

## SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER, MAY 17, 2020

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sat May 16	5:00 p.m.	+ Jeannette Farrah
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass
Sun May 17	7:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	+ Paul Pateracki
	10:30 a.m.	+ Livia Messina
	12:00 N	+ Alice Myers
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Mon May 18	<i>St. John I, Pope and Martyr</i>	
	7:30 a.m.	+ Richard Esposito
	12:10 N	+ Charles Riley
Tues May 19	7:30 a.m.	+ Shirley O'Marra
	12:10 N	+ Peter A. Herger and Josephine & Francis Paola
Wed May 20	<i>St. Bernardine of Siena, priest</i>	
	7:30 a.m.	+ Remy Papp
	12:10 N	+ Lenza McSulla
Thu May 21	<i>Feast of the Ascension</i>	
	7:30 a.m.	+ Our Parishioners
	12:10 N	In Thanksgiving
Fri May 22	<i>St. Rita of Cascia, religious</i>	
	7:30 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 N	+ Richard Greco
Sat May 23	7:30 a.m.	+ Norm Gilbert
	5:00 p.m.	+ Alice Myers
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass
Sun May 17	7:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary Duxbury
	10:30 a.m.	+ Barbara and Joe O'Donnell
	12:00 N	+ Edward McCaffery
	5:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
	7:30 p.m.	Brazilian Mass

***This week the sanctuary lamp  
burns in memory of the  
Witkowski and Kazenski  
Families***

**OFFERTORY:** April 26 – May 10:  
Collection: \$ 11,636  
Online giving: \$ 3,343

### From the Pastor's Desk ---

Sometimes slowly, sometimes rapidly, but time deliberately marches forward. We now have completed 8 weeks of being shut down. Our last public Masses were celebrated the weekend of March 21/22. We have four more weekends to go. Or, do we?

If you subscribe to the Danbury News-Times, you read an article about an option which the Bishop has made possible for parishes. It is the "parking lot Mass." The "parking lot Mass" can be celebrated in two ways—with people in their cars or seated on chairs. The first option is the preferred because with it there is no assembling of people. If parishioners remain in their cars, the limit of cars is what the parking lot can accommodate. Cars would have to be parked with an empty space in between. If parishioners are out of their cars, the limit of persons is 50. There is, of course, the major issue of transmission of sound. The parishes that do not have a means of hooking up a sound system would have to invest in a FM transmitter or WIFI broadcast server. Parishes could begin Mass in their parking lots as early as Thursday, May 21, the Solemnity of the Ascension.

I thought long and hard over this proposal. I know that our parishioners are anxious to return to Mass and to receive Eucharist, so part of me wants to make that happen. The other part of me says there are challenges and hurdles, especially when a parish is an urban one. Our parking lot is hardly very private, you know, like those tucked behind the church away from the street. Both Center and Main Streets are busy with traffic and emergency vehicles frequently racing by. We would have to invest in a method to transmit sound, and I have to say that I really don't want to spend the money for that. So, our parish will not be taking the option for Sunday "parking lot Masses." So, yes, we have four more weeks before we have public Mass at St. Peter.

Bishop Caggiano has issued a letter to the Faithful. It would be good for you to read it. We have placed a link on our website to the diocesan site so that you can access it. He has also posted the guidelines which the parishes have to follow as we put together our parish plan. You may like to look over them if you are curious.

Barbara Siano stopped in this morning. She has been receiving numerous calls from First Communion families wanting to know the date for the celebration of First Holy Communion. A few weeks ago, we chose two possible dates, June 20 and July 11. At that time we did not know exactly when we would be able to be back in church. Given that churches won't be able to reopen until the State's second phase – which starts *on* June 20<sup>th</sup>—today we thought it best to give ourselves a little time to have our procedures working smoothly before we bring in the little ones for their important day. Therefore, we are announcing this weekend that the **date for First Holy**

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**Communion is Saturday, July 11.** There will be three Masses so that we can meet the requirements of social distancing. Mass at 9 a.m. will be for St. Peter School families, Mass at 11 a.m. will be for Spanish speaking Religious Education families, and Mass at 1 p.m. will be for English speaking Religious Education families. The guidelines for the celebration of these Masses will be the same as those applying to Sunday Mass. Our families, therefore, will have some exposure to them prior to July 11 which ought to remove confusion. That would be a very good thing.

I extend congratulations to our college seniors who have been graduated or soon will be. I send my warm regards to all of you, continuing as I do to pray for everyone's health, well-being, fortitude, and patience.

---Fr. Mecca

### SAINT PETER SCHOOL NEWS---

This week we begin to celebrate our graduating 8th grade students. We miss them so much and this week we sent a special message to them:

*If you take anything with you –*  
Let it be the love your St. Peter family has for you.  
Carry it in your heart always.

*You will be missed for –*  
Your generosity and willingness to always pitch in  
without being asked.

*Advice from your Principal –*  
Go forth confidently in the world. Be a disciple of  
Jesus and make your heart a welcome place for Him  
to live. Make a difference wherever the journey  
leads you.

Registration for PK-8 continues to be underway at St. Peter School. Please e - mail [zsolis@spsdanbury.org](mailto:zsolis@spsdanbury.org) or [mtorre@spsdanbury.org](mailto:mtorre@spsdanbury.org) for more information or to set up a time to visit the school once we are open. Our office hours are from 8:30 - 1:30 (M-Fr)

Please be sure to follow St. Peter School on Twitter and Facebook to keep up with the latest news.

***"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28***

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION —

#### My Catholic Faith Delivered

Students in Sections II, III and IV are required to complete up to chapter 20 of the online program. Please visit [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org) under Faith Formation for additional details.

#### Registration 2020/2021

For complete details, visit the St. Peter website at [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org). Go to Faith Formation and click on "Religious Education Registration" for all details. There will be no in person registration times in the office. All registration forms must be mailed.

#### Religious Education Updates

For information about sacramental Masses, registration and classes please check the parish website: [www.stpeterdanb.org](http://www.stpeterdanb.org) under Faith Formation. Check regularly as information may change weekly.

#### First Holy Communion Date – July 11th, 2020

In accordance with the state and Bishop Caggiano's plans to return to normal practices, we are planning for the First Communion Masses to take place on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. In the coming weeks you will receive all of the details, including a rehearsal date and time. In the meantime, please visit the parish website for the online First Communion Home Retreat. We look forward to receiving completed projects.

### St. Peter Youth Groups

#### YouTube Channel

Please check out our YouTube channel **St. Peter Youth Group** for weekly videos of prayer & reflection!

#### Zoom Meetings

The youth groups will continue to meet via ZOOM, a platform where teens can virtually engage one another and play games, as a way to stay connected to the parish and still be engaged in their spiritual lives.

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry [ygstpeter@gmail.com](mailto:ygstpeter@gmail.com)