St. Peter Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy Big Pine Key, Fl 33043



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

November 1, 2020 All Saints

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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30-pm Sunday Masses 8:30 and 11:00am

Daily Masses: 9am Mon-Thurs. Fridays are a Communion Service

HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm Holy Day Mass 9 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm in the Pavilion Chapel (or by appointment)

BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and WEDDINGS (by appointment) Contact Nancy or Connie in the parish office at 305-872-2537

Office Hours: M-F 9:30am-3pm

For additional parish information, call or email nancy@stpeterbpk.org or connie@stpeterbpk.org See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

-1 JN 3:1



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, October 31, 2020

5:30pm + Apolonia Coppola by Mike Coppola + Claire Rogers by Margaret & Jim Burns

Sunday, November 1, 2020

8:30 am +Maria Valdez by Richard DiBonaentura 11:00am +Roger & Betty Lederer by Connie Hauk

Monday, November 2 ,2020

9:00am Communion Service — names enrolled in All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 3, 20209:00am: Names enrolled in All Souls NovenaWednesday, November 4, 2020

9:00 am: Names enrolled in All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:00am: Names enrolled in All Souls Novena Friday, November 6, 2020 9:00am Names enrolled in All Souls Novena Saturday. November 7, 2020

5:30: Names enrolled in All Souls Novena

<u>Sunday, November 8, 2020</u> 8:30am Mass: Names enrolled in All Souls Novena

11:00am Mass: Names enrolled in All Souls Novena

Monday, November 9, 2020: 9:00am: Names enrolled in All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 10, 2020:

9:00am: Names enrolled in All Souls Novena

All parish activities, with the exception of Mass, have been temporarily suspended.

<u>Prayer for the Rebuilding</u> <u>of St. Peter Church:</u>

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 your 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 a 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

Norma Thompson, St. Peter Church

If you cannot attend Mass in person and attend on computer or tv, here is another variation of the Spiritual Communion prayer (often recited by Blessed Solanus Casey].

Lord, please come to me in Spiritual Communion. Send your body and blood gushing through my veins. Send your love into my heart, my soul and my mind. Lift me up to your bosom and infuse me with your divine love. Amen



Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection:\$ 2,884.002nd Collection:\$ 1,288.00 (Rebuild)Direct Debit:\$ 550.00 (Weekly)Direct Debit:\$ 2,835.00 (Monthly)Monthly Rebuild \$ 655.00Once monthly blue envelopes for

Regular Building Fund \$498.00

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!



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 2020 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
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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: 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, Mary and William Scheidell, Mike Graham, Tiffany Howard , Jim Oettle, Kate Menser Hughey, Marilyn Nichols, Mark Stump, Bob Gaster, Gerry & Dorothy Bauer, Pat McCullah, Lance Hill, Randy Reinhart, Patrick Mescal, Mickey McEnaney Fr. Peter Scott and Maria Wirshing.

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.

Check this out!!Have you ever wondered why the person next to you never puts anything into the collection basket? Could be that person has signed up for Direct Debit and his or her donation comes directly from his or her checking account—they don't have to mess with envelopes or checks or cash. If that sounds good to you, call Nancy in the office at 305-872-2537 and she can get you started.



50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot

The 50/50 has been suspended until 2021. Your Direct Debit 50/50 account will not be charged, and please do not turn in your \$5 50/50 envelopes until 2021. Thank you!

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.



The Solemnity of All Saints

NOVEMBER 1, 2020





Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints.

All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1 each year. "On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, offer us models of abiding faith and love of God and neighbor" (Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, 109).

In the Catholic Church, we are called to imitate and venerate saints because of their heroically virtuous lives, martyrdom, or their



offering of life for others. But, what does veneration mean and why do we pray to the saints?

Veneration of the saints fosters our faith in God and does not detract from it. Rather, our faith in God is strengthen by our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven. The Church teaches that by imitating the virtues lived by the saints, the saints brings us closer to Christ. When we ask the saints to pray for us, we ask them to join their wills with the will of God and intercede for us here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints which we profess every Sunday in the Creed. In his homily on the Solemnity of All Saints in 2015, Pope Francis said,

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be simple and humble people, the grace to be able to weep, the grace to be meek, the grace to work for justice and peace, and above all the grace to let ourselves be forgiven by God so as to become instruments of his mercy.

This is what the Saints did, those who have preceded us to our heavenly home. They accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage, they encourage us to go forward. May their intercession help us to walk on Jesus' path, and to obtain eternal happiness for our deceased brothers and sisters, for whom we offer this Mass.

November 1-7 is National Vocations Awareness Week!

We pray for all those discerning their vocations as holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women.





Prayer Before an Election



Lord God, as the election approaches,

we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country,

and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness

so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,

one and equal in dignity,

especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,

Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment

so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,

live your love,

and keep in the ways of your truth

as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles

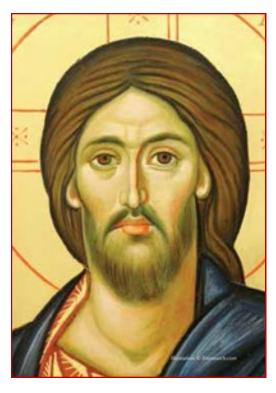
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Prayer for Vocations:

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

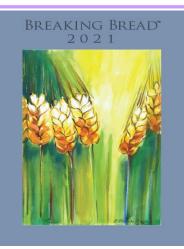
Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young. Through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

<u>This is your last week</u> to order a personal copy of our Breaking Bread 2021 Missalette:

In an effort to keep our faith community safe and healthy, we will not be ordering copies to have available at Mass. We are inviting parishioners to order their own personal copies for use at home or in the church. Join us for each celebration and continue to actively participate in the liturgy. The new Liturgical year starts on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th. In order to get the Missalettes in time, <u>we need to order by Friday,</u> <u>November 6.</u>

Email Connie at connie@stpeterbpk.org or call the office at 305-872-2537to place your order for a donation of \$10 per book.





The upcoming "Catholic Moms Summit" is being billed as "the world's largest ever gathering of Catholic moms" — and you don't have to leave your home to participate.

Some 80 distinguished Catholic women from a variety of experiences and backgrounds will be sharing inspiration, wisdom and encouragement on parenting, marriage, work, health and prayer Nov. 13-15 through the online summit. Best of all, the presentations are available **for free** during the three-day conference. Go to **CatholicMomsSummit.com** for more information and to register.

Our presenters' combined years of motherhood, wisdom and life experience is enormous. We are also offering opportunities to connect: We have a lively Facebook community that is growing as registrations grow. Women are connecting with other women every day. Moms are looking to connect with other women in their area. Our hope is that that community will grow in ways that are really going to be supportive, especially in this time when we have fewer social options available — sometimes even feeling disconnected from our faith lives, with not having the easy access to the sacraments as before the pandemic.

So many women struggle inside their vocation of motherhood, and part of that problem is the lies the world tells us. The secular world tells you your motherhood is an obstacle that gets in the way of your happiness, something you need to work around to find joy, peace and fulfillment. But our Church teaches — and it's true — that it's inside that vocation of motherhood that we find those things we're seeking: peace, lasting joy and fulfillment. Even though it's hard and sometimes very sacrificial to be a mom, it's inside of that self-giving love that we women are uniquely gifted in — we have this unique capacity for loving the people God puts in our lives — it's inside using those feminine gifts that we find peace, lasting joy and fulfillment. Through this summit, we want to say to women: No matter what your life circumstances are, God has a unique plan for you to be happy inside of that vocation, to find happiness in fully embracing your identity as a daughter of God and expressing it through your motherhood.





Welcome and God's grace be with Ellie Renee Pfister who was Baptized after the 8:30am Mass last Sunday. Congratulations to her parents Tyler & Anri Pfister!



New Family support resource !!!

A few months ago, Children's Home Society launched their CHS Family Support Warm Line, <u>a free,</u> <u>confidential resource that provides a line of support for youth, adults and families—24 hours a day,</u> <u>7 days a week</u>. Through text or a phone call, individuals can connect with one of the CHS counselors in their time of need. Whether they need a listening ear or connections to ongoing counseling or other services, callers find hope for tomorrow. This service is offered <u>across the state</u> to provide much-needed support to families: in dealing with COVID-19, in coping with related issues like domestic abuse or in helping people with suicide ideation, etc.

Please share this support line with those you work with and serve, with your partners and with others in your community--our Warm Line can be reached 24/7 via call or text to 1-888-733-6303 or at www.chsfl.org/support. It's completely free and anonymous – callers and texters don't even need to give their name.

Pro Life Prayer to Mary for Our Nation

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

Amen







A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

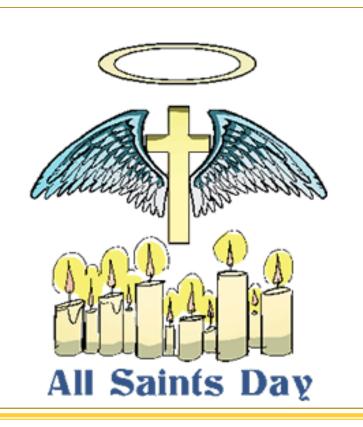
O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.* Amen.



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All Saints Day is this Sunday, November 1

Lord, we praise you for giving us the glorious example of the saints, both the known and the unknown. Please help me to follow in their footsteps and yours, Lord Jesus. Please help me to commit myself to your glory and to the service of my neighbors.

Amen.

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All Souls Day is Monday November 2

Our CCD/Zoom classes started this past week!

Hopefully, all parents of our CCD students have been contacted by their Catechist/Teacher and are looking forward to their family-oriented meetings.

Honora Shaffer DRE

Next Week's Second Collection is for the Archdiocese for the Military Services—-read more about it in the Archbishop's letter below.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

November 8th, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to ask for your prayerful support for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), as part of the Archdiocese of Miami participation in the National Collection.

The AMS was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is, *"Serving Those Who Serve,"* providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. This includes members of our own diocese.

While the salaries and retirement of military chaplains are paid for by the government, the AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to the mission and ministry of its mission, including *Vocations*, *Evangelization and Catechesis*, *Sacramental Records*, *Tribunal and Veterans Affairs*.

Unlike a conventional diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. The AMS has no weekly collections and relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its aforementioned programs and services.

Your support of the National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from your own parish family. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity. With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski Archbishop of Miami

Monday, November 2 is All Souls Day.

Take an envelope from the cabinet near the door to the Pavilion, fill it out, and return it in the next week's collection. All the envelopes, with the names of your beloved dead, will rest on the altar from Nov. 2-10 for our 9 day All Souls Novena. If you still do not feel comfortable attending Mass, call the office at 305-872-2537 and we will fill out the envelope for you or mail you one.



Food Bank Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Most Needed to create Thanksgiving Food Baskets are: Instant mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, Stove Top dressing mix. Also canned goods, i.e.: green beans, peas, corn, sweet potatoes, pumpkin.

Please leave your donations at the rear of the pavilion after mass or on the cart located under the Ministry Center stairs.

We thank Margaritaville Resort in Key West for their donation of frozen turkeys!

If you would like to help the Food Bank Thanksgiving Baskets with a cash donation, please mail your check to the Food Bank in care of St. Peter Church 31300 Overseas Hwy Big Pine Key, FL 33043

St. Peter Catholic Church Website



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

Click on the Photos tab or follow us on Facebook to look at the photos taken at recent events at St. Peter Church!

You can also donate to our Rebuild Fund on the website now!

St. Peter Community Food Bank



We are now open only on Wednesdays from 9:30-noon

Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

We continue to see an increase in numbers of people needing food. The Thanksgiving holiday is next, and we are starting to collect Thanksgiving food items.

Many of our clients are enduring very difficult times. Thank you for caring & helping to bring HOPE into their lives with your kindness and generosity.

Gratefully: the Food Bank All-Volunteer Staff

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Week of October 26-30



Looking toward Office with Church behind from the parking lot in front of the Ministry Center

Looking from the back corner of the Pavilion toward the new church

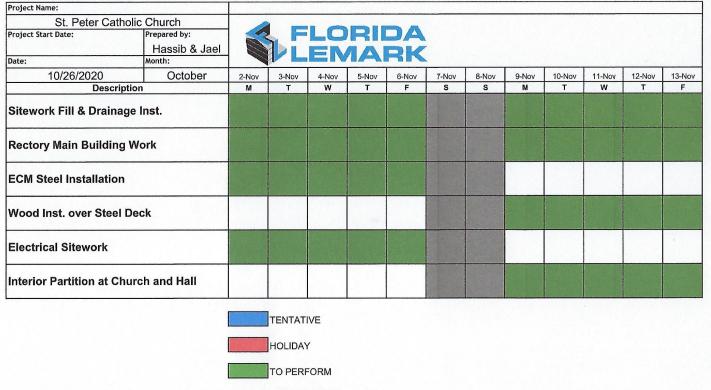




October 29, 2020 Construction update

2 week look ahead









You can't cancel hope. You can't cancel inspiration. And you can't cancel Amazing Possibilities!

Join Matthew Kelly for our first ever virtual event featuring an interactive Dream Session, inspiring music, as well as live Q&A with Matthew. You don't want to miss this one!

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Nov 5 8PM EST

The world sees who you are.

God sees who you still can be.



Get your tickets at DynamicCatholic.com/AMZP

With your ticket you get: Digital access to the virtual event Ability to participate in live, interactive Dream Session, led by Matthew, to help you realize some of the dreams in your life. **Opportunity to submit** your questions and hear Matthew's answers that night! A new book from **Matthew Kelly** (advanced copy

exclusively available to event attendees), a journal and other goodies sent to your home!

Participate in Winn-Dixie's Giving Tag Program

which runs all year long. All you have to do is purchase the Community Bag for @2.50 at any Winn-Dixie and follow the instructions on the attached Giving Tag to direct a \$1 donation to the **St. Peter Community Food Bank.** To learn more about this program, please visit seg.bags4mycause.com.

In August the program raised \$45 for the St. Peter Community Food Bank!



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GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY & SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT.



We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the <u>KiKi's Sandbar now</u>



Soon we will have Square Grouper and Milagro again!





A percentage of the \$25.00 goes to our Religious Education Fund and helps finance our Religious Ed and Scholarship Programs.

Gift Certificates can be purchased through the office during office hours, M-F 9:30am-3pm, or call the office at 305-872-2537 to make other arrangements.



Prayer to Spare the Florida Keys from Storms and Hurricanes:

Eternal Father, creator of all the world and all that is in it, we beg you to spare the

Florida Keys from storms and Hurricanes.

If one should occur, we ask that it go out to sea where it may do the least amount of damage to anyone.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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? Please contact the office of Planned Giving or contact Nancy in St. Peter's office at 305–872–2537.



"Blessed are the poor in spitir for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

(Matthew 5:3)

Are we satisfied with what we have? Do we shre the good things we have with others because God wants us to? As good and faithful Christian stewards we strive to live the Beatitudes and we profess to follow Christ's teaching to live our lives completely dependent on the Lord our God.



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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

