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DECEMBER 22, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASSSES:

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, 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 Family Members by
Margaret & Jim Burns

Monday, December 23, 2019

9:00 AM +Deacon Jack Pierce by Marty Pfeifer

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (Christmas Eve)

5:30 PM +Betty Lederer by Roger Lederer

11:00 PM S.I. Our Jesse Tree Families

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 (Christmas Day)

10:00 AM S.I. Burns and Mescal Families by
Margaret & Jim Burns

Thursday, December 26, 2019

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

Friday, December 27, 2019

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

Saturday, December 28, 2019

5:30PM S.I. Jim & Melissa Burns (Birthdays) by
Margaret & Jim Burns

Sunday, December 29, 2019:

8:30 AM +Rick McCusker by Chuck & Nancy McCrosson

11:00 AM +Connie Pfeifer by Chuck & Nancy McCrosson
of her Family by Margaret & Jim Burns

Christmas Eve 5:30: Lector: CCD Students, Cantor: Student
EME: Diane Bleich, Peter Rosasco, Altar Server: Matthew R.

Christmas Eve—11pm Lector: Steven Paul, Cantor,
EME, Altar Server: Emilia Havlicek

Christmas Day 10am Lector: Nancy McCrosson, Cantor
EME: Jack & Lisa Lewis, Altar Server: Hallie Chandonnet



Monday, December 23, 2019

Mass at 9:00am

Food Bank open 9:30-noon

Tuesday, December 24

no morning mass or

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Office Closed

Food Bank closed

Children's Mass 5:30pm

Mass at 11:00pm

(Christmas carol sing-along at 10:30pm)

Wednesday, December 25

one Mass at 10:00am

Food Bank closed

Office closed

Thursday, December 26

Communion Service at 9:00am

Friday, December 27

Communion Service at 9:00am

Centering Prayer 4pm

Saturday, December 28

5:30pm Vigil Mass In Pavilion

Sunday, December 29

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 21: 5:30 pm Mass:

Lector: Jackie Reitz

Cantor: Stephanie DiFolco

EME: Diane Bleich, Barbara Jackowski

Altar Servers:

Sunday December 22: 8:30 Mass:

Lector: Linda McCarthy

Cantor: Lee Kiser

EME: Sheri Jude

Altar Servers: Samson Fernsel, Nick Jude

Sunday, December 22: 11:am Mass:

Lector: Steven Paul

Cantor: Bonita Boski

EME: Rosalinda Hally, Melina Wicht, Peter Rosasco

Altar Servers: Louis Rosasco, Matthew Rosasco



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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 Confirmation are ongoing. We will be on Christmas break from Christmas until Sunday, January 12. Classes are from 9:30-10:45am on Sundays in the Ministry Center.

The topic of our January 12th classes will be on “Protecting God’s Children”. Parents will be receiving notification via email. If you have questions, our DRE, Honora Shaffer can help you—call her in the office at 305-872-2537 or email her at honora@stpeterbpc.org.

Our beautiful Nativity Pageant Mass is on December 24 at 5:30pm. All parents are encouraged to attend with their children and we hope that all CCD students will participate.



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

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



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)

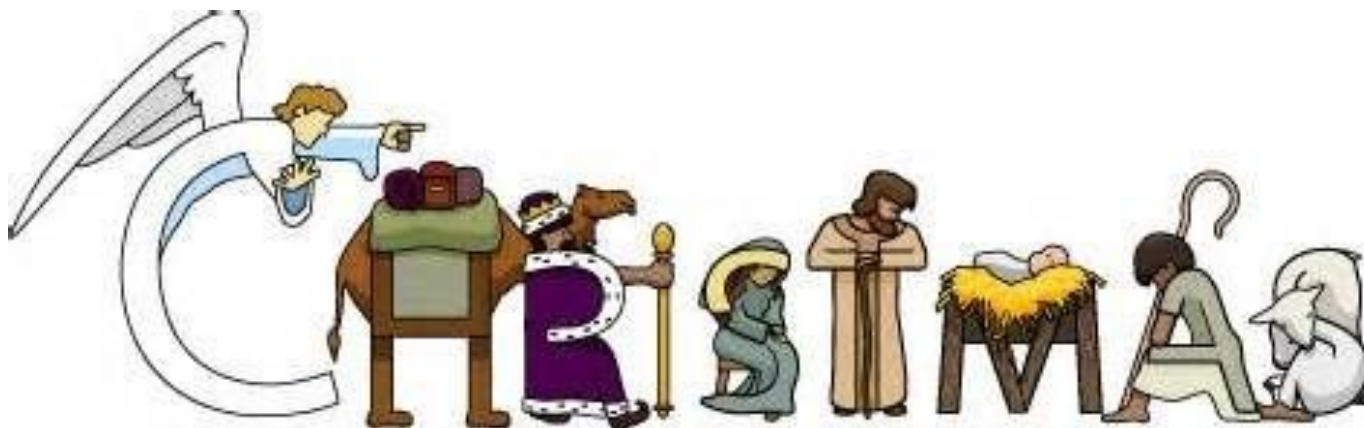
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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



A Christmas Wish

“In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.” -1 John 4:9

Dear parishioners, friends and visitors,

John writes in his letter that **“God is love”** and it is during this holy season that we so richly experience the tender love of our God. Every element of the Christmas story expresses **love**: Our Mother’s faith-filled “Yes!” to the angel Gabriel, Elizabeth’s joyful welcome at Mary’s hasty arrival, Joseph’s unfailing fidelity, the heavenly invitation to the lowly shepherds, the gentle care of the newborn Babe. God the Father takes these threads of love and weaves together His divine and human families by sending His Beloved Son into our world.

God’s perfect love enters the world through the birth of Jesus Our Savior, filling our imperfect human lives with heavenly hope in the present time and for the life to come. In the Child Jesus, God invites us anew to live fully as His sons and daughters and to be a symbol of hope to one another – this is the Light of Love from Bethlehem.

My prayer for you this Christmas is that you will see this wondrous tapestry of God’s love with fresh eyes and open hearts so that it is woven more deeply into every facet of your life. **May the love of Christ be renewed in our hearts**, in our homes and in our parish community so that we may share the Light of our Savior with the world as His family on earth.

A Blessed Christmas and a Grace-filled New Year to you all!

Father Jets

December 2019

Planned Giving

Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege! As you begin year-end tax planning, take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to our parish can make a great difference to us and help you as well! Stocks and bonds, especially if appreciated in value over the years, can cost you a lot of capital gain taxes, but they can also make substantial gifts St. Peter Church.

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



*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
(Matthew 1:24)*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return, stewards strive to put God first in all things and follow him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



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).

This week is the 4th weekend of the month and Loaves and Fishes Weekend.

Please leave your Food Bank donations in the back of the Pavilion.

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 14/15:

Big Pine 1st: \$ 4,286.00

2nd: \$ 1,555.00

(Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 320.00 (weekly)

**Once monthly blue Building Fund
envelopes \$ 647.00**

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!

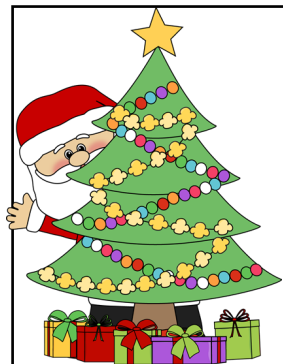


50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot

In the drawing for December 15, #81 was drawn but did not play, so the jackpot now rolls over to \$772.50!

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 13 bikes this year!

Many thanks to those of you who helped sort the gifts into families last Sunday. The families are picking up the gifts this weekend.

Helpers received tears, hugs and heartfelt expressions of gratitude.

One mom explained through her sobs that she couldn't believe people could be so generous!

A single dad explained that he was taking care of his dying brother, and his "Santa Fund" had been used for his brother. Now his son could have Christmas after all! God bless all of you who helped us with this project!!

St. Peter Catholic Church Website



Visit the St. Peter Church website at
<http://www.stpeterbpc.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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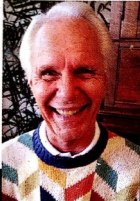
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