

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/MARCH

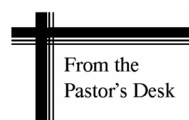
27	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Buddy Marques
		5:30 PM	✠ Marilyn Carrafiello
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
28	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Charles Goldrick
		9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ Walter Hentschel
		12:00 N	✠ Rosemary Murphy
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
1	MON	7:30 AM	✠ Helen Hanahoe
		12:10 N	✠ Donald Cleary
2	TUE	7:30 AM	✠ Josephine Steinberg
		12:10 N	✠ Mathew Woods
3	WED	<i>St. Katharine Drexel, virgin</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Agnes and Peter Gadbois
		12:10 N	✠ Josefa Trias
4	THU	<i>St. Casimir</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Paul Yackanicz
		12:10 N	✠ Gale Zinicola
5	FRI	7:30 AM	✠ Butch Crescio
		12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
6	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Anne Schaefer Hickey
		4:00 PM	✠ Joseph Matranga
		5:30 PM	✠ Chuck Ferguson
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
7	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Deolinda Francisco
		9:00 AM	✠ Michele DiBuono
		10:30 AM	Our Parishioners
		12:00 N	Viviana Reyes
		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 21, 2010 \$9,327
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.

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH
*James Buzaid Nicholas Buzaid Eleanor Cassidy
 Lynn DiPasqua Mary Anne Fortin Michael Gintoli Ann Hickey
 Michael Halpin Thomas Liddane Daniel Marzella Tony Murphy
 Dr. James Pegolatti Kathleen Scott Isabella Valdiviezo*



Leaving Mass last weekend, a parishioner joked that my column is getting longer and longer. It did appear longer, didn't it? I said there were a great deal of items to talk about for Lent, but that was only part of the

reason why it covered two and a half columns. We increased the type from 10 to 11 point. Over time we have received a number of requests to enlarge the type face from folks who found it too small to read comfortably. Generally, we have too much to squeeze into the bulletin and so we were reluctant to change. We decided to take the plunge and give it a try. I will have to write less, which will force me to tighten up my prose, and we may have to drop "Other Events" from time to time when our own news takes up all the space. We would appreciate feedback. Please tell us if you want us to stay with this print size or return to the former.

One thing was left out of the bulletin last week. I made the decision to put it in today's. Last week our two Catechumens and two of our three Candidates for full initiation into the faith attended the Rite of Election with Bishop Lori. During the Rite of Election the Catechumens (the unbaptized) are presented to the Bishop who officially calls them to the Easter Sacraments by asking them if they wish to enter fully into the life of our Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The Candidates are recognized for the progress they have made. The Catechumens are now referred to as the Elect, because the Church has "elected" them, that is, chosen them for admission into the body of Christ. At the noon Mass we held a rite before we sent the Catechumens and Candidates to the Rite of Election. In the name of our parish community, I asked the four sponsors whether they can say that these men and women have taken their formation in the Gospel seriously and are ready to approach the Sacraments. The sponsors affirmed their suitability. The congregation stood and together we offered prayers for them. The next rite to be celebrated with the Elect takes place next week on the Third Sunday of Lent when we conduct what is called the First Scrutiny. The word, 'scrutiny,' makes the rite sound terrible, but it is not. It is a rite for self-searching and repentance and asking our Lord for strength to resist temptation and evil. The Elect will attend the 10:30 Mass for the rite and for their usual dismissal and instruction.

We didn't think to count the number of pasta boxes that were donated last week, but we can say we collected quite a number. As the bags accumulated, we moved them into the confessional. At the end of the weekend, it was quite full, so that gives you an idea of the quantity donated. We thank you. This week our food item is pasta sauce. I bought a jar while food shopping with my father on Wednesday. When we set up our cross and the basket last Saturday, I placed Loaves & Fish envelopes on the table next to the basket to remind us of the other way in which we might give alms this Lenten season. We can choose to participate in either manner of giving. In another paragraph I'll tell you of yet another way we might give alms to the poor this Lent.

We have had a lot of winter weather this year. Due to the forecast, Joanne Durkin has rescheduled the Confirmation workshop for Thursday, March 4. Hopefully, we can go

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ahead with our special Stations of the Cross tomorrow with guest performer, Fred Teardo at the organ. It will be a shame if we have to cancel because I don't know whether Mr. Teardo will be able to join us on another Lenten Friday.

Next week, members of our Youth Group will speak about their upcoming 30 Hour Famine at the conclusion of Mass. Each year these dedicated young men and women have volunteered to fast, pray and do good works for thirty hours for the sake of raising money to feed the world's hungry. The proceeds from their bake-off earlier this month goes toward the effort. They are asking us next week for pledges. As part of their day, the teens shop and prepare food bags to give to families in our own parish. Our donations, thus, help people right here at home as well as overseas. If you or someone you know in the parish would benefit from some assistance, let us know in the office and we will pass on the information to the Youth Group. The Famine is conducted in conjunction with the non-profit organization, World Vision. Interestingly, last week on the radio I heard that World Vision was among the American agencies distributing food to the earthquake victims in Haiti.

We announced last weekend that representatives from the Women's Guild and Men's Society were in the vestibule with tickets for the performance of "Fruit of the Tree," when, in fact, coverage was only spotty. I apologize. This week all the Masses will be covered for ticket sales. I know everyone likes to keep an eye on the weather before committing to something, but don't you worry. If the performance has to be rescheduled or cancelled we will refund your money. You really shouldn't miss this event. By the way, gentlemen, this drama is not for women only. Anita Gutschick publicizes her performances as "Women of the Bible" because, as a woman, she portrays women. The theme of "Fruit of the Tree" is the temptation to rebel against God and the redemption that comes to us in and through Jesus. This is a universal human experience. The presentation is unique, enlightening and spiritually rewarding. We are encouraging you to buy your ticket in advance so we can gauge the number of tickets we sell outside of the parish and at the door. We don't want to seat people on the side pews where vision is obstructed so we need to be careful to not oversell. Although seating is on a first come basis, advance ticket holders will have the pews closer to the front.

To close this week, Carol Lemoine has asked me to announce that the 2011 Mass Book opens this week.

Fr. Mecca



We offer our condolences to the families of

*Rita Gourdeau
Sr. M Theophane Mary Tripp
who passed away last week.*

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Save the Date!

**Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010
St. Peter Campus
98 Main Street
7:00 P.M.**

Open House and Registration

**Pre K-3 Pre K-4
Full Day Kindergarten
Phone (203)748-2895**

SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes this Sunday Grades K – 8.

First Communion workshop this Sunday! 9 a.m. Mass in church for parents and children; then students ONLY in the classrooms from 10 am until 12 noon.

Confirmation workshops: Sorry we had to cancel last Thursday evening due to the snow storm, but we will meet this Thursday evening, March 4 at 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the parish hall, for workshop #2. The third and final workshop will be Thursday March 25.

First Reconciliation---next Saturday, March 6 for those children receiving their First Holy Communion in May. There are 2 sessions, due to the large number of children: All grade 2 children will be at 11 a.m. in the church. All the older children in Sacrament classes A, B and C will come at 1:30 p.m. to the church.

Baptism Classes for Parents and Children (not infants)--- (for information on infant baptism, see the cover of the weekly bulletin). *First class will be next Sunday, March 7th.* The date for Baptism is Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 1:15 pm in the church. You should have received a letter in the mail. Three classes are required for **both** parents and children. They are on Sundays, March 7, 14 and 21, right after Sunday school classes at 11:45 a.m. in a classroom on the first floor of the school. Call the Religious Ed office 743-1048 if you have not already been contacted. Remember, both children and parents must attend.

PARISH EVENTS

Lenten Almsgiving for the Daily Bread Food Pantry

**Weekend of:
February 27/28
March 6/7
March 13/14
March 20/21**

**Item requested:
Sauce
Tuna
Cereal
Canned Vegetables & Fruit**

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Community Concerns Committee---will meet this **Tuesday, March 2, at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** All are welcome!

*This Friday, March 5, 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*



Women of the Bible – Fruit of the Tree---will be presented here **Monday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m.** by Anita Gutschick, a nationally acclaimed Christian actor. Anita will dramatize the lives of three different Biblical women – Eve, Potiphar’s wife and Mary Magdalene. Come experience their stories as they reach across the generations to touch our hearts and empower us to face the challenges of our daily lives. You will laugh with these women, cry with them, and see yourself in their stories. This event is open to the public. Admission is \$10. Reserve your ticket now by calling 203-743-2707 or emailing office@stpeterdanb.org.

Mass Intentions

There are a number of Masses available in our 2010 Mass Book. Our 2011 Mass Book is now available.

Women’s Guild---will meet on **Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** All women of the parish are invited to join!

Lenten Confession Campaign---The Gospel reminds us to have conversations in prayer to God. Conversing with God in prayer changes us. It widens our vision and with God’s grace it often makes us experience the transcendent. Jesus wants his disciples to be people of prayer. Prayer is something we must do regularly to find out its meaning. Only by listening will we hear God’s voice. A good form of prayer is an examination of conscience. Take time this Lent to do that and then receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of the Lenten Confession Campaign. Resources are in Church or can be found at www.bridgeportdiocese.com, including Bishop Lori’s Pastoral Letter. The website also contains resources on how to make a good confession. Confession is available **every Tuesday at every parish from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Lenten Evening Confession Schedule

March 2	English
March 9	English
March 16	English
March 23	Brazilian Community*
March 30	Parish Penance Service English/Spanish**

*Confessions this evening are being heard in Portuguese. English speakers should try to come another evening.

**Confessions will be heard in Spanish depending on our ability to bring in Spanish speaking priests.

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

Saint Joseph Parish, Danbury---is holding a **Lenten Speaker Series every Tuesday during Lent at 7:30 p.m.** The program consists of the Novena to the Miraculous Medal, Lenten Speaker, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **March 2 the guest speaker will be Reverend Shawn Cutler, Assistant Master of Ceremonies for the Diocese of Bridgeport.** His talk is entitled, “Embracing Your Cross: Bringing god’s Glory into Your Life”

St. Rose of Lima, Newtown, will host a **Lenten Mission** with Father Kenen Peters, C.P. **March 6 through 10.** The theme is "Our Journey to God." Father Peters is from Richmond Hill, NY, ordained a Passionist priest in 1960 in Union City, NJ. He served as parish priest in two parishes and in a retreat house in the metro area for 10 years and has been an active missionary giving parish missions or retreats throughout Eastern and Central United States for the past 32 years. Father Kenen will preach at the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday March 6 and 7 and each day at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and 7:00 p.m. prayer service. Father Kenan will be available for the Sacrament of Penance after every prayer service and also between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. in the afternoons. All are invited to attend any or all of the Parish Mission events. For additional information, please visit the St. Rose of Lima website: www.strosechurch.com or call the religious education office (203) 426-2333.

White Mass for Catholic Health Care Workers will be celebrated by Bishop William E. Lori on **Sunday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport.** This Mass honors physicians, nurses, dentists, and all health care workers in Fairfield County. Breakfast and lecture will follow at the Fairfield Country Club, Fairfield. Guest speaker will be Bishop Jean Laffitte, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family, Vatican City. For more information, reservations and tickets, call 203-416-1457.

St. Peter Calendar

Sun	Feb 28	Coffee Hour. Following 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Mar 1	Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Mar 2	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church.
Thu	Mar 4	Confirmation Workshop. 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Mar 5	Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Brazilian Stations. 8:00 p.m.
Sat	Mar 6	First Reconciliation. 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Church.
Sun	Mar 7	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Mar 8	Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall “Women of the Bible” with Anita Gutschick. 7:30 p.m. in Church.
Tue	Mar 9	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	Mar 11	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Mar 12	Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Brazilian Stations. 8:00 p.m.
Sun	Mar 14	Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Mar 15	Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Parish Council. 7:30 p.m. Rectory.
Tue	Mar 16	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	Mar 18	Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Mar 19	Morning of Reflection. 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Brazilian Stations. 8:00 p.m.
Sat	Mar 20	Good Samaritan Collection. At all Masses. sponsored by Community Concerns Comm.
Sun	Mar 21	Good Samaritan Collection. At all Masses. sponsored by Community Concerns Comm. Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8.
Mon	Mar 22	Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Tue	Mar 23	Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Thu	Mar 25	Confirmation Workshop. 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall • Parish Choir. 7:30 p.m. Music Room.
Fri	Mar 26	Youth Group 30-Hour Famine. Stations of the Cross. 7:00 p.m. Brazilian Stations. 8:00 p.m.
Sat	Mar 27	Youth Group 30-Hour Famine Ends.
Sun	Mar 28	Palm Sunday. Rel. Ed. Classes. Grades K – 8. Coffee Hour. Following 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.
Mon	Mar 29	No Baptisms.
Tue	Mar 30	Latino Prayer Group. 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Prayer Group of Reparation. After 12:10 Mass Children’s Choir. 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Prayer Group. 6:30 p.m. Church
Wed	Mar 31	No Bingo.

Información de la Comunidad Latina de San Pedro

Misa Dominical: Por favor acercarse antes de la misa a la parte posterior de la Iglesia a solicitar su intención. Se le recomienda hacerlo a las 5:15 pm.

Grupo de Oración:

El grupo de oración en San Pedro se reúne todos los lunes a las 7:00 pm en el subsuelo de la Iglesia. Todas las personas están cordialmente invitadas a asistir.

El próximo lunes 8 de marzo no habrá grupo de oración.

Invitaciones Especiales por Cuaresma:

Estaciones de la Cruz -Febrero 26 – 7:30 pm

La parroquia invita a todos a participar en las estaciones de la cruz, y como evento especial las mismas serán acompañadas por Marcel Dupre Organista profesional de “Le Chemin de Croix”.

Costo: Gratuito

Mujeres en la Biblia – Marzo 08 2010

Con motivo de Cuaresma y por el día internacional de la Mujer, la Parroquia de San Pedro les invita a participar en la dramatización “Mujeres en la Biblia – Los frutos del Árbol”. La artista profesional Anita Gutschick se presentara el lunes 8 de marzo en la Iglesia de San Pedro.

Ven con tu familia a presenciar las dramatizaciones de Eva, esposa de Potiphar y Maria Magdalena como están representadas en la Sagrada Biblia. Una buena forma de empezar la celebración de la Cuaresma

Costo: USD 10 por persona (Los tickets los puede adquirir luego de la misa.)

AVISOS:

Familias en Necesidad

- Aquella familia que estén en urgente necesidad de comida, por favor contar a Juan Carlos Gonzalez (203) 904 4951.

Oraciones

- Por favor ore para que la Diócesis de Bridgeport nos asista con un sacerdote Latino.

Repaso Grupo de Música

- En el subsuelo de la Parroquia todos los Jueves de 6:00 a 9:00 pm
- Excepto los siguientes días: Jueves 25 de febrero, Jueves 25 de Marzo, Jueves 1 de Abril

Oportunidad de Ayudar a la Comunidad

La comunidad latina necesita Monaguillos para que asistan al sacerdote durante la celebración dominical. Los niños o niñas tienen que haber hecho la Primera Comunión y ser menores de 18 años. En caso de estar interesado, por favor contacte a Katherine Tobar a (203) 994 9103

Horario Celebraciones Cuaresma

Misas de Cuaresma

- Jueves Santo 7:30 pm
- Viernes Santo 5:30 pm
- Sábado Santo 8:00 pm (misa conjunta con la comunidad Americana)

