party on Sunday, May 17, from 11:30 a.m. to -1:30p.m. in the school playground.**

**Spiritual Direction**---is one means of deepening our relationship with God. It has been a suggested spiritual practice for over 300 years by such spiritual masters as St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Theresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, etc. Yvette Lessard is a

trained spiritual director, and she will be at the rectory on **Thursday, May 7.** Please call the rectory if you would like an appointment to see if this would be helpful for your spiritual life.

**Saturday, May 30**  
**St. Peter Church will hold its second**



**Clean Sweep Tag Sale**

**On the grounds of St. Peter Rectory. Bring your own table (or rent one) and set up shop.**

**Spaces: \$35 each or 2/\$50. Sale hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Set up begins at 7:00 a.m.**

**For reservations, call 790-5818 and leave a message. Space available on first-come, first-served basis. Rain date: June 6.**

<b>Drop Off Dates:</b>	<b>Thursday, May 7</b>
<b>Saturday, May 9</b>	<b>Thursday, May 14</b>
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>Thursday, May 21</b>
	<b>Thursday, May 28</b>

**Morning of Reflection**---The May Morning of Reflection will be held on **Friday, May 15, from 10:00 to noon in the Parish Hall.** Being that May is Mary's month, our reflections will focus on Mary, the Mother of God. We will look at Mary in Scripture, her apparitions, and devotions dedicated to her. Yvette Lessard will lead the reflections.8

**Next Sunday, May 10 is Mother's Day!**  
**Birthright will be selling carnations for a \$1.00 donation. Vases will be in the Sanctuary to collect flowers in memory of deceased mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmothers.**

**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. 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.

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### St. Peter Calendar

Sun	May 3	<b>May Crowning at 9:00 a.m. Mass.</b> <b>Rel. Ed. Classes Grade K – 8.</b>
Mon	May 4	<b>Hispanic Prayer Group.</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	May 5	<b>Ninevite Prayer Group.</b> After 12:10 Mass. <b>Children's Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Brazilian Prayer Group.</b> 6:30 p.m. Church. <b>Community Concerns.</b> 7:15 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	May 7	<b>Tag Sale Drop Off.</b> At Rectory. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon <b>First Communion Rehearsal.</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Parish Choir.</b> 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	May 9	<b>Tag Sale Drop Off.</b> At Rectory. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon <b>First Communion.</b> 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.
Sun	May 10	<b>Rel. Ed. Classes Grade K – 8.</b> <b>Mother's Day – No Pre-Baptism Class.</b>
Mon	May 11	<b>Hispanic Prayer Group.</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. <b>Marian Devotions.</b> 7:30 p.m. Church
Tue	May 12	<b>Children's Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Brazilian Prayer Group.</b> 6:30 p.m. Church. <b>Women's Guild.</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	May 14	<b>Tag Sale Drop Off.</b> At Rectory. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon <b>Parish Choir.</b> 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Sat	May 16	<b>Tag Sale Drop Off.</b> At Rectory. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon <b>Hispanic First Communion.</b> 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.
Sun	May 17	<b>Rel. Ed. Last Day of Classes.</b> <b>Pre-Baptism Class.</b> 1:00 p.m. Rectory.
Mon	May 18	<b>Hispanic Prayer Group.</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. <b>Parish Council.</b> 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	May 19	<b>Children's Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Brazilian Prayer Group.</b> 6:30 p.m. Church. <b>Men's Society.</b> 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall.
Thu	May 21	<b>Ascension Thursday.</b> (Holy Day of Obligation) 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (Wednesday) 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. <b>Parish Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. Music Room
Tue	May 26	<b>Children's Choir.</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Brazilian Prayer Group.</b> 7:00 p.m. Church.

*During the month of May, the Rosary will be recited 20 minutes prior to the 12:10 daily Mass. Please join us in this special prayer to Our Blessed Mother.*



*The month of May is dedicated to Mary, Our Mother.*



*In that spirit of devotion, please join us on Monday night, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. for a Holy Hour in honor of Our Lady. The hour will feature Marian hymns, recitation of the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

### Información Hispana!

**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.

Para saber cuando se han cancelado las clases de catequesis 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. También se puede llamar a la oficina de Catequesis al tel: 743-1048 y allí habrá un mensaje en la máquina contestadora

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

**Dios los Bendiga.**

