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DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASSSES:

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

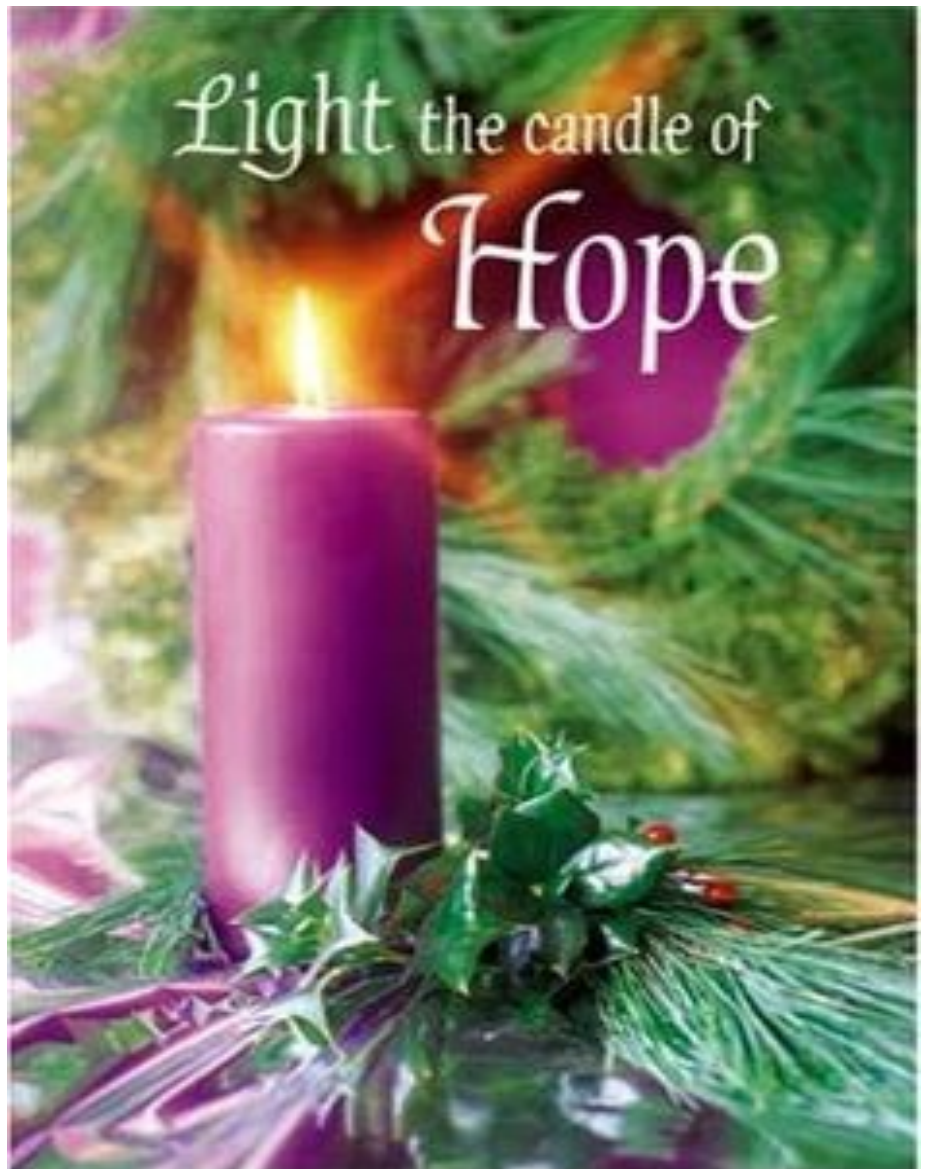
Holy Days: Vigil Mass 6 pm

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 1, 2018

5:30 PM +Janice Lampe by Mike & Mary Matlosz

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:30 AM S.I. Victoria & Craig Crouthaniel

11:00 AM +Tommy O'Brien by Laurita Miller

Monday, December 3, 2018

9:00 AM +Francis Swiacki by Laurita Miller

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

9:00 AM +Joseph Livernois by Richard DiBonaventura

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

9:00 AM + Miguel Belanos Hunter by St. Peter Parishioners

Thursday, December 6, 2018

9:00 AM +Rodney Santos by Richard DiBonaventura

+Alex Tannucilli by Katie McCarthy

Friday, December 7, 2018

9:00 AM Communion Service

6:00 PM Vigil Mass:

Saturday December 8, 2018:

9:00 PM Holy Day Mass: +Beatriz Mendoza Singer by Connie

4:00 PM Sugarloaf Mass:

5:30 PM

Sunday December 2, 2018

8:30 AM S.I. Todd Bilecki (Birthday) by John & Pauline

Snyder

11:00 AM +Michael Rizzo by Ruth Rizzo and

Richard Gambescia

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 3

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Food Bank: 9:30am-noon

Tuesday, December 4

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass until 11am

Food Bank: 9:30 am-noon

Wednesday, December 5

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Food Bank: 9:30 am-noon

Thursday, December 6

Daily Mass: 9:00 am

6:30pm Choir practice

Food Bank: 9:30am—noon

Friday, December 7

Daily Mass: 9:00 am

Vigil Mass for the Holy Day : 6pm

Saturday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 9am

Saturday, December 8

Vigil Mass: Sugarloaf Firehouse 4:00

St. Peter Pavilion 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 9

Masses at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Dec. 3: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Isaiah 11; 1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Isaiah 25: 6-10a;

Matthew 15: 29-37

Thursday, Dec. 6: Isaiah 26:1-6;

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec. 7: Isaiah 29: 17-24;

Matthew 9: 27-31



The Funeral Mass for
Beatriz Mendoza-Singer will be
Friday, December 7 at 10:30am at
St. Hugh Catholic Church,
3460 Royal Road,
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133.

Beatriz is the daughter of Enid and Sergio
Mendoza, wife of Zach, and mother of
Santiago.

It's Jesse Tree time again! Our Jesse

tree is up and we still have
some tags left. Each
ornament represents a
child's wish.



If you would like to partici-
pate, please take an orna-
ment and purchase the item
on the ornament (please—

new gifts only), wrap it, re-attach the tag
and return it to the church by December
15/16. If you find that you cannot fulfill the
wish, please return the tag to the tree as
soon as possible so that someone else can
purchase that item.

We also accept cash donations that are
used to purchase items that are not
chosen from the tree.

Our sorting party will be 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 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!

**How many of our own
family members, friends
and neighbors are waiting
for an invitation to
experience our Catholic
Faith? Now YOU have
something to
invite them to:**



**Reach out, invite and
accompany them
to Church on the
weekend of
December 8 and 9.**



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:

November 24—25

1st: \$2,394.00

2nd: \$ 623.00
(Rebuilding Fund)

Direct Debit: \$ 380.00

**Thanksgiving Day Collection
for Jesse Tree: \$ 155.00**

St. Peter Community Food Bank

Winter Hours:

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
and Thursday 9:30 am to Noon**

We are always in need of canned tuna, Vienna sausage and hearty canned soups (pull-top cans are especially appreciated).

St. Peter Community Food Bank strives to "make a difference" in the lives of the underserved in our area.

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 1st: 5:30 Mass:

Lector:

EME: Deacon Jack, Diane Bleich, Barbara Jackowski

Altar Server: Hannah Burke

Sunday December 2nd: 8:30 Mass:

Lector: Steven Paul

EME:

Altar Servers: Sam Jude, Nick Jude

Sunday December 2nd: 11:am Mass:

Lector:

EME: Rosalinda Hally, Carol Schulz, Melina Wicht

Altar Servers: Chloe Wicht, Hallie Chandonnet



50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot

No winner this week. #142
was drawn and did not play.

The Jackpot now rolls over to
\$410.00.

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.



**The Knights of
Columbus** are selling
Blessed Christmas Trees this year
again in the tent by the Pavilion.



Their **December meeting** is this Monday,
December 3 at 7pm in the Ministry Center. This is
a very important meeting because of all that is
going on this month and they need everyone to
help.

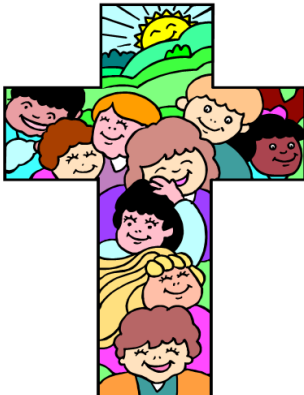
The Knights are in charge of the
Parish Christmas party. They need to set up for
the Christmas Party on Friday Morning, Dec. 14
and on Saturday morning Dec, 15th they need to
re-arrange everything for the weekend Masses—
and **they Really, Really need some extra help!**

There are **two Sign-up Sheets** near the door—one
if you are attending the Christmas Party and one if
you can find the time to come help them and
thank them for all they do for our parish.

CCD starts this Sunday, December 2 at 9:30!!

The greatest gift we can give our children
is a Catholic education.

Please make sure
your child is registered
and attends each week.



Mark your calendars for
the 5:30 Mass on
Christmas Eve—
featuring the Children's
Christmas Pageant!



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



Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, December 2
5:30-7pm

Come enjoy Polar Express while making
gifts for Christmas Caroling.

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

For more information, call or text
Barbara Jackowski 305-3o4-8191

St. Peter Catholic Church

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
- Blessed* Christmas Tree sale by Knights of Columbus starts
- 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
(this Saturday Mass does not fulfill the Sunday obligation)

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

- Prayer Service and individual Confessions (with 4 priests)

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

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

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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The Adult Faith Formation Ministry Invites you to a

Advent Candlelight Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 4th at 7pm In the Chapel

Come prepare yourself for Christmas in the most important way by opening your heart to welcome The Light.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow a time of prayer, music and reflection.

All are welcome!

Advent Penance Service

Prayer Service and Individual Confessions
(with 4 priests)

Thursday, December 13, 6pm in the Pavilion



As St. Joseph prepared the manger for the arrival of the Christ Child, we should clean out from our hearts the garbage and sin and bad habits. We then receive an infusion of Sacramental grace to enable us to live holier lives.



Parish Christmas Party Friday December 14 5:30pm

Finger Food, Drinks, Live Music and Christmas Carols
Under the Stars @ The Pavilion

Attention: Parish Ministries: you are invited to sing a Christmas Carol as a group and vie for bragging rights to the titles of "Best Vocals ", "Best Costume" and "Best Choreography"!

ADVENT

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.



The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).



December 8—Holy Day of Obligation:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Patroness of the United States)

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God

and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854)

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin.

Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, She received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, She is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity, in Her willingness to accept the Plan of God for Her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call, to their own vocation, in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time.

Mary's: "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

"The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6) Catholic

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