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DECEMBER 1, 2019 FIRST 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)



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, November 30, 2019

5:30pm +Oettle Family by Jim Oettle

Sunday, December 1, 2019

8:30 AM +Richard Eli Greenwood

by the Greenwood Family

11:00 AM +Donna & Jeffrey Price & Family and
Patricia Clevens by Bonita and Dennis Hayden

Monday, December 2, 2019

9:00 AM +Richard Pannick by the Pannick Family

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

9:00 AM S.I. Mary Comerford by Fr. Jets

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

9:00 AM +Anne Geltke by Roy Geltke

Thursday, December 5, 2019

9:00 AM +Oettle Family by Jim Oettle

Friday, December 6, 2019

9:00 AM Communion Service —Deceased Members of
St Peter Parish

Saturday, December 7, 2019

5:30PM +Mrs. Jean Maun by Chuck & Nancy McCrosson

Sunday, December 8, 2019:

8:30 AM +Richard Pannick by the Pannick Family

11:00 AM +Thomas Rowan by Laurita and Bill Miller



Monday, December 2, 2019

Mass at 9:00am

Food Bank open 9:30-noon

Tuesday, December 3

Mass at 9:00am

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

Food Bank open 9:30-noon

Wednesday, December 4

Mass at 9:00am

Food Bank open 9:30- noon

Thursday, December 5

Mass at 9:00am

Choir Practice 6:30pm

Friday, December 6

Communion Service at 9:00am

Centering Prayer 4pm

Saturday, December 7

5:30pm Vigil Mass In Pavilion

Sunday, December 8

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, November 30: 5:30 pm Mass:

Lector:

Cantor: Stephanie DiFolco

EME: Rosemary Farrell, Diane Bleich, Barbara Jackowski

Altar Servers: Emilia Havlicek

Sunday December 1: 8:30 Mass:

Lector:

Cantor: Lee Kiser

EME:

Altar Servers: Samson Fernsel

Sunday, December 1: 11:am Mass:

Lector:

Cantor: Bonita Boski

EME: Rosalinda Hally,

Altar Servers: Hallie Chandonnet

*God bless our
CCD Catechists!!*

Director of Religious Education:

Honora Shaffer

PreK-K: Ellen Age

1st & 2nd Grades: Rosalinda Hally

3rd & 4th Grades: Emilia Havlicek

5th & 6th and 7th Grades: Chris Cauley

Religious Activities Director: Connie Hauk

Confirmation Class: Rowena Frank and
Carla Threadgill

Youth Group: Barbara Jackowski and
Diane Koczela

Substitutes: Katrina Madok and Maria (Pi) Reinstein

Music Director: Megan Clay

Director of Christmas Pageant: Victoria Crouthamel



**CCD for Pre-K through 7th
Grade begins this Sunday
December 1.**

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 dre@stpeterbpk.org.

Thank you for your cooperation!
Registration forms are available on line through our website or paper copies are at the Ministry Center on the table by the doors.



**Would you like to be a Prayer Partner
to a Confirmation Student?
If so, contact their CCD teacher,
Rowena Frank at rowenafranm for de-**



Youth Group Members tell about their experience:

In the last couple of years, my religion has become part of my lifestyle basically. Going on pilgrimages such as NCYC, I have learned to become more confident and proud of being

Catholic. This experience has been deeply moving and inspirational honestly. You'll probably hear this from the others too but it was truly an honor to go. I've been to NCYC twice and this year was my last and I am grateful I got to start off my thanksgiving break with this amazing event. This event isn't like every other conference you got to. You leave with meaning out of it and a sense of confidence for the Catholic faith. Although I am sad about not being able to go next time, I passionately believe that the youth of the church need to experience this trip and take some good back with them from it. **Paige Richard**

NCYC was nothing less than one of the best experiences of my life. Not only for the friends I made but the amazing way my faith grew. So many of my questions were answered through seminars and it really helped me appreciate how amazing our faith is and how many young people want a better future for the world by spreading Gods love. I am so lucky to have some new friends who I will never forget and the experiences I will carry with me through my journey as a Catholic to spread Gods love and word. NCYC is an incredible experience for any teenager who wants to grow their faith and strengthen their relationship with God. **Jamison Klettheimer**

Going to NCYC this year, I hoped that it would be an amazing experience and it was. The music, the speakers, and the sessions made me feel more comfortable and knowledgeable about my faith. I feel more comfortable knowing that God is always there and he's there to guide us and help us when we may or may not need him most. I had so much fun this year with my friends, group leaders, and the other teens from across the country. **Kelly Threadgill**



**Start the Christmas Season off by taking some time
for yourself!**

Join us for a

Candlelight Advent Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

6:30-7:15pm

In the Ministry Center

**As we begin the hectic Christmas season,
take a few minutes to center yourself
in the real meaning of the season.**

There will be:

***Prayer**

***Quiet Time**

***Song**

***Refreshments**

Give yourself this gift!

St. Peter Catholic Church

2019 Advent-Christmas Calendar

Religious Education (CCD) Classes

Begin Dec. 1st at the Ministry Center, Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

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)

Candlelight Advent Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.

Come, open your heart to the Light of Christ

Prayer - Quiet Time - Song - Refreshments

Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9 at 9 a.m. (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Parish Christmas Party

Friday, December 13, 5 p.m., St. Peter Pavilion

Dinner, Drinks, Christmas Carols & Fun under the Stars

Sign up required by Dec. 8! See bulletin for details

Christmas Eve Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

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

—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.)



2019 Pavilion Parish Member Christmas Party

Friday, December 13, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

- ♦ Opens @ 5pm with appetizers—**Advanced sign-up required-Limited seating! Sign-up Deadline, Sunday 12/08** {sign-up sheet @ Mass}.
- ♦ **No Room at the Inn:** Please understand, once final count relayed to “Porky’s” catering, we will not be able to accommodate additional persons or walk-ins.
- ♦ **Donation** Wine & Beer Bar.
- ♦ **Free Dinner-6pm:** “Porky’s” Pulled Pork Bountiful Buffet w/salads – cold drinks & coffee. {No charge for **Registered parishioners**—Guests of parishioners \$20 per person charge-subject to availability of seats, please ask if room allows first, Thank you}.
- ♦ **You are asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert** of your choice—please note next to your name on sign-up sheet with the word “App.” or “Dessert”—need not know what type. **Very Important:** Your dish needs to be appetizer or dessert **table ready-fully prepared**, including utensils if necessary.
- ♦ **Live Entertainment by:** “Dickie D & the Don’ts” & “Megan” & Surprise Guest.”



Now for the Ministry participation @ The Party: Contact Megan
megan@stpeterbpk.org in the parish office & confirm.

Father has requested that each Ministry select one Christmas Carol or Song to perform together.

Using your cellphone/mobile device go to YouTube and search for your song by karaoke version and we will play it in Fr.’s sound machine via Bluetooth. {check w/Megan}

Submit your song to Megan as soon as you select it. Once selected by a Ministry, song can’t be used again by another Ministry. So, select your favorite fast!

Strive to Win the “Shining Star Award”

Don’t be Caught Winning the “Let it Go Award”



Planned Giving

Create a Memorial fund in memory of a loved one. You may wish to establish an ongoing fund which can be added to each year, or make a one-time gift. Memorial gifts that help fund an endowment provide lasting benefits from one generation to the next. To find out how you can honor a loved one, contact Nancy in the office 305-872-2537 or call the Office of Planned Giving at 305-762-1110 for more information.



"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you, as a Christian Steward, start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

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



St. Peter Community Food Bank

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

Thank you for your food and cash donations last week for our Loaves and Fishes collection!

Together we are brightening up many days for the needy in our community !

We supplied 35 families with Thanksgiving Food Baskets. We also thank Jan Hill, Lee Kiser, Donna Lahey, Dylan McCusker and of course Marty Mara and Ginny Gaster and a special thank you to Margaritaville Resort in Key West for donating the turkeys!

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

Please leave your food donations on the cart underneath the stairwell on weekends

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:

November 23/24:

Big Pine 1st: \$ 2,891.00

2nd: \$ 839.00

(Rebuilding Fund)

Direct Debit: \$ 320.00 (weekly)

Direct Debit \$2,440.00 (monthly)

Monthly Rebuild \$375.00



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.



50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot

The person in charge of the 50/50 is out of town for Thanksgiving, so when she returns, she will do two drawings and the results—one for last week and one for this week—so don't forget to contribute that extra \$5! Thank you!

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.



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CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Beginning on Friday, 11~29 @ Noon

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St. Peter's Catholic Church

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Daily Hours:

M-F: Noon~6pm

Saturdays: 10am~6pm

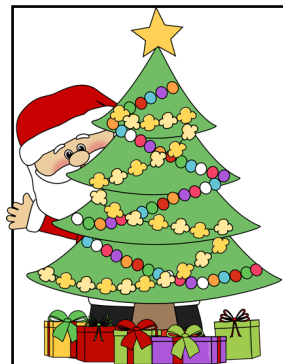
Sundays: 10am~6pm

Fresh Cut Fraser Fir from North Carolina

Tree Sizes: 6~7ft., 7~8ft.

Merry Christmas & Thank you for your patronage.





It's Jesse Tree time again!

Our Jesse tree will be up by Thanksgiving Day. We have reached out to School Counselors at Sugarloaf School and Big Pine

Academy and asked them to

help identify needy families in their schools.

These families have filled out forms listing items of clothing and toys that their children would like for Christmas.

Each ornament represents a wish.

If you would like to participate, please take an ornament 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 14/15. 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 15th 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 21st and the 22nd. If you would like to help, call Connie in the office,

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

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.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after all Masses this weekend.



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 though 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)

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!

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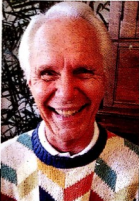
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