St. Peter Catholic Church

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May 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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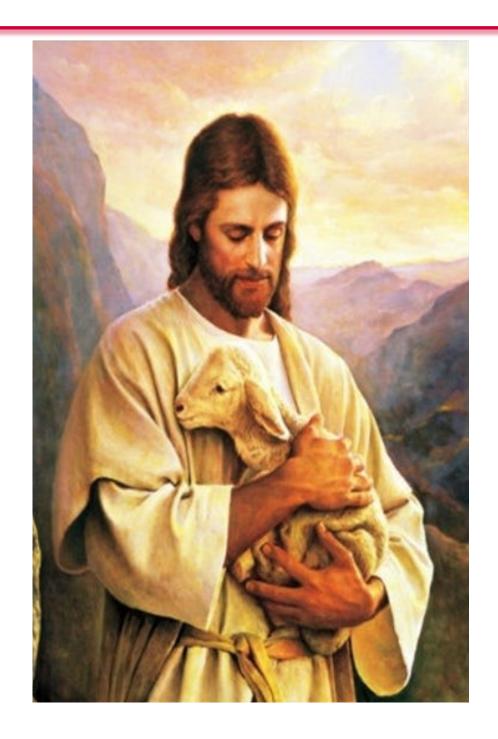
All Masses suspended until further notice due to covid-19

<u>HOLY DAYS</u>: 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, May 2, 2020

+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

Monday, May 4, 2020

+Richard Murray by the Murray Family

Tuesday, May 5 2020

+Fr. Randy Musselman by Rosemary Farrell

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Living & Deceased Members of the Mescal Family by Jim & Margaret Burns

Thursday, May 7, 2020

+Richard Conrady by Olga Conrady

Friday, May 8, 2020

+John Turney by Elizabeth Barskus

S.I. Fr. Jets 10th Anniversary of his ordination!!

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Intentions of all mothers in the Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 10, 2020 (Mothers' Day)

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(If you haven't sent in your mother's name yet, please email Connie at connie@stpeterbpk.org or call her at 305-872-2537—see pg 3 of this bulletin)



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

Mothers Day is May 10th



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;

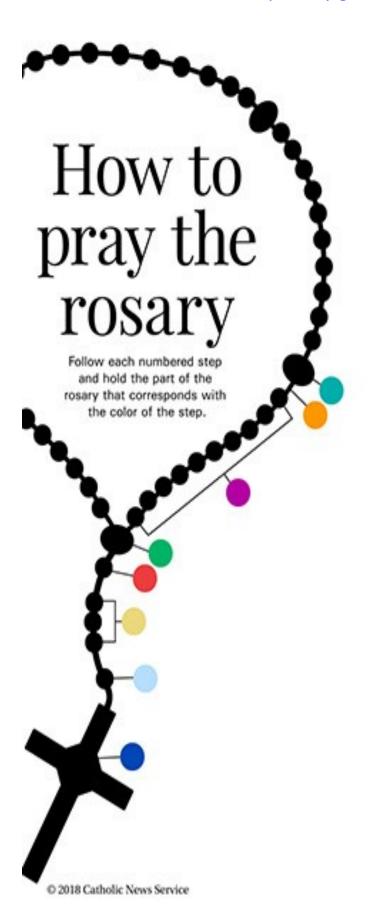
Monday and Wednesday

9:30am-noon.

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

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May is traditionally Mary's month....if you don't regularly pray the rosary, this is an especially good time to start again.



- Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
- Say the Our Father
- Say three Hail Marys
- Say the Glory Be
- 6 Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
- Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
- Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
- 8 Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
- Say the Hail, Holy Queen
- Make the Sign of the Cross

Find the mysteries here: https://bit.ly/1hNNOc4



Rosary Prayers:

Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

<u>Apostles' Creed:</u> I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<u>Our Father:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

<u>Oh My Jesus (Fatima Prayer):</u> O my Jesus, forgive us of our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

<u>Hail Holy Queen:</u> Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our hope. To thee we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us, the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

<u>Final Prayer:</u> Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation
The Visitation

The Nativity

The Presentation in the Temple

The Finding in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

The Ascension

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption of the BVM

The Coronation of the BVM

Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus

The Wedding of Cana

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the call to

conversion

The Transfiguration

The Institution of the Eucharist

Prayer composed by Pope Francis for the Pandemic:

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply.

Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.

Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.



Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need.

Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI Office of the Archbishop

April 28, 2020

Now is The Time of Mercy

Thomas G. Wenski

Archbishop of Miami

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue to deal with a worldwide pandemic and the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression, we need more than ever that peace that was Jesus' Easter gift to his disciples—a peace that comes from experiencing his mercy. God's mercy opens our horizons and gives us true freedom. It provides us with a future—a future made possible because God's grace is more powerful than our disgrace. Jesus in suffering, dying and rising again broke the chains of death and in doing so opened the doors to hope. Jesus is the human face of God and the divine face of Man, in Him is our hope.

We too are called to witness to that hope. We do this by loving as Jesus himself has loved us. Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit who teaches us a new language. It is the language of love.

Now is the time for mercy. If love is the language that the Christian speaks, the language that defeats the Babel of confusion, conflict and suspicion, that language also has a grammar. To speak a language well, to be understood and to understand a language, you need to master the grammar. People can speak ungrammatically but they're not always well understood; misunderstandings occur, etc. Love has a grammar and the grammar of love is mercy.

Now is the time of mercy, to learn the grammar of love through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, to learn the grammar of love by forgiving and offering forgiveness. Mercy makes hope possible.

It is my hope that you are able to continue your weekly offertory support through the use of online giving on your parish website or through this <u>Universal Online Offertory Page</u>. These funds are critical for the continued operation and ministerial work of your parish. I understand that many of you may not be able to contribute given the economic impact this pandemic is having on you and your family; however, for those who are able to do so, please do. Your parish is depending on you.

Many are suffering financially due to this pandemic. In times of need, people turn to the Church for help, and if we come together, we can try to assist those in need. If you are able to make a donation to the <u>Coronavirus Emergency Fund</u>, please consider doing so now. As Sister Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, insisted, "Now is the time for mercy." It is my hope that you continue to visit our website, <u>www.miamiarch.org</u>, for up-to-date information, live-streaming of liturgies, and other resources.

You and your families are in my prayers.

God bless you. Sincerely Yours in Christ, Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski Archbishop of Miami

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry after your death? 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.



"And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent' means to return from sin, to change our actions. Presently we are going through "Change" daily. We find ourselves looking more at our present lives and making sense of who we are and who we want to be. Change that is permanent comes from with in. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Charge is also hard. We must recognize that we are broken and need help The good news is—we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.



5/01/20

Building Committee:

This week's "hot topic" is beginning Phase 2 of the site work. The green safety fence gets moved to allow for the construction of the new permanent site entrance. The "domino effect" is as follows: fence will now come within 3 feet of the door to the Pavilion, eliminating any possibility of having a one way exit from the parking lot'

Work is underway this weekend to construct a new entrance between the Food Bank and the Highway, circle around behind the Food Bank into the parking lot, then exit via what was going to be the entrance, between the Food Bank and the Pavilion. This is all scheduled to be complete by Saturday, most likely by the time you read this. Confused?? You are forgiven!

Food Bank Ministry:

The number of families seeking assistance continues to grow every day. We are now serving over 4 times as many as we did in March. Other agencies are beginning to bring food into the Keys, some of which comes to us—some to new entities that have sprung up to help. We all have the same goal and we here at St. Peter's will strive to continue to serve our community for as long as we are able. We have been here for over 25 years, and we are in it for the long run! We thank all you for your prayers and continued financial support.

Finance Council:

We learned today that our SBA-PPP loan has been granted. The purpose of this government program is to supply funds to keep employees working during the Pandemic. As long as employees are kept on the payroll, the loan is forgiven over time. We fully intend to retain our very valuable staff, and these funds will help ease the pinch on our parish finances. Thanks go to Nancy McCrosson for preparing our submittal in record time.

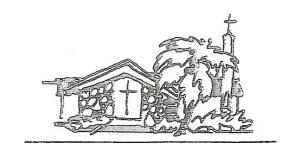
Again, thank you to all who continue to send in their weekly offerings! Have you signed up for Direct Debit yet? If you are interested please take a minute and call Nancy in the office at 305-872-2537. And while you have her on the phone, thank her for the super efforts in keeping us financially afloat!

Thank you!

Marty Mara

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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:

\$3,580.00

Direct Debit: \$495.00 (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!



Thank you for your generosity!





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:

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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.

An important message for parents of our CCD students:



- 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!





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