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DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASSES:

Daily Mass: Mon thru Fri 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Masses:

Ministry Center 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning Masses

8:30 am & 11:00 am

HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm

Holy Day Mass 9 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm
in the Ministry Center
(or by appointment)

BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and WEDDINGS (by appointment)



Third Sunday of Advent

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is our Lord forever and ever.

(from the Blessing of the Advent Wreath.)

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 14, 2019

5:30pm +Deacon Jack by Nancy and Chuck McCrosson

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:30 AM +Howard Ryder by the Ryder Family

11:00 AM S.I. Chris Burns (Birthday) by Mom & Dad

Monday, December 16, 2019

9:00 AM S.I. Joseph Pysiek by Laurita Miller

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:00 AM +Oettle Family by Jim Oettle

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

9:00 AM +David H. King by Ethel Murray

Thursday, December 19, 2019

9:00 AM +Richard Conrady by Olga Conrady

Friday, December 20, 2019

9:00 AM Communion Service S.I. Sick members of
St. Peter Parish

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5:30PM +Rose Coppola by Mike Coppola

Sunday, December 22, 2019:

8:30 AM +Howard Ryder by the Ryder Family

11:00 AM +Anne Mescal & Deceased Members
of her Family by Margaret & Jim Burns



Monday, December 16, 2019

Mass at 9:00am

Food Bank open 9:30-noon

Tuesday, December 17

Mass at 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass until 11:00am

Food Bank open 9:30-noon

Wednesday, December 18

Mass at 9:00am

Food Bank open 9:30- noon

Thursday, December 19

Mass at 9:00am

Choir Practice 6:30pm

Friday, December 20

Communion Service at 9:00am

Centering Prayer 4pm

Saturday, December 21

5:30pm Vigil Mass In Pavilion

Sunday, December 22

Masses at 8:30 & 11:00 am
Pavilion

**The 4pm Saturday Mass at the
Sugarloaf Firehouse will begin the second
Sunday of January—January 11, 2020**

Those Serving Us:

Saturday, December 14: 5:30 pm Mass:

Lector:

Cantor: Stephanie DiFolco

EME: Mike Quirk, Diane Bleich

Altar Servers: Hannah Burke

Sunday December 15: 8:30 Mass:

Lector: Emilia Havlicek

Cantor: Michelle McCusker

EME: Honora Shaffer

Altar Servers: Samson Fernsel

Sunday, December 15: 11:am Mass:

Lector: Peter Rosasco

Cantor: Clara Harrell

EME: Melina Wicht

Altar Servers: Hallie Chandonnet, Chloe Wicht

Knights of Columbus

"Dollars for Scholars"

events:



Saturday, December 28

after the 5:30pm Mass—Burgers
hot dogs, chips & drinks

Sunday, December 29

after the 8:30 Mass —Breakfast
sandwiches & juice



**CCD for Pre-K through 7th
Grade began Sunday, December
1. Classes are from 9:30-10:45am on
Sundays**

Late registrations are still being accepted for CCD. If the cost of the registration fee is keeping you from registering, we have scholarships available. Our new DRE, Honora Shaffer can help you—call her in the office at 305-872-2537 or email her at honora@stpeterbpbk.org.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Registration forms are available on line through our website or paper copies are available in the office.

The CCD students are now practicing for their beautiful Nativity Pageant which they will present at the 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We are hoping parents will support their efforts by attending this Mass.



**Would you like to be a Prayer
Partner to a Confirmation Student?
If so, contact their CCD teacher,
Rowena Frank at
rowenafrank@gmail.com for details.**

NCYC

Youth Group Members tell about their experience:

Last week we printed testimonies from Paige Richard, Jamison Klettheimer and Kelly Threadgill. This week we have one from Emilia Havlicek:

"From the amazing speakers to powerful worship, my experience at NCYC was unforgettable. I was touched by the grace of God, everybody's pure happiness, and the connection among all the teens attending. Although it may have been my last conference, it has taught me to continue prospering in my faith and live in His word in every aspect of my life. From Jackie Francois' talk about the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the beautiful praise and worship sung by the thousands of teens in the stadium I hope everyone may experience what I have with such an amazing group of people."



**Youth Ministry
will be going
Christmas
Caroling this
Sunday,
December 15th
after the
11am Mass.**

FINISH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING YET?

We have \$25.00



Gift Certificates for the



"Square Grouper Bar and Grill"

and

"Milagro Restaurant and Bar"



A percentage of the \$25.00 goes to our Religious Education Fund and helps finance our Religious Ed and Scholarship Programs.

SHOP and SUPPORT @ ST. PETER'S

Need to buy a gift for someone that has much? What if you could find a gift that goes further than anything you could ever wrap in a box?

GIVE A GIFT of DONATION THIS YEAR IN THE NAME of a FAMILY MEMBER or a FRIEND! {Checks payable to St. Peter Church, note on the

memo line your choice of one of the following needs:

- ♦ **Food Bank** {assist those in need}
- ♦ **Knights of Columbus** {providing charitable services}
- ♦ **Rebuilding Fund** {assisting with needs beyond insurance}
- ♦ **Religious Education** {CCD, VBS and Jesse Tree}
- ♦ **Youth Group** {Funding Our Youth to "Steubenville-Orlando", "Mercy Night-Miami", "NCYC-Indianapolis"}.

Questions? See Nancy in the Parish Office for more info.

St. Peter Catholic Church

2019 Advent-Christmas Calendar



Religious Education (CCD) Classes

Begin Dec. 1st at the Ministry Center, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
(no CCD December 29)

Extended Advent Confessions (Nov. 30 — Dec. 22)

Saturdays: 4:45 — 5:15 p.m. and AFTER the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sundays: 9:45 — 10:45 a.m. and AFTER the 11 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: By appointment, please call the office or email Fr. Jets

(Also, you may call the Basilica or San Pablo for their schedule)

Christmas Eve Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 24 (No 9 a.m. daily Mass or Adoration)

—5:30 p.m., *Children's Christmas Pageant Mass*

—11:00 p.m., *Christmas Midnight Mass*

(with Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long at 10:30 p.m. with our St. Peter Choir!)



Christmas Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 25, **10 a.m. ONLY** (No 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses)

2020 New Year Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 31st, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1st, 9 a.m.

***Sugarloaf Firehouse Masses** begin Jan. 11, 2020

(Saturdays, 4 p.m.)



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Planned Giving

If you own a business, consider donating surplus property or inventory that the parish could use. The cost basis of your gift can be deducted.

Contact Nancy in the office at 305-872-2537 or call the Office of Planned Giving at 305-762-1110 for more information.



"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."
(James 5:8)

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through Stewardship prayer, we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Prayer for our Country

Heavenly Father, we pray you to cradle our nation in your arms as you did in its infancy.

Only by living in the spirit of your laws can we reach true liberty and maturity.

Guide and foster leaders of integrity and righteousness with the vision and courage of our forefathers.

We pray you to till the soil of our nation with true ecumenism and renewal that all men will find the freedom and happiness that exists only through your grace. Amen



Deacon Jack's wife, Alice and family would like to express their gratitude for all the prayers and expressions of caring they have received during their difficult time of loss.



St. Peter Community Food Bank

**Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 am to Noon**

We are now collecting donations for our Christmas Baskets.

Most needed items year-round are: Hearty soups, canned meats—especially 12 oz canned hams, tuna, Chef Boyardee products (flip top cans appreciated).

Next Week is the 4th weekend of the month and Loaves and Fishes Weekend.

Please take a bag from the cart underneath the stairwell and return it next week with your donations.

You can also take your donations to the Food Bank during open hours; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am-noon.

May God bless you abundantly for your kindness.

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Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

December 7/8:

Big Pine 1st: \$ 3,654.00
(Includes Immaculate Conception collection)

2nd: \$ 894.00

(Retirement Fund for Religious)

Direct Debit: \$ 320.00 (weekly)

Thank you for your generosity!



There is a **Financial Transparency binder** in the bookkeeper's office with detailed statements, financial reports and parish budget history. This information is available to registered parishioners who wish to view it. Call and make an appointment with Nancy in the office at 305-872-2537.

Want to go paperless in 2019 with Direct Debit pulled from your checking account?

Let us know....

Call Nancy in the office for information.

Direct debit options are:

- ◇ Weekly
- ◇ Weekly 50/50
- ◇ Monthly
- ◇ Monthly to Rebuild Fund

Are you registered?

If you are not sure, call us in the office and we can check.

Thank you for your help!

Pray For Those Who Are Sick

We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:

Roger Lederer, Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Mary Doris Scheidell, Kim Padron, Doug Krout, Bill Carver, William Kin Koerber, Lani Dugger, John Mescal, Ismael Lopez, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, Katherine Fasano, James Archambeault, Pat and Connie Medina, Belle Medina-Ricasio, Beth Rodman, Bill Van Ryn, Flo Boyle, Judy Mescal, Jerry Bauer, William Scheidell, Mike Graham and Ellen Age.

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.

We are so pleased to welcome families to our Masses and other services. One of the many things we hope to teach our children is how to conduct themselves during Mass. Children are expected to quietly remain with their parent or guardian throughout the Mass. If the child gets restless or disruptive, as all children will, the adult should quietly remove the child until they are able to return quietly to their seat. Thank you for your cooperation!

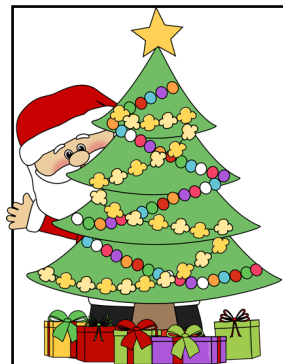


50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot

In the drawing for November 24, #166 was drawn but did not play, so the jackpot rolled over to \$559.50. In the drawing for December 1, #56 was drawn but did not play, so that jackpot rolled over to \$627.50. Last week, Dec. 8, #157 was drawn, but did not play, so now the jackpot has rolled over to **\$700.00!**

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. Please one play per week—multiple envelopes do not increase your chance of winning.



Thank you for your generous response to our Jesse Tree project this year!

We have 22 families we are helping with gifts—which included 12 bikes this year!)

Our sorting party is this Sunday, December 15th after the 11am Mass. We will sort the gifts into families, attach tags and get them ready for the parents to pick up.

Families will be picking up their gifts Saturday, Dec. 21 from 10am-2pm and Sunday Dec. 22 from noon-4pm. If you would like to help during those hours, please call Connie in the office. Thank you!

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

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 event at St. Peter Church!

You can also donate to our Rebuild Fund on the website now!

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.

A new offering this Season From the Adult Faith Formation Ministry

Evening Prayer Hour With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Ministry Center Chapel

Come join us for an evening hour of prayer in the Chapel on the following dates. A different format of prayer will be offered each time, followed by a half-hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 15 **Scripture Reflection**
6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, February 12 **Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**
6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, March 11 **Lectio Divina**
6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, March 25 **Vespers**
6:30-7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesdays, after 9am daily Mass until 11:00am.

“O Eternal Father, I come to you through the Heart of Jesus, my Way, my Truth, my Life. Through this Divine heart I adore you for those who do not adore you, I love you for those who do not love you, I acknowledge you for those who in willful blindness and contempt refuse this recognition of your goodness. By this divine Heart I desire to make satisfaction for the neglect of all mankind. In spirit I go through the world in search of every soul redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus, in order to make reparation for all through his Sacred Heart. I embrace them all in order to present them to you, O Eternal Father, through him, and by him I ask for their conversion. (St. Rose Philippine Duchesne from the November 2019 Magnificat)



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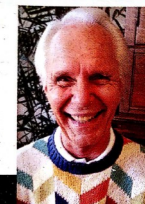
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