

## 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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Mrs. Mary T. McCormack - 203-748-2895

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Ms. Joanne Durkin, Director of Religious Education

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**Chairman of Parish Council** – Carmen Vendinha

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**Chairman of Finance** – Arthur Mannion - 203-778-4618

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**ST. PETER CHURCH, DANBURY, CT**



**MARCH**

<b>6</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠ Joseph N. Matranga
		<b>5:30 PM</b>	✠ Chuck Ferguson
		<b>7:30 PM</b>	Brazilian Mass
<b>7</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Deolinda Francisco
		<b>9:00 AM</b>	✠ Michele DiBuono
		<b>10:30 AM</b>	Our Parishioners
		<b>12:00 N</b>	Viviana Reyes
		<b>5:30 PM</b>	Spanish Mass
<b>8</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Antonia George
		<b>12:10 N</b>	✠ Florence Helley
		<i>St. Frances of Rome, religious</i>	
<b>9</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ David E. Murphy, III
		<b>12:10 N</b>	✠ Elizabeth and Thomas Beirne
<b>10</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Patricia Cody
		<b>12:10 N</b>	Mass of Thanksgiving
<b>11</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Helen Hanahoe
		<b>12:10 N</b>	✠ Jean Veness
<b>12</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Rita Bourdeau
		<b>12:10 N</b>	✠ John Kornhaas
<b>13</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Souls in Purgatory
		<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠ Corrado Scattolini
		<b>5:30 PM</b>	✠ Judith and Robert Durkin
<b>14</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠ Deceased of Halpin and Parisi Families
		<b>9:00 AM</b>	✠ Paul DuBois
		<b>10:30 AM</b>	✠ Leroy Barrett
		<b>12:00 N</b>	Our Parishioners
		<b>5:30 PM</b>	Spanish Mass
		<b>7:30 PM</b>	Brazilian Mass

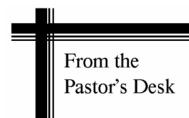
On the weekend, if the intention of the Mass is yours,  
please see an usher about bringing up the gifts.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING – February 28, 2010 ..... \$9,231**  
**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**  
*Sofia Homick*

**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*



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Despite the on again-off again snow showers last Friday we had our Stations of the Cross with

Frederick Teardo playing Marcel Dupre's *Le chemin de la croix, The Way of the Cross*. The meditations are powerful, really and truly invoking the struggle, the pain, suffering, and anguish of our Lord; the pathos and sorrow of his mother, Mary; the anger of the crowd; the violence of execution; and the extraordinary love of a mother, a son, of Veronica who offers her veil for a bloody and sweaty face, and of the disciples who caress and lay his body in a tomb. Everyone who spoke to me said the musical meditations transported them to the *via dolorosa* and in their mind's eye could see and experience something of what the Lord himself experienced. That was exactly Dupre's intention. The pieces are definitely complex, requiring a lot of skill and dexterity on the organist's part. At the first station, I watched Mr. Teardo's hands move swiftly from manual to manual, and with lightening speed pushing the pistons to change the stops as he went along. He is an excellent musician and very personable. We had coffee and cookies in the sacristy for those who wanted to meet him and talk. The evening was a rare opportunity to hear *The Way of the Cross* played live and to allow it to move us more profoundly into our own meditation on the Lord's suffering and death—a prayer truly worthy of Lent.

What's up next for Lent? Monday's presentation of *Fruit of the Tree* by actress, Anita Gutschick. Here, too, we have through the dramatic arts the opportunity to meditate on the meaning of Jesus' suffering and death. We face the temptation to live independently of God, to go our own way ignoring his way of life for one of our own making. The results bring pain, suffering, alienation, but as we witness in the Resurrection, God renews, heals and restores us to life. This is a truth that should always be before us. We can all benefit from some Lenten conversion away from self-centeredness toward God-centeredness. Let *Fruit of the Tree* be the vehicle that helps us get there this year. The performance begins at 7:30. Monday will be clear and dry so there are no weather issues to worry about. Based on what we have heard from others, the reviews will be excellent. Don't miss the performance and this unique Lenten program. Tickets are available this weekend after Mass and at the door Monday evening.

As I told you last week, members of our Youth Group are speaking at the conclusion of each Mass about the 30 Hour Famine which they are participating in on the 26-27<sup>th</sup> of March. They are seeking our aid today in the form of pledges. In exchange for the pledges they are willing to fast for 30 hours while praying and doing good works. Our pledges and the proceeds from their bake-off will be given to the agency, World Vision, which sponsors the Famine in this country and distributes aid to people around the globe. Once again, we can be very proud of our young people who have committed themselves to such a worthy cause and are willing to forgo meals in order to increase awareness of hunger and be in solidarity with the many children in particular who routinely do not get enough food and

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

nutrition. Thank you members of the Youth Group for your witness.

This weekend we celebrated First Reconciliation with 110 young people. So numerous is the class this year that we held two services, one at 11 a.m. the other at 1:30 p.m. Reconciliation is the first step toward First Holy Communion which will take place in May. The many catechists have been working with the students preparing them during this important year. I am very grateful to them for all their loving attention. You may not know that we are forming in the faith more than three hundred children in our Religious Education program. We have children of all ages preparing for the Sacraments. It's not the old days anymore when parents enrolled their children right from the beginning in the first grade. We have children with all kinds of gaps in their religious formation. We have this year for the first time a high school group made up of students who never received their First Eucharist and/or were never confirmed and are preparing to receive the Sacraments at the end of April. In addition, we have students of various ages who were not baptized. Beginning this weekend, we are requiring them with their parents to attend three one-hour sessions of preparation for that Sacrament after the regular religious education class time. There's a lot happening in the spring Sacrament wise. Joanne Durkin and her dedicated catechists keep track of it all, and we are grateful to them.

A parishioner informed me that Fr. J. Clifford Grise, who was pastor here from 1972-1987 celebrates his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination on St. Patrick's Day. Anyone who remembers him and would like to congratulate him may send him regards at the Queen of the Clergy Residence, 274 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford, 06902. Our office will send a card with our parish's collective congratulations.

---Fr. Mecca



*We offer our condolences to the family of*

*Elizabeth Voegele  
who passed away last week.*

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

*"May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home..." Irish Blessing*

March has come upon us quite quickly it seems and yet we are most grateful because we now know the days are getting longer and brighter, the rays of the sun are stronger, regardless of the snow and Spring will soon be upon us. How wonderful!

So many wonderful things happen in Spring especially the new life earth awakens for us. So it is with school from school yard recess, to a term's ending and graduation anxiously awaited.

Advertisements abound inviting us to "Come and See". We at Saint Peter-Sacred Heart invite you to come and see, come and talk, learn more about us. Our greatest

advertisements come from students and parents and so I invite you to read just what students are saying.

**Grade 4:** I like Saint Peter-Sacred Heart for many reasons; I learn about God, Mary, Jesus and the saints. My favorite subjects are Social Studies, Science, Reading and fieldtrips. What I also like about the school is that there are so many nice teachers. - Carla

I like St. Peter-Sacred Heart because we learn exciting things. Teachers show us Jesus' life and we take Jesus as our role model. Our school gives us the best education a Catholic school can offer. - Steve

**Grade 5:** We learn so many things like learning about Jesus, Mary, God, The Beatitudes, and the Ten Commandments. This is the number one school to learn about God. Religion is important to me so I am glad to be a student at SPSH. - Tess

Saint Peter-Sacred Heart School is a good place to learn because it gives you a great education. In Science I learned about design so our teacher told us to make a Jelly Bean dispenser. I learned how to make a project and how to problem solve. I know sound is produced by vibration. - Gabriel

Come and See! Call for an appointment, 203-748-2895. You are most welcome.

Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal

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

### Classes this Sunday Grades K – 8

**First Reconciliation---**Yesterday 102 children received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Congratulations to the Grade 2 students and the students in the Sacrament classes and their parents. And a special thank you to Fr. Mecca and Fr. Joe and Fr. Alphonse and to all the teachers, the catechists and assistants.

**First Baptism Class this Sunday, March 7, for Parents and Children (not infants)---**(for information on infant baptism, see the cover of the weekly bulletin). The date for **Baptism is Sunday, April 11, at 1:15 p.m. in the church.** Remember, three classes are required for **both** parents and children. The dates are Sundays, March 7, 14 and 21, immediately following Religious Education 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 questions.

**Confirmation Students---**Check your schedule and make sure that you have handed in all your assignments and requirements as they are due, and are working to complete your service hours. Mark the important dates on your calendar for the final workshop, March 25 and the Exam March 28 and the retreat April 10 and the interviews with the pastor. Confirmation rehearsal is Thursday evening April 22, and **Confirmation Mass is Saturday April 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

MARCH 7, 2010

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



**Women of the Bible – Fruit of the Tree**---will be presented here this **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](mailto:office@stpeterdanb.org).

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

**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 Monday, March 22 through Sunday, March 28.** Please call Larry Morgan at 203-744-1082 evenings for information and to volunteer. Your help is needed!

The Committee will hold a collection for our Parish **Good Samaritan Fund the weekend of March 20 and 21 after all the Masses.**

**Spiritual Direction** is one means of deepening our relationship with God. It helps people tend a deep connection with the Holy, and 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 Wednesday, March 10.** Please call the rectory if you would like an appointment to see if this would be helpful for your spiritual life.

**Morning of Reflection**---We will reflect on this most sacred time of our liturgical year **“The Path through Holy Week”.** How are we to follow Jesus, to be like Jesus in our times? We will look at Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

to find some answers. Join us **Friday, March 19 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 to noon.**

**Lenten Evening Confession Schedule**

<b>March 9</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Brazilian Community*</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Parish Penance Service</b>
	<b>English/Spanish**</b>

\*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\*\*\*

**Caroline House** is holding its annual **Martini and Mingle benefit at Brooklawn Country Club on March 26.** Part of the festivities includes an opportunity to win a pair of diamond earrings from Altan Jewelers! Come join for an evening of retro 60’s fun as 15 years of Caroline House’s service to the inner city poor is celebrated. Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Caroline House educates low income immigrant women and children providing literacy and life skills on the East side of Bridgeport. Since opening they have helped over 1000 women and children. Tickets are \$125 per person. For tickets or further information please contact Mary Ellen Gavin, Development Director at 203-334-0640 or [mgavin@thecarolinehouse.org](mailto:mgavin@thecarolinehouse.org).

**Immanuel Lutheran Players** present *The Last Supper Enactment* on **Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, 18 Clapboard Ridge Road.** Donation is \$7; a group of 10 or more \$6. For reservations or further information call 203-775-5566.

**Diocesan Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries**--- Bishop William E. Lori will celebrate a Mass, in which the commemoration of significant marriage anniversaries will occur at **St. Theresa Church, Trumbull, Sunday, April 25, at 3:00 p.m.** Bishop Lori will be the homilist and will administer both the renewal of marriage vows and the presentation of commemorative certificates. Couples who have or will be celebrating (during the months of January through June 2009) one of the following wedding anniversaries – 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 50 plus years are invited to participate with family and friends. **Interested couples should register with one’s own parish office as soon as possible.** The deadline for registration is Monday, April 12.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### *St. Peter Calendar*

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

### **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.

#### **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)

#### *Lenten Almsgiving for the Daily Bread Food Pantry*

<i>Weekend of:</i>	<i>Item requested:</i>
<i>March 6/7</i>	<i>Tuna</i>
<i>March 13/14</i>	<i>Cereal</i>
<i>March 20/21</i>	<i>Canned Vegetables &amp; Fruit</i>

