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PALM SUNDAY

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MASSES:

**All Masses suspended until
further notice due to
covid-19**

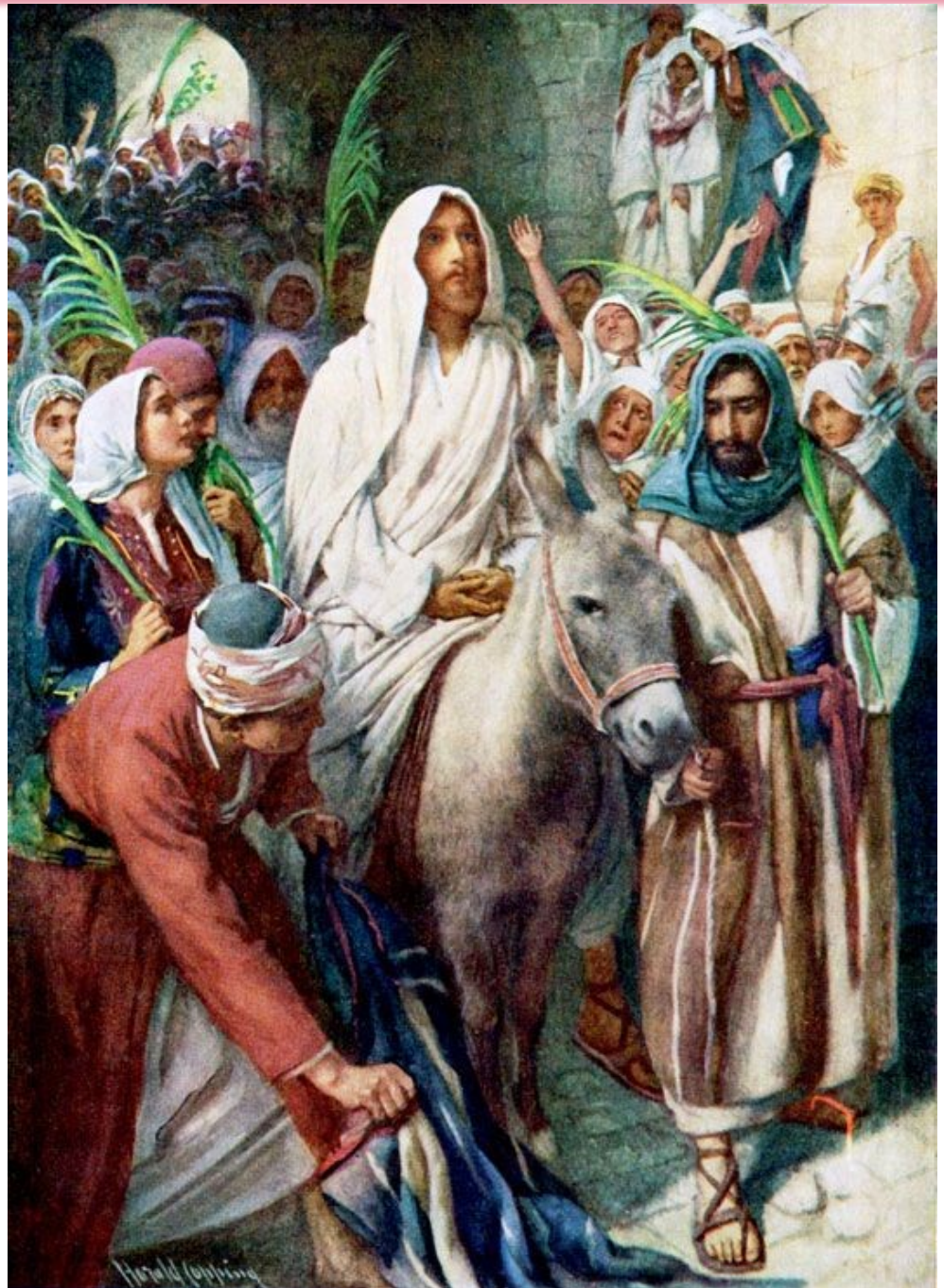
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm

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 4, 2020

S.I. Fr. Jets (Birthday) by your parishioners

Sunday, April 5, 2020

S.I. Carolyn Bouquet by St. Peter Parishioners
Living & Deceased Members of the Mescal family by
Margaret & Jim Burns

Monday, April 6, 2020

+Richard Reithmayer by Mike Coppola

Tuesday, April 7 2020

S.I. Father Jets by the Office Staff

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

+Rose Pasquarella by Mike Coppola

Holy Thursday , April 9, 2020

S.I. Burns & Mescal Families by
Margaret & Jim Burns
+Francis & Christine Cotter by Jean Tarlton

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

No Masses on Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020

S.I. Burns & Mescal Families by Margaret & Jim Burns

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

+ Gina Alessandro by Chuck & Nancy McCrosson
+John Selzer by Connie Hauk



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



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

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!**



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!

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.



Healthy and vibrant future ministries of the Archdiocese will be built upon the legacies we leave today. Many of our programs exist because past generations cared so much about the future of our church. 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.



"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry His cross." (Matthew 27:32)

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross."

These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.



PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

In 1982, President Reagan proclaimed April to be the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the tradition continues today. Research estimates that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 5 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18. Nationwide, a report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds. Take a moment to learn what you can do to create safe environments and other articles dedicated to safety. Or consider signing up to take a Virtus training session at www.virtus.org if you haven't already. It is an awareness and prevention program with session offered throughout the Archdiocese.

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

Updates from Marty Mara: 3/03/20

Construction:

Ground clearing has been completed ahead of schedule. Materials for foundation forms are on site—more on their way. So far, we have not been impacted by the Coronavirus, and we continue to pray for the health and safety of all our workers. The roadblock at the top of the Keys has not substantially delayed either materials or workers—we remain on schedule! Our team is awaiting bids for construction of the new temporary entrance. It will be between the pavilion and the Food Bank and wind around to our temporary parking lot. Exit will be along the fence line in front of the Pavilion. More on that in coming weeks.



Food Bank:



It is no surprise that the number of clients has risen dramatically in the last few weeks with all the layoffs in our area. A small group of brave and dedicated volunteers is preparing bags for distribution on Mondays and Wednesdays only. Food supplies are scarce and unpredictable. We hope to stay open as long as we have food. Going north? Do you really want to leave those canned goods in the cupboard all summer? Your neighbors could use them.

Please drop them off or call Marty for assistance at 802-233-2619.

Finance Committee

A sincere thank you to all of you who have responded to our request for continued weekly/monthly donations, both by mail, and especially to those of you who have signed up for "direct debit". If you have not done so yet, 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

We welcome the
newest member of
our St. Peter
Community:
Joshua Lawrence Nels,
Son of Justin &
Joselyn Nels,
who was Baptized by
Fr. Jets on
March 22, 2020.

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM



Joshua Lawrence Nels
Born on the 6th day of November, 2017
In Saint Augustine Florida
City State
Child of
Justin Nels
Joselyn Guerrero Nels
was

BAPTIZED

in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

by Rev. Father Jesus (Jets) Medina
at Saint Peter Catholic Church
City State
Big Pine Key Florida
City State
on the 22nd day of March, 2020

Godparents Neidi Guerrero

Augusto Guerrero

Fr. Jets 3-22-20
Signature Date

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.



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On God's faith
Eph 4:5-

Trust in Prayer:
A Message from Archbishop Wenski on 3/17/2020

***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.

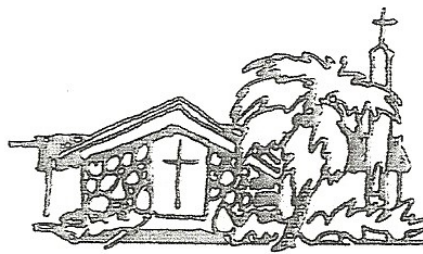
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

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.

{The 50/50 Drawing: 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



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

\$2,275.00

Direct Debit: \$ 370.00 (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 **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, Doug Krout, Bill Carver, 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, 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.



2020 ††† ABCD

ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

We thank God and all our donors! We met our \$39K goal and more before the Pandemic. We have \$44K pledged or donated—\$5K above! This information was sent to us on March 25 and is the latest info from the Archdiocese so far.

Fr. Jets Medina
Michelle Alexandre
Jeffrey Alagood
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Jane Zielnski

CCD Update:

Good news!! The Confirmation class will resume meeting , virtually, this Sunday, April 5, at 9:30am via Zoom.



They had a trial run and all students were able to log on. 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.



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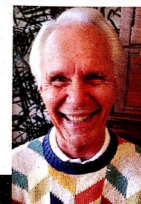
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