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**Important information about the use of Church envelopes:**

The use of envelopes, in addition to serving for your donations, are also a way to know if you are attending the church. Every six months we review the lists and if you have not used your envelopes, it means that you are inactive in the parish. If you want to stay active, contact the office during office hours. Remember that if you request a letter of sponsorship, recommendation, etc. one of the requirements is to be active in the parish.

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**2023 WORLD YOUTH DAY-LISBON, PORTUGAL**

**July 26 - August 7, 2023**

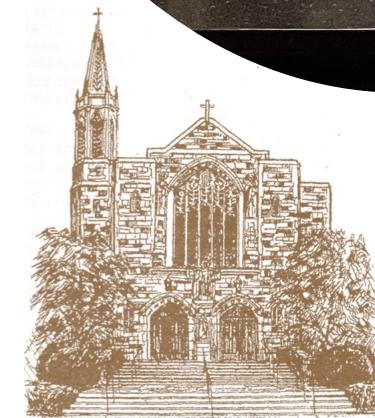
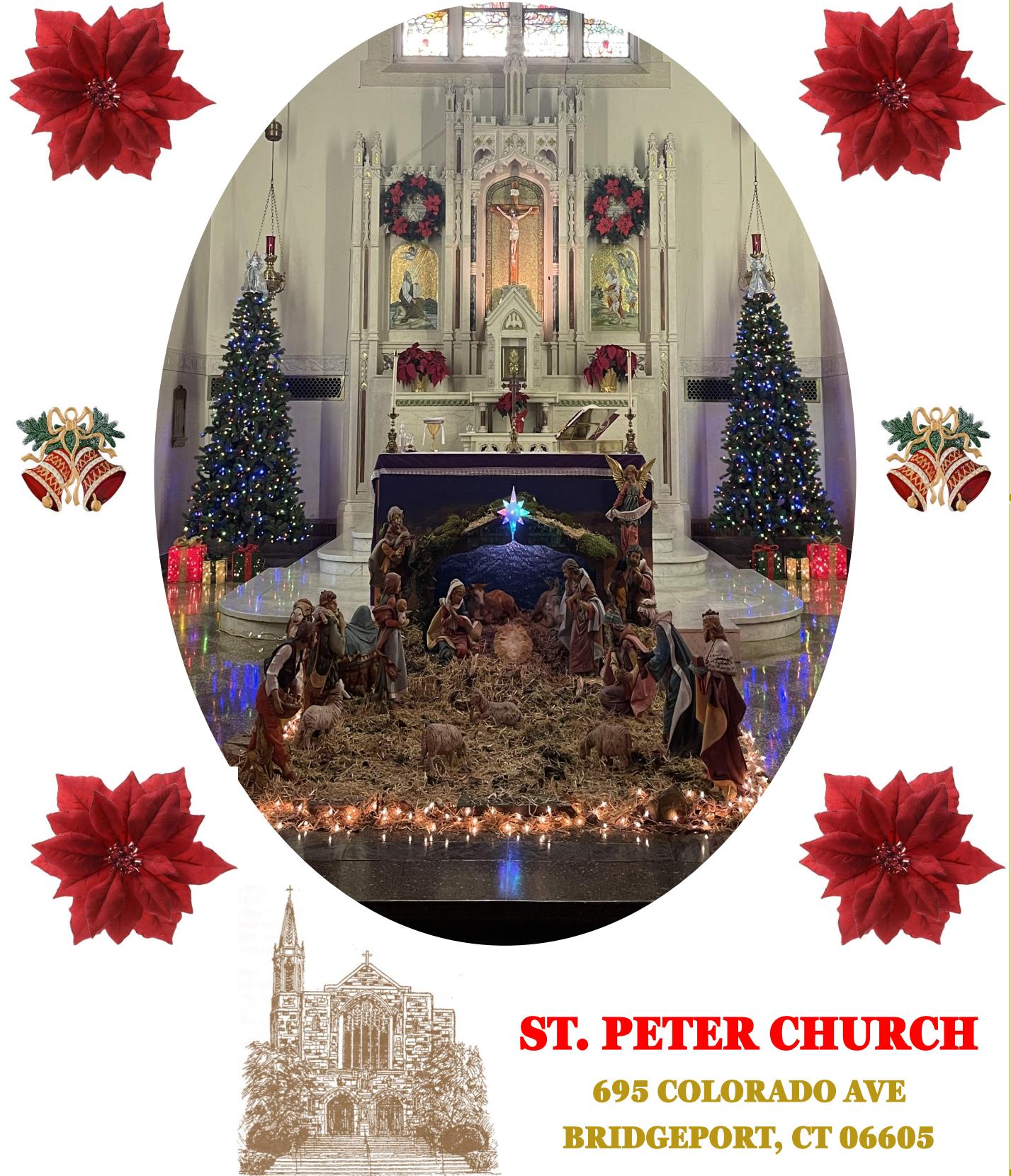
**Pope Francis is inviting youth and young adults to join him in Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023.**

**For more information about costs, the itinerary, and scholarship opportunities, please visit:**

**[www.formationreimagined.org](http://www.formationreimagined.org)**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS / FELIZ NAVIDAD**

**DECEMBER 25, 2022**



**ST. PETER CHURCH**  
**695 COLORADO AVE**  
**BRIDGEPORT, CT 06605**



*And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:*

**"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST."**

*Luke 2:13-14*

**WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR**

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

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December 25, 2022 • Navidad

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/24/2022 (Christmas Eve)</b>
4:00 PM	For the Parish
7:00 PM	For the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/25/2022 (Christmas Day)</b>
8:00 AM	For the Parish.
10:00 AM	For the Parish.
12:00 PM	For the Parish.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/26/2022</b>
8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/27/2022</b>
8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/28/2022</b>
7:00 PM	Tulia Morales+, Carmen Cosme y Domingo Vazquez+, Carlos Rosario Jr+.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/29/2022</b>
8:00 AM	Vocaciones Sacerdotales y Religiosas
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/30/2022</b>
7:00 PM	Por la Familia Fiegl.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/31/2022</b>
4:00 PM	Mary P. Meehan+
7:00 PM	Martha Bernal de Loaiza+
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/01/2023 (Holy Mary, Mother of God)</b>
8:00 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
10:00 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
12:00 PM	<b>OPEN</b>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas! This time of year always invites us to reflect upon the love of God and the meaning of family. Christmas is a time to emphasize our sentiments of love and thanksgiving for family and acquaintances. The "spirit of Christmas" invites us to apologize and ask for forgiveness in those relationships that need healing. Christmas often elicits thoughts of shopping, gift giving, music, or Santa Claus. However, Christmas is the celebration of the Christ – Mass. Christmas is the day when we remember, with the celebration of the Mass, that God came as the Christ or the Messiah to be our savior. While the celebration of Christmas carries many themes in our culture, the primary celebration is that God is with us...Emmanuel.

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved Saint Peter Parish always.

Merry Christmas and God Bless you!

Fr. Jhon Gómez

#### **OFFERING OF THE SANCTUARY LAMPS**

The two Sanctuary Lamps this week are burning one

*For Rodolfo Tochimani*  
Offered by St. Peter's Parish

*For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life*

Offered by St. Peter's Parish

#### **PARISH SUPPORT**

**12/18/2022**

FIRST COLLECTION	= \$3,176
2ND COLL. School Support	= \$ 849
IMMACULATE CONCEP.	= \$ 634
OUR LADY GUADALUPE	= \$1,537

OFFERTORY NEEDED TO COVER THE WEEKLY EXPENSES = \$5,000



*De pronto se le unió al ángel una multitud del ejército celestial, que alababa a Dios, diciendo:*

**"¡GLORIA A DIOS EN EL CIELO!"**

*Lucas 2:13-14*

**PARA QUÉ HA SERVIDO TODA LA ESPERA**

Las lecturas de hoy son tan familiares para la mayoría de nosotros como los villancicos que cantamos y los anuncios publicitarios que abrumen estas fiestas. A menudo la Navidad nos encuentra cansados, luchando con los preparativos y las expectativas. Lo que realmente queremos sentir es alegría y paz. El estrés de la preparación, de la espera, se refleja tanto en Isaías como en la carta de Pablo a Tito. Lucas nos habla del agotamiento que sintieron María y José: una joven esposa embarazada y su marido, obligados a viajar justo cuando ella está a punto de dar a luz, incapaces incluso de encontrar una habitación donde alojarse. Debió de ser miserable. Deben haber tenido miedo. En medio de este agotamiento, miseria y miedo, nace un niño, se da un Hijo. El mundo se llena entonces de luz y esperanza, de alegría y de paz. En ese momento ellos, y nosotros, sabemos para qué ha servido toda la espera .

  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
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**50/50 RAFFLE WINNER—GANADORES DE LA RIFA**

- 1. MARGARITA GONZALEZ #3379
- 2. VICTOR CRUZ #3172
- 3. DIEGO GOMEZ #3164

**CONGRATULATIONS / FELICITACIONES**

<b>SAINT PETER PARISH</b>	
<b>2022 Bishop's Appeal as of 12/23/2022</b>	
ABA Goal / Objetivo	\$23,700
Total Pledged / Promesa	\$20,984 (87%)
Donors to Date / Donaciones	76/98



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2022BishopsAppeal.org](http://2022BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

Queridos Hermanos,

¡Feliz navidad! Esta época del año siempre nos invita a reflexionar sobre el amor de Dios y el significado de la familia. La Navidad es una época para enfatizar nuestros sentimientos de amor y gratitud por nuestros familiares y conocidos. El "espíritu de la Navidad" nos invita a disculparnos y pedir perdón en aquellas relaciones que necesitan sanación. La Navidad es el día en que recordamos, con la celebración de la Misa, que Dios vino como el Cristo o el Mesías para ser nuestro salvador. Si bien la celebración de la Navidad tiene muchos temas en nuestra cultura, la celebración principal es que Dios es el Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros.

En medio de todos nuestros desafíos y preocupaciones actuales, el amor de Dios Padre se nos manifiesta en el maravilloso regalo de Su Hijo, Jesús. Con los ángeles en Belén, nuestra fe nos mueve a cantar: "¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo y paz en la tierra a los hombres de buena voluntad" Reconocemos que la verdadera paz en la tierra fluye de nuestro reconocimiento y alabanza a Dios en nuestras vidas.

Que nuestro Señor Jesucristo, nacido en Belén, los bendiga a ustedes, a sus familias y seres queridos en este tiempo bendito de esperanza y gracia. Que María, la Madre del Niño Jesús y Madre nuestra, cuide de vosotros y de nuestra amada Parroquia San Pedro siempre.

¡Feliz Navidad y que Dios los Bendiga!

Fr. Jhon Gómez

**ESTE LUNES Y MARTES 26 Y 27 DE DICIEMBRE NO HAY MISA Y LA OFICINA ESTARA CERRADA**

**ADORACION AL SANTISIMO TODOS LOS JUEVES 6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

#### **LÁMPARAS DEL SANTÍSIMO**

Las dos Lámparas del Santísimo de esta semana son ofrecidas, una

*Por la Salud de Rodolfo Tochimani*  
Ofrecida por La Parroquia de San Pedro

*Por Las Vocaciones Sacerdotales y Religiosas*  
Ofrecida por La Parroquia de San Pedro