St. Peter Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy Big Pine Key, Fl 33043



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

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MASSES:

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

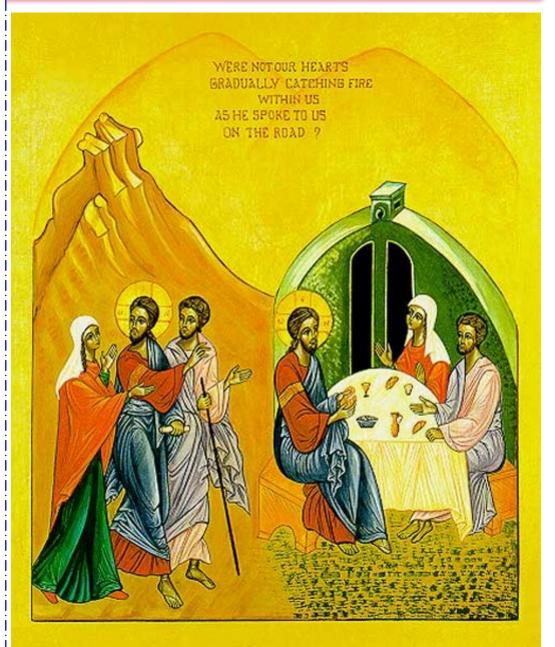
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm

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)



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 25, 2020

+Ms. Jean Maun by Mary Doris Scheidell

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

+Engr. Ponciano 'Pons' Icatar by The Icatar Family/Fr. Jets

<u>Monday, April 27, 2020</u> +Don Lozak <u>Tuesday, April 28, 2020</u>

+Lucy Guerruiero by Mike Coppola

<u>Wednesday, April 29, 2020</u> S.I. Christine Pineiro (Birthday) Jim & Margaret Burns

Thursday, April 30, 2020 Living and Deceased members of the Mescal family Friday, May 1, 2020 + Burns and Mescal Families by Margaret & Jim Burns

<u>Saturday, May 2, 2020</u> +Deacon Jack Pierce by William & Mary Doris Scheidell

Sunday, May 3, 2020

S.I. To the Gory of God in Thanksgiving for their 27th Wedding Anniversary by Neil & Lynda Haring

+Appolonia Coppola by Mike Coppola



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



As we honor the caregiving women in our lives on Mother's Day, please join our St. Peter family in praying a Novena of masses for our mothers (a Novena is a prayer offered on 9 consecutive days or weeks for a specific intention). Since we will probably still be observing the quarantine, Fr. Jets will be privately celebrating Mother's Day Novena of Masses on Saturday, May 9th through Sunday, May 17th.

If you would like your mother's name included in this special Spiritual Bouquet, please email your mother's name (and indicate whether she is living or deceased) to Connie at connie@stpeterbpk.org or call the office. If you are able to, and would like to send a donation, please send to St. Peter Church 31300 Overseas Hwy. Big Pine Key 33043. It would be much appreciated.

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.



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!

St. Peter Catholic Church is a 501(c)(3) corporation

Mothers Day is May 10th



More Saints for the Pandemic:

St. Therese of Liseux: Therese died when she was 24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite for less than 10 years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works. The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal called "Story of a Soul." But within 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonized.

She was born in France, one of 9 children, 5 of whom survived. Her mother died of breast cancer when she was 4 1/2 years old. When she was 10 years old, she became so ill with a fever people thought she was dying. She had a vision of Mary and was cured. Three of her sisters had entered the Carmelite convent, and Therese wanted to enter as well, but she was too young. She appealed to the Bishop who refused her. Her Father took her on a pilgrimage to Rome, and during an audience with the Pope, she begged him to let her enter a Carmelite convent. The Vicar General, who saw her courage, was impressed and soon Therese was admitted to the Carmelite convent that 2 of her sisters had already joined.

Her father suffered a series of strokes that affected him physically and mentally and was admitted to an asylum. As a cloistered nun, she was not allowed to visit him. He died in 1888. This began a horrible time of suffering when she experienced extreme dryness in prayer, but she persisted. She called her spirituality "the Little Way." This meant performing everyday actions and suffering every injury in the presence and love of God. She died of tuberculosis in 1897 at the age of 24.

In the years following her death, Therese was credited with an extraordinary number of miracles. It was remembered that she once said "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth."

She was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church. Her parents, Louis & Zelie were canonized in 2015.

Saint Sebastian:

According to legend, Sebastian was born at Narbonne, Gaul. He became a soldier in the Roman army in about 283. He encouraged his fellow soldiers to remain firm in their faith, made many converts and cured many of them of their ailments. When it was discovered, during the reign of Maximian and Diocletian, during Maximian's persecution of Christians, that Sebastian was indeed a Christian, he was ordered executed. He was shot with arrows and left for dead, but when the widow of St. Castulus went to recover his body, she found that he was still alive and nursed him back to health. Soon after, Sebastian intercepted the Emperor,



denounced him for his cruelty to Christians, and was beaten to death on the Emperor's orders.

In the 14th century when the Black Death was spreading throughout Europe, the Bishop of Florence, Italy had an altar built in honor of St. Sebastian as a means to stop the plague. After the plague was over, he built a church dedicated to the saint in gratitude. Sebastian was declared patron of plague sufferers because of his reported cures of those afflicted with many diseases.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The coronavirus pandemic continues to pose new challenges for us all. Today, we find ourselves in a time of twin crises: the worst global public health crisis in our lifetimes and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Yet, around the world, we are united in common purpose of caring for the sick, pursuing a cure, and lifting the human spirit.

As Christians still living in the world, we will experience all manner of trials and tribulations. The sufferings of Christ do not exempt us from suffering ourselves; but his sufferings seen in the light of his Resurrection give meaning and hope to our own. And so, even suffering does not take away our joy in the future promise of our own Resurrection. Easter convinces us not only that Jesus is risen – but that we would rise as well. Our Christian faith is born not so much from the acceptance of a doctrine but from an encounter with a person – with Christ, once dead but now risen.

For us, to live in Christ means that we will never allow the things of this world to distract us from the true purpose and goal of our existence. 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.

While I know some may not be able to contribute given the economic impact this pandemic is having on you and your finances, I pray that those who can continue to support their parishes are doing so. Your support is vital to the ministerial work of your parish. Please consider making an online donation through your parish website or this <u>Universal Online Offertory Page</u>. Your parish needs you!

As many continue to be impacted by the effects of the coronavirus, people are suffering. Please join me by helping those most in need during this difficult time by making a donation to the <u>Coronavirus Emergency</u> <u>Fund</u>. We will get through this, but we must do it together.

Joy is a sign that we have been with the Lord. And this joy comes by not only following God's law but also from knowing God in his son Jesus Christ. It comes from experiencing his mercy and grace and sharing in his divine life. Our witness will be that much more credible if it is joyful – our joy allows God to smile through us and thus – even in this time of a health and economic crises – to bring renewed hope to the world.

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

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

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski Archbishop of Miami Together, we can make a difference. Your gifts to the Archdiocese of Miami can assist in this path of greater evangelization and formation 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.

Stewardship Is ...

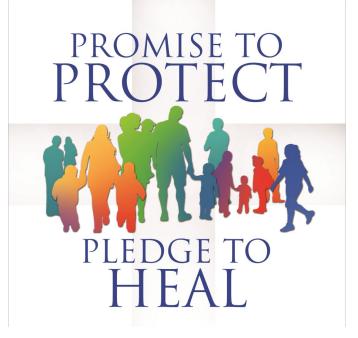


Love in Action

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened up the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)



How often to we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any relationship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.



If a child discloses to you, stay calm and listen to them. Listening is the most important thing you can do. This is not the time to gather information. Reassure them it was not their fault, and that you are there for them. If a child asks you to keep their confidence, explain that if someone is in harm's way, you are not able to keep the confidence and must respond in the best interest of the child. As soon as possible, report the disclosure to law enforcement or a child protection agency. Every adult in the state of Florida is a mandatory reporter and is required to report abuse if disclosed to them and also to report any healthy suspicion of abuse.

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







Building Committee:

We remain on schedule with our church construction. Most foundation excavation is complete, rebar being formed, and first concrete for support pillars will flow mid week. The new entry between the pavilion and the food bank will begin construction this Tuesday. This will form a "one way" traffic flow, and allow our green construction fence to be moved closer to the pavilion, making room to begin working on the retaining wall just inside the new fence line. Remember, we must raise the new building five feet above what was our ground level while keeping our new entrance roadway at level with the Ministry Center. We continue to pray for the health and safety of our contractors as they toil in near-record heat!

Food Bank Ministry:

Our number of clients has just about tripled in the last few weeks. Fortunately, our supply of food has increased as well due to our local farmers not having a market for their produce with schools, restaurants and cruise ships. Feeding South Florida has also been able to increase what they send us, as again, donations flow to them from supplier surpluses. Our local donations continue to be strong, for which we are very appreciative. The work of our volunteers has increased substantially, and we pray that their health and strong backs prevail.

Finance Council:

Again, thank you to all who continue to send in their weekly offerings. Direct Debit remains a convenient option. It is easily set up and just as easily changed or cancelled by you in the future. You remain in control.

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

Another prayer for the Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced Remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips Remember those that have no safe place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market Remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for a quarantine at home Remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen. (Cameron Bellm)

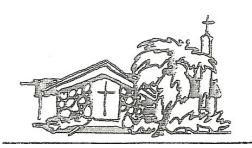


Have you checked out www.wordonfire.org yet?

This is Bishop Robert Barron's site and has good resources—-daily Mass, talks, previous Masses, previous homilies, etc.

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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:

\$ 1,510.00 Direct Debit: \$ 495.00 (weekly) Directly Debit once monthly \$2,510.00

Once monthly Rebuild \$605.00

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 <u>Are you registered?</u>

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!

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

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Stephen & Isabel Paul Georgianna Peteck Robert Pienkowski Eliseo Pombo Mike & Mary Quirk Jorge Ramos Michael & Maria Reinstein Larry & Jackie Reitz Kathy & Dusty Rhodes **Barrie Ricketts** Lindell Roberts Antonio Rodriguez Peter & Amy Rosasco Charlotte & Bill Rudy Jeffrey & Leslie Ryder **Dominick Salemi** Bob & Rose Sangrey William & Mary Scheidell Tom & Diane Schoonbeck Carol Schulz Honora & Howard Shaffer **Richard & Barbara Shenk** George Sherko Maria & Jerry Sims **Michael Skinner** Tamara Snider Lurana Snow **Robert & Chrissie Soell** Anthony Sporer Chris & Pam Stangler John & Pauine Snyder Leonora Stullken **Enrique & Gloria Suarez** Susan & Ken Tackett **Kim Thompson** Jim & Norma Thompson John Threadgill Joseph Trimbur Steve Wagner Norma Washabaugh Nicki Will-Mowey David & Jeannine Wise

<u>An important</u> <u>message for</u> <u>parents of our</u> <u>CCD students:</u>



- Parents are always the primary teachers of their children.
- During this period of "Stay at Home", you have been asked to fully participate in the Education of your children.
- We, the Church, have asked you to bring Jesus and your faith back to the classroom of your home.
- We, the Church, have asked you to attend Mass with your children virtually.
- We, the Church, ask you to respond to the teachers of our CCD program and allow them to assist you in the continuation of your child's Religious Education.
- We will continue with the CCD program through the month of May.

Thank you! Honora Shaffer, DRE 774-239-2872 or Honora@stpeterbpk.org.



Good news!!

The Confirmation class meets on Sundays at 9:30 virtually via Zoom.

Please keep them and their teachers in your prayers!

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!



