St. Peter Catholic Church

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305-872-2537 Office: 9am-3pm Mon.-Fri. www.stpeterbpk.org

APRIL 19, 2020

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MASSES:

<u>All Masses suspended until</u> <u>further notice due to</u> <u>covid-19</u>

HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm

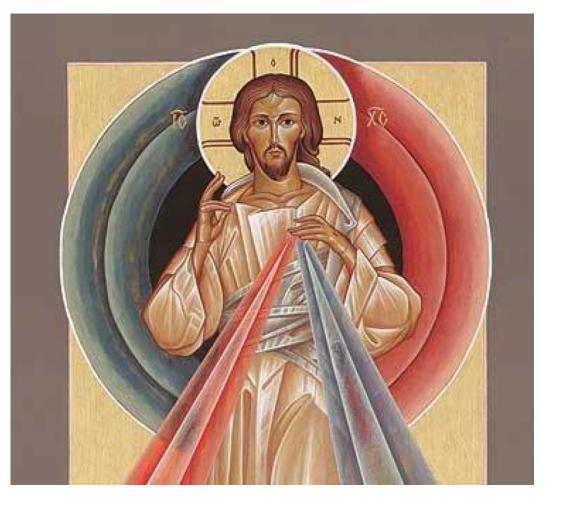
Holy Day Mass 9 am

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and WEDDINGS (by appointment)

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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

All Masses are suspended until further notice. Fr. Jets will continue to offer these Mass intentions as he says Mass privately each day.

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Living and Deceased members of the Mescal Families by Margaret & Jim Burns

<u>Sunday, April 19, 2020</u> +Fr Randy Musselman by Roberta Castillo +Liam Hussey by Margaret & Jim Burns

<u>Monday, April 20, 2020</u> Living & Deceased members of the Mescal Family by Margaret & Jim Burns

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 +Pasquale Coppola by Mike Coppola

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 +Elizabeth Orzel by Rita Orzel

Thursday, April 23, 2020 +Richard Conrady by Olga Conrady Friday, April 24, 2020 +Louis Coppola by Mike Coppola

<u>Saturday, April 25, 2020</u> +Ms. Jean Maun by Mary Doris Scheidell

Sunday, April 26, 2020 + Lou Ann Francis by Kim Francis



Prayer for the Rebuilding of St. Peter Church:

Heavenly Father, We ask your blessings on all those involved in our church rebuilding.

We ask you to guide the minds and the hands of the planners and workers and may they know they are doing Your work.

We ask you blessings on those who have made the rebuilding possible through their generous donations that their lives may be enriched.

We ask your blessings on the family of St. Peter that we may continue to flourish through the challenges we face as we rebuild and renew ourselves as true and loving community.

May we listen to Jesus' words and act on them so that we will be like the wise man who built his house on rock and pray the psalm..

"Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come."

Amen



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Great to see the outline of our new Church and hall! Excavation for our foundation is nearing completion. Steel (rebar) has been delivered and is awaiting forms.



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Jesus is risen! He is truly risen indeed.

Jesus is not a character from a far distant past. He is not remembered in the same way as the great men and heroes who lived long ago are remembered. We might talk about them—and about their deeds. But we cannot talk to them or befriend them. Jesus, however, is the same yesterday, today and forever. He lives.

Having broken the chains of death, He walks before us as one who is alive—and He calls us to follow Him, the living one, and to enter a relationship of friendship with Him. In this way, we discover the path of life, a life that is always new because it will never die. Christ, in rising from the dead, saves all that is truly human and by the gift of His Spirit makes it possible for us to live no longer for ourselves but for Him.

Faith in Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection gives us inner strength to exercise our baptismal commitment to live, in different ways, lives of service and significance. We must seek to do God's will in all things- even in the seemingly most mundane things. But doing God's will and following the commandments does not deprive us of joy but it is what makes true joy possible. Indeed, joy is a sign that we have been with the Lord.

Please continue to visit our website, <u>www.miamiarch.org</u>, for up-to-date information, live-streaming of liturgies, and other resources.

I understand that many of you may not be able to contribute given the economic impact this pandemic is having on your personal finances; however, I hope that those who are able to continue to support their parishes are doing so through the use of online giving on your parish website or through this <u>Universal Online Offertory Page</u>. Your support is essential for the continued operation of your parish. Your parish does so much more than offer Sunday Mass, and despite your physical separation, they need you!

Moreover, many of your brothers and sisters continue to suffer financially due to this pandemic. I invite you to unite with me to help them in their time of need by making a donation to the <u>Coronavirus Emergency Fund</u>. Together, we will get through this. *Don't be afraid; just believe* (Mark 5:36).

Let us bring "good news" to those who live without hope, and share with them the light of the Gospel, the light that opens for the one who has faith a sure path to true joy, to lasting happiness and eternal peace.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski Archbishop of Miami





St. Peter Community Food Bank

Hours: Monday, Wednesday 9:30 am to Noon

Thank you for your food and cash donations! Together we are brightening up many days for the needy in our community.

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

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

Your donations are needed even more now during this time of covid19!

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St. Peter Catholic Church Website



Visit the St. Peter Church website at <u>http://www.stpeterbpk.org</u>

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.

Saints for the Pandemic

When asked about saints who would be good intercessors during the coronavirus, Jesuit Father James Martin, editor at large of America magazine, told CNS that 3 saints he mentions in his 2006 book "My Life With the Saints" would be good to start with.



<u>St. Aloysius Gonzaga:</u> A very pious soul all his life, he became a Jesuit. In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The Superior General himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, he caught the disease. A

fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet, he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die within the octave of Corpus Christi. Three month later, he died at the age of 23.

St. Bernadette Soubirous:

Born in France in 1844 to an extremely poor family, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette on a cave above the banks of the Gave River when she was 14. There were 18 appearances in all, the final one coming on the Feast of Our Lady of Mt.



Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "The Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862

She entered the Convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. She suffered from asthma and other ailments throughout her life, and contracted cholera in the epidemic of 1954. Chronic health problems persisted, and she died on April 16, 1879 at the age of 35. She was canonized in 1933.

More saints in the bulletin next week—including St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Sebastian. Pope Francis reminds us that God is mercy, and every day, throughout the Archdiocese of Miami, our parishes share God's mercy through the many diocesan ministries made possible by your generous support. To leave a gift for the future, please contact Nancy in the office at 305–872–2537 or the Office of Planned Giving at 305–762–1112 to learn more.



"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

Welcoming is the heart of Stewardship. Are you good at making people feel welcomed? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Some of us can probably do a much better job than this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships—with God and each other.



In the state of Florida every adult is an ethical mandated reporter and is required to report any healthy suspicion of abuse. They may do so anonymously. Additionally,

in the state of Florida, there are professionally mandated reporters who too are required to report disclosed abuse and the healthy suspicion of abuse but are not allowed to do so anonymously. They must provide their identity. People in this category include, but are not limited to, doctors, nurses, teachers childcare providers and so forth.

The hotline number for the Department of Children and Families is 1-800-962-2873.

The hotline number for the Archdiocese of Miami is 1-866-802-2873





Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Novena



Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains: *This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, Nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.*

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

(To find directions for praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, go to www.thedivinemercy.org)

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Construction:

Excavation for our foundation is nearing completion! It is great to see the actual outline of our new church and hall. Steel (rebar) has been delivered and is awaiting forms. Plans are finalized for construction of the new one way entrance to our parking lot. As soon as that is done, the construction fence will again be moved toward the pavilion. Aerial photos, compliments of Florida Lemark can be seen on the parish website. We remain on schedule and continue to pray for the health and safety of our workers.





Food Bank:

We continue to set new records every day as more and more of our neighbors seek help during their layoffs. This week, after considering closing our doors, we received two large donations from Feeding South Florida and USDA. Combined with the continued generosity of our community, our freezers and shelves are now full. We should be "OK" till the end of April. We intend to stay open for as long as we have food to distribute.

Thank you for your continued support....and prayers. Marty

Finance Committee

. If you are interested in Direct Debit, please take a minute, leave Nancy a message at 305-872-2538 and she will get back to you. It's a very simple process. Thank you!

Marty Mara

Director of Community Food Bank

Chairman, Finance Committee

Chairman, Building Committee

Trust in Prayer:

This is a translation of the prayer Pope Francis recited by video March 11 at a special Mass asking Mary to protect Italy and the world from the coronavirus.

O Mary,

you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. **O** loving Mother, you know what we need, and are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows. so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.



Many of you picked up a **CRS Rice Bowl** at the beginning of Lent and have been putting your donations into the bowl. Ordinarily, you would be bringing them to church on Easter Sunday, but since that is impossible this year, you may turn in your Lenten gifts in the following ways:

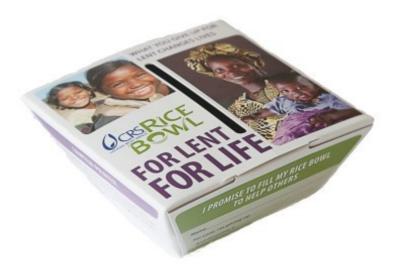
Online: <u>https://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0</u>

By Phone: Call 877-435-7277 from 8am to 11pm Eastern time. Be sure to tell the operator that the gift is for CRS Rice Bowl ad that you are from the Archdiocese of Miami.

By Mail: Please write "CRS Rice Bowl from Archdiocese of Miami in the memo line of your check and mail it to:

Catholic Relief Services CRS Rice Bowl P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

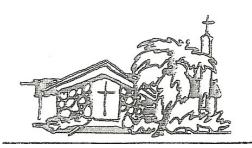
Remember—CRS Rice Bowl supports hunger and poverty alleviation efforts around the world through CRS (75% of gifts) and also here in the U.S.(25% for local diocesan efforts). This global/local connection is important as communities



in the United States and around the world are both struggling with the economic impacts of COVID-19.

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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

St. Peter Catholic Church invites you to consider the option of Direct Debit, an electronic collection program to automate your regular weekly offerings, pulled directly from your checking or savings account.

Would you prefer to go paperless and take advantage of any of the following Direct Debit choices?

Here are the choices currently available to consider:

Weekly Offering: Funds pulled weekly. Weekly 50/50: \$5.00 pulled weekly.

{<u>The 50/50 Drawing</u>: ACH weekly debits & collecting of cash or checks have been suspended until Masses resume.}

Monthly Choices:

Funds pulled on next Business Day after 20th of the Month.

Monthly Rebuild Offering: Funds pulled on next Business Day after 20th of the Month.

Direct Debit giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our parish, especially during these times. There is no cost for you to participate.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And if you are seasonal or when future travel opportunities resume, illness or other circumstances like what we are faced with currently, prevent you from attending Mass with us here at St Peter's, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue uninterrupted.

To get started, simply call and speak to Nancy McCrosson in the Parish office to answer any questions you may have #305-872-2537.

We thank you for your continued support to our parish here at St. Peter and we pray all of you and your loved ones are safe and well.

God Bless You, Nancy McCrosson



Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week: \$ 4,148.00 Direct Debit: \$ 425.00 (weekly)

Thank you to those of you who mailed your weekly donations to us, and **Thank you** to those of you who elected to change to Direct Debit!



There is a 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:

Sin Delays 2014 (International Conference Delays 2014) (International Conference Delays

We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends: Roger Lederer, Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Mary Doris Scheidell, Doug Krout, Bill Carver, Lani Dugger, John Mescal, Ismael Lopez, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, Katherine Fasano, Frank Fasano, James Archambeault, Pat and Connie Medina, Belle Medina-Ricasio, Beth Rodman, Bill Van Ryn, Flo Boyle, Judy Mescal, Gerry Bauer, William Scheidell, Mike Graham, Mason Skiver, Tiffany Howard, Nancy Lopez, Jim Oettle, Kate Menser Hughey & Marilyn Nichols.

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.

Address Change: We have closed our Post Office box. Our only mailing address now is: 31300 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, FL 33043.



50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot

In the drawing for March 8, A Direct Debit parishioner won \$335.00! For March 15, #178 did not play, so the new jackpot will be \$257.50 when we resume again.

The 50/50 has been suspended until we are able to start having weekend Masses again.



We thank God and all our donors! We met our \$39K goal and more before the Pandemic. We have \$47K pledged or donated—\$8K above! This information was sent to us on April 3and is the latest info from the Archdiocese so far.

Fr. Jets Medina Michelle Alexandre Jeffrey Alagood Anthony Baglini Barbara Barzen **Catherine Baugh** Gary Beaton Maryann Becich Sara Bielich-Wilcox Mary Bennett Smith Mark & Susan Berenz Prescott & Nita Bigelow III **Beverly Blass** Howard & Diane Bleich **Betty Boire** Armand Boisselle Jim & Cathy Bouquet Christian Brisson **Gregory Brueckman** Larry Bullock John Butcher **Rose Byrnes** David Campbell Thomas & Eva Carbone Roberta Castillo Sue Cherrybon Karen and Chris Cauley **Edward Christie** John & Sally Clemente **Olga Conrady** Crystal Clear Pools of Big Pine Key Patricia Cumberbatch Sue Cummins **Richard & Pat DiBonaventura Kevin Donoghue** Terry Dusseau Donna & Darrell Dye Larry Elfers **Donald Ellis Rosemary Farrell** Frank & Carolyn Fasano Frances Frederick

Stephen & Cathy Golder **Rosalinda Hally** Christopher Hanley Neil & Lynda Haring **Robert & Clara Harrell Connie Hauk** Mary Ann Henderson Kathleen Henry Michaelene Iwanyckyj Barbara Jackowski Thomas Janszen William Jones Sheri and Bob Jude Pat Kersey Patrick Kennedy Christine Khayat Lee Kiser **Richard & Tabitha Klessens** Deb & John Kreiger Elizabeth Kreitzman **Bill Kruppa** Michael Kruzel **Robert Lancaster Roger Lederer Daniel Leffers** Vicente & Nancy Lopez Raymond Lussier Sheila Madden Kevin & Katrina Madok Richard & Grace Makowski Louis Martin Jan & Bruce Maxwell Joseph & Linda mcCarthy Chuck & Nancy McCrosson **Bill & Laurita Miller Ralph Montanaro** Arlene Murray Sue Myers Donald & MaryAnn Nelson James Nichols Jim Oettle Patrick Parenty

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CCD Update:

Good news!! The Confirmation class has resumed meeting virtually via Zoom. Please keep them and their teachers in your prayers!

DRE Honora Shaffer sent all CCD parents a video urging students and families to keep Christ and prayer a part of their virtual learning and daily routine.

CCD classes are suspended until further notice due to the corona virus



Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. **In Baptism**, we were cleansed with water of Original Sin

and the Sanctifying Force of God began to flow through us for the first time.

In Confirmation, we receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and through Anointing, we are strengthened to live Christ-like lives exhibiting the Fruits of the Spirit in our daily interactions with others.

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we are united with Jesus Christ as He enters our body and we go forth from the Mass to bring Jesus into our daily life, in our families, our schools, our workplace.

Our body is the only body that Jesus has today to continue his work in our world and in this Parish.

This is what we learn and hope to practice through our Religious Education Program at St. Peter Church. Thank you! Honora Shaffer, DRE 774-239-2872 or Honora@stpeterbpk.org.

Thank you for donated eyeglasses!

Donna Dye received a thank you from Brother Tobias OSB of the Benedictine Mission House for the box of donated eyeglasses she sent. The glasses will go to eye clinics in Tanzania. The Benedictine Mission House remembers all donors in prayer and daily Mass.

In addition to the eyeglasses, Donna also collects new and cancelled stamps for the Missions——until our coronavirus quarantine is over, you could mail us your donations or bring them to the office between 9 & 3. Our door is locked, but we will answer if you knock or call.

Thank you Donna for your work in this Ministry!





Look familiar?

St. Peter has spent many years out by the highway blessing people who pass by St. Peter's.

Now he is relaxing in the garage until he finds a home on our property when our new Church is built.

Thank you to Haack Excavating for safely transporting him to his new temporary home!

