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DECEMBER 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASSES:

Daily Mass: Mon thru Fri 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Masses:

Sugarloaf Firehouse 4:00 pm

St. Peter Pavilion 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning Masses

8:30 am & 11:00 am

HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm

Holy Day Mass 9 am or 10am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm
(or by appointment)

**BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and
WEDDINGS** (by appointment)



All Are Welcome

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,

No matter what your current family or marital situation,

No matter what your past or present religious situation,

No matter your personal history, age, background, race etc.,

No matter what your own self-image or self esteem,

***YOU are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected
here at St. Peter Catholic Church.***



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:00 PM Sugarloaf: +Arlene Luizza by Linda Luizza

5:30 PM S.I. Chris Burns (Birthday) by Margaret & Jim Burns

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:30 AM +Beatriz Mendoza-Singer by

Richard DiBonaventura

11:00 AM +Quenton Weeks by Rosalinda Hally

Monday, December 17, 2018

9:00 AM +Guerino & Pauline DiBonaventura by

Richard DiBonaventura

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

9:00 AM +Arlene Luizza by Linda Luizza

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

9:00 AM + S.I. Frances Vinet by Lisa & Jack Lewis

Thursday, December 20, 2018

9:00 AM +Al Skettini by Richard DiBonaventura

Friday, December 21, 2018

9:00 AM +Deceased Members of St. Peter Parish

Saturday December 22, 2018:

4:00 PM Sugarloaf Mass: +Deceased members of Sugarloaf
Firehouse Family

5:30 PM +Oettle Family by Jim Oettle

Sunday December 23, 2018

8:30 AM S.I. McCrosson & Deane Families by

Mr. & Mrs. Charles McCrosson

11:00 AM S.I. Victoria & Craig Crouthaniel by

Mr. & Mrs. Charles McCrosson

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 17

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Food Bank: 9:30am-noon

Tuesday, December 18

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass until 11am

Food Bank: 9:30 am-noon

Wednesday, December 19

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Food Bank: 9:30 am-noon

Thursday, December 20

Daily Mass: 9:00 am

Food Bank: 9:30am—noon

Advent Penance Service 6pm

Friday, December 21

9:00 am Communion Service

Saturday, December 22

4pm Vigil Mass at Sugarloaf Firehouse

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St.Peter Pavilion

Sunday, December 23

Masses at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

CCD Classes 9:30-10:45

Daily Mass Readings

**Monday, Dec. 17: Genesis 49:2, 8-10;
Matthew 1:1-17**

**Tuesday, Dec. 18: Jeremiah 23:5-8;
Matthew 1:18-25**

**Wednesday, Dec. 19: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25**

**Thursday, Dec. 20: Isaiah 7:10-14;
Luke 1:26-38**

**Friday, Dec. 21 Song of Songs 2:8-14;
Luke 1:39-45**



Jesse Tree update:

Our sorting party will be this Sunday, December 16th after the 11am Mass. We will sort the gifts into families, attach tags and get them ready for the parents to pick up on the 22nd and 23rd. If you would like to help, call Connie in the office at 305-872-2537.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas happier for needy families in our area!



St. Peter Community Food Bank

Winter Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:30 am to Noon

Most needed are canned tuna, canned meats, hearty soups (pull-top cans are especially helpful) & peanut butter or cash. Please bring your donations to the Food Bank or Ministry Center.

Thank you in advance for making a difference and bringing brighter days to the needy in our community.



Why do we light a pink candle the third week of Advent?

A pink candle that signifies **joy** makes sense since it is lit on Gaudete Sunday—named for the entrance antiphon for that Sunday's Mass: "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice." The joy is subdued, however, as the penitential violet of the other weeks lessens to rose as we move closer to Christmas.

As Advent is patterned in part after Lent, Gaudete Sunday is similar to the Lenten Laetare Sunday, which also represents joy and falls at the midpoint of Lent.

And that finally leads to the explanation for the pink candle. In the ancient Church on Laetare Sunday in Lent, the Pope gave a citizen a [pink rose](#). The tradition has continued, as popes bestowed golden roses on Catholic rulers and now more commonly, on places of devotion.

Following the papal rose custom, bishops and priests began wearing rose-colored vestments on Laetare Sunday. The Church then brought the Lenten practice of rose vestments to Advent on Gaudete Sunday. As a result, the pink candle gained a place in the Advent wreath.

Although the culture tells us it's already Christmas, the Church reminds us through the pink candle of Advent that there is an appointed time for everything (Eccl. 3:1). The time now is for rejoicing—because the Lord is coming soon!

Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 in the Ministry Center



The Children's Christmas Mass and Pageant is at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve. Please have your child at the Ministry Center no later than 5pm. This is a beautiful St. Peter Tradition. Come join us and say Happy Birthday to Jesus!

CCD will be on break from December 23 until Sunday January 13 when classes resume.



Youth Group Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling this Sunday, Dec. 16 after the 11am Mass—Youth Group and Confirmation teens.

For more information, call or text Barbara Jackowski 305-304-8191



Thanks to the Knights for coordinating the Christmas Party, the set up and the clean up and resetting the Pavilion for weekend Masses. Thanks too for all the people who came and helped on Friday and Saturday mornings. Look for a full report on the Christmas party in the bulletin next week!



This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season.

Each day of Advent, you will receive an email with:

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt and Dominick Albano, with guest appearances from Matthew Kelly
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

Plus, every Sunday during the program, you will receive a thought-provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life.

To sign up, visit:

BestAdventEver.com/Christmas



Please let us know in the office if you or someone else is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist at home. Call the office at 305-872-2537.



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the Weekend:

December 8 & 9

Sugarloaf 1st: \$ 186.00

2nd: \$ 45.00

Big Pine 1st: \$3,608.00

2nd: \$ 405.00

(Retirement Fund for Religious)

Direct Debit: \$ 380.00

Holy Day (1 collection): \$654.00

GRIEF SUPPORT

If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one, grief support is available.

Contact Mary Quirk at 305-744-0139,
or through the church office at
305-872-2537.

St. Peter Catholic Church Website

Visit the St. Peter Church website at <http://www.stpeterbpk.org>. Click on the Photos tab or follow us on Facebook to look at the photos taken at recent events at St. Peter Church!

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

We ask your prayers for Parishioners:

Roger Lederer, Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Mary Doris Scheidell, Kim Padron, Doug Krout, Bill Carver, William Kin Koeber, Bob Harrell, Mrs. Pfeifer, LouAnn Lansing, Kevin Kenny, Sue Cherrybon, Don Stulken, Lani Boski, Rosemary Farrell, John Mescal, Mary Quirk, Ismael Lopez, Jorge Ramos, John Snyder, Dee Johnson and Javier Herrera.

Those Serving Us:

Saturday December 15: 5:30 Mass:

Lector:

EME: Deacon Jack,

Altar Server: Hannah Burke

Sunday December 16: 8:30 Mass:

Lector: Cathy Hoffman

EME:

Altar Servers: Emilia Havlicek

Sunday December 16: 11:am Mass:

Lector:

EME: Rosalinda Hally,

Altar Servers: Chloe Wicht, Hallie Chandonnet



50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot

No winner this week. #74 was drawn and did not play. The Jackpot now rolls over to \$565.00.

Part-time Residents can still participate year round by using Direct Debit.

Process: Deposit your envelope in either the first or second collection at Mass if you don't use Direct Debit.

Criteria: The envelope must include \$5.00 cash or check and your name and the date on the outside as well, please—this is in addition to your regular offering.

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Holiday Schedule



Beginning *First Sunday of Advent* (Dec. 1 & 2)

All weekend Masses at St. Peter in the Pavilion again

-Sugarloaf Firehouse 4pm Vigil Mass begins

--CCD classes start in the Ministry Center, Sunday at 9:30am

Tuesday, December 4, 7pm — *Advent Candlelight Prayer Service*

- Come, open your heart in prayer to the Light of Christ

Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

-Vigil Mass Friday, December 7 at 6pm

-Holy Day Mass Saturday, December 8 at 9am

Thursday, December 13, 6pm—*Advent Penance Service*

-Prayer Service and individual Confessions (with 4 priests)

Friday, December 14, 5:30pm - *Parish Christmas Party*

-Finger Food, Drinks and Carols under the Stars @ The Pavilion

Please sign up if you plan to attend...Thank you!

Monday, December 24 - *Christmas Eve Masses*

-5:30pm *Children's Christmas Mass & Pagaent*

11:00pm *Christmas Midnight Mass*

(with Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long at 10:30pm)

Tuesday, December 25, 10 am—*Christmas Day Mass*

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

—Monday, December 31, 6pm, *Vigil Mass*

—Tuesday, January 1st, 9am, *Holy Day Mass*



St. Peter Catholic Church, thanks you for your generous contribution to our

Annual Fall Fundraiser held at Boondocks' November 9th.

This year, because of your giving, we are proud to announce we have raised \$14,000.00, in Sponsorship and Live Auction sales, benefiting your contribution choice of either Food Bank or Rebuild Fund.

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