

St. Peter Catholic Church

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Office: 9am-3pm Mon.-Fri.

www.stpeterbpk.org

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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
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The First Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER 29, 2020



The Advent season begins today!

The Advent season begins today! Take time to reflect on how you will use the next four weeks to prepare your heart for Christmas.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

It's time to bring out and bless the Advent wreath! The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Use this prayer to bless your family wreath:

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, *Isaiah 9*: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or *Isaiah 63* (lines 16-17 & 19) or *Isaiah 64* (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us

as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.



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Advent wreath blessing continued:

The blessing may conclude with a verse from

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”:

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev’ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*



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 number of people needing food.

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.

Most needed items are:
canned goods: tuna & chicken,
Vienna sausage, Hearty soups,
canned meats—Chef Boyardee products
(flip top cans appreciated),
canned vegetables & fruit.

**Gratefully: the Food Bank
All-Volunteer Staff**

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

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 instruc-
tions on the attached Giving Tag to direct a
\$1 donation to the **St. Peter Community
Food Bank.** To learn more about this pro-
gram, please visit seg.bags4mycause.com.

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

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, November 28, 2020

5:30pm +Rex Schulz II by Carol Schulz
+Roger Lederer by Alice Pierce

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:30 am +Leo Suarez by Gloria & Enrique Suarez
+Maria Valdez by Richard DiBonaventura
11:00am +Nellie Matlosz by
Tom & Denise Montgomery
+Lorraine Osiwala by Bonita Boski

Monday, November 30, 2020

9:00am +John Lewis by Margaret & Jim Burns
+Augusto Coe by Rowena & Phil Frank

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

9:00am S.I. Burns & Mescal Families
by Margaret & Jim Burns

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

9:00 am +Richard Pannick (Birthday)
by the Pannick Family

Thursday, December 3, 2020

9:00am: + Theresa Coppola by Mike Coppola

Friday, December 4, 2020

9:00am: +Patrick McCarthy by Maria Sims

Saturday, December 5, 2020

5:30: +Nora Napoli by Connie Hauk
+Jim Baldwin by Mike & Marci Matlosz

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:30: S.I. The Paans Family
by Nancy & Chuck McCrosson
+Deceased Members of the McCrosson & Deane
Families by Nancy & Chuck McCrosson
11:00am +Alex Guzman, +Alfredo Guzman,
+Jose Luis Gonzalez and +Rey Cruz-Pio
by Ileana & Roly Cruz-Taura

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

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 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



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection: \$ 3,253.00

2nd Collection: \$ 433.00 (Catholic Campaign for Human Development)

Direct Debit: \$ 580.00 (Weekly)

Direct Debit \$2,835.00 (Monthly)

**Thanksgiving Donations to Food Bank:
\$1,430.00**

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!

Thank you for your generosity!



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 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

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:

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, Maria Wirshing and the Paans Family.

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.



- On Tuesday, December 1, 2020, the Archdiocese of Miami will host the 4th Annual #GiveCatholic for #GivingTuesday campaign. This campaign will provide us with the opportunity to share the good stories of the many programs throughout our Archdiocese. Each year, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. The idea behind #GiveCatholic for #GivingTuesday is to bring the many Archdiocesan communities together to donate through an easily accessible platform: the internet. St. Peter Church has enrolled with three targeted areas of need: Rebuild, Religious Education and Food Bank. Our goal is \$10,000.00. The easiest way to

donate is to go to our website: stpeterbpk.org on December 1 and use the “Donate Now” button. For that day only the button will connect you to our “Giving Tuesday”. Or go to: <https://givecatholicgt.org/stpeter>.

New Family support resource !!!

A few months ago, Children’s Home Society launched their CHS Family Support Warm Line, a free, confidential resource that provides a line of support for youth, adults and families—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 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 across the state 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.



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 events at St. Peter Church!

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

CCD news!



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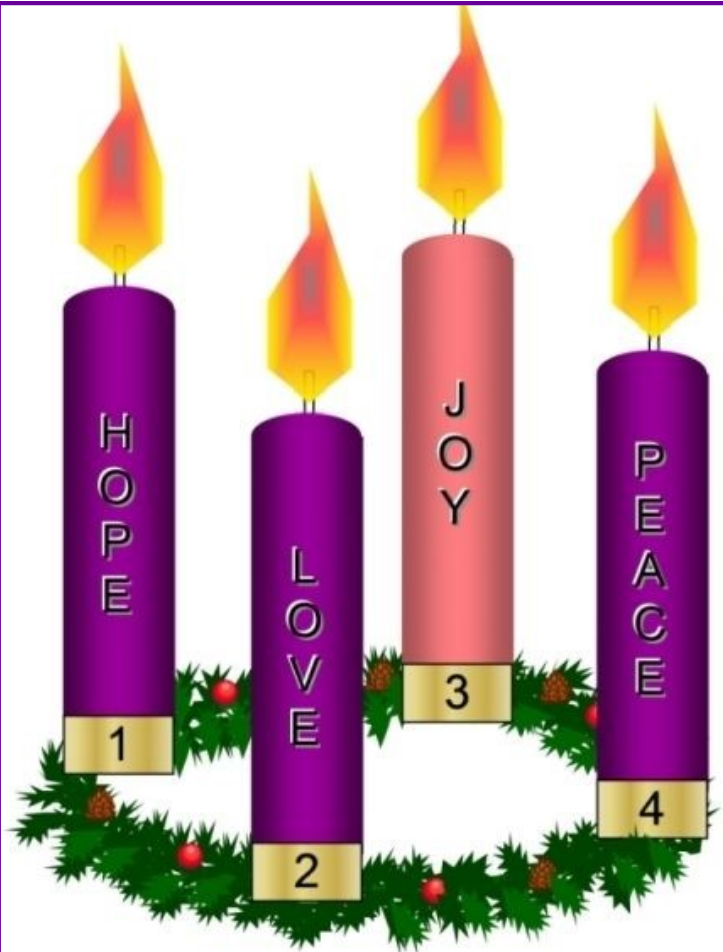
Dear CCD parents, Families and friends of Religious Education at St. Peter Catholic Church. December 1 is Give Catholic/ Giving Tuesday! Go to our website: stpeterbpc.org on December 1 and use the "Donate Now" button and choose Religious Education. You can also give at <http://givecatholic.org/stpeter>. Thank you!



First Sunday of Advent

"Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the Hope of the people; He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Savior of every nation."

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



Confirmation has been rescheduled for January 17 at the 11:00am Mass. The **Retreat and Reconciliation for Confirmation students** will be on Sunday January 10th. The next **Mass for all CCD students** is also Sunday January 10th at 11:00am.

November 25, 2020

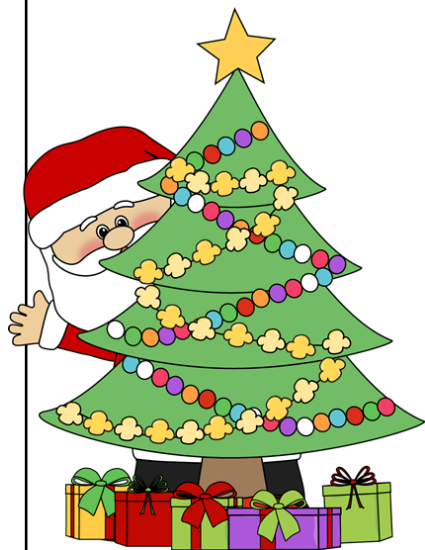


November 25, 2020



How the Jesse Tree got its name: The Tree of Jesse is a depiction in art of the ancestors of Christ, shown in a tree which rises from Jesse of Bethlehem, the father of King David. Our Jesse Tree this year is full of ornaments symbolic of Jesus' ancestors—there is a guide displayed so you can identify each ornament. The ornaments that list the wishes of our families are on the tables by the tree.

It's Jesse Tree time again!



Our Jesse tree is up!! We have reached out to School Counselors at Sugarloaf School and Big Pine Academy and asked them to help identify needy families in their schools.

These families have filled out forms listing items of clothing and toys that their children would like for Christmas.

Each ornament represents a wish.

If you would like to participate, please take an ornament and purchase the item on the ornament (please—new gifts only), wrap it, re-attach the tag and

return it to the church by December 12/13.

If you find that you cannot fulfill the wish, **please** return the tag as soon as possible so that someone else can purchase that item. Rather than purchasing extra gifts for the child on your tag, please consider taking another tag.

We are hoping that, even with the smaller number of people attending Mass during the pandemic, we will still be able to fulfill all the wishes.

If you are reading this bulletin on line and you are not coming to Mass because you are living out of the area now, or if you are not coming to Mass because of Covid, you can either call Connie in the office for a tag, or you can send a cash donation. We greatly appreciate cash donations as they are used to purchase gifts that are not chosen from the tree.

We will sort the gifts into families, attach tags and get them ready for the parents to pick up on the 19th and the 20th. If you would like to help, please call Connie in the office.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas happier for needy families in our community!



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<p>CRANBERRY SPLASH WREATH</p>	<p>CANDLELIT CENTERPIECE</p>	<p>TABLE TOP TREES</p> <p>23" Table Top Tree Living Tree</p> <p>40" Live Christmas Tree</p> <p>*Special Pricing</p>

Holiday Gift Products!

Just a Few Of Our Most Popular Gift Choices!

Last year you helped support the Fundraising efforts of St Peter Youth Group by purchasing a fresh Holiday Evergreen Gift on the fundraising website:
www.MickmanHolidayGifts.com

St Peter Youth Group would like your support again this year! For each Evergreen purchased, \$8.00 is donated to support their activities. Use this code below!

Coupon Code:
STPETEFL001

A fresh evergreen Christmas Wreath is the perfect way to welcome home friends and family for the Holidays!

We included a fun Gift Giving Guide below to help with the best gift for everyone on your list!



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Saturdays: 9am~6pm

Sundays: 9am~6pm

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7~8 \$95.00

8~9 \$175.00

9~10. \$250.00

The Knights are
also selling
Christmas Cards
at the tree lot!

*Merry Christmas & Thank you for your
patronage.*

Donna Dye asks that we continue to bring cancelled stamps, eyeglasses and rosaries for the Missions. You can bring them to church and put them in the collection basket. Below is a thank you letter for the latest batch of rosaries she sent to the Rosary Project for Africa.

ROSARY PROJECT FOR AFRICA

11223 Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20901
Email: Bikira10@hotmail.com
Phone: 240 432-7973
October 10, 2020

Ms. Donna Dye
St. Peter's Church
17046 Almanda Dr. W.
Sugarloaf Shores, FL 33042-3707

Dear Ms. Dye,

We thank you very much for donating rosaries to our **Rosary Project for Africa**. We are very grateful to you for supporting our mission of distributing rosaries free of charge to people in Africa. God bless your heart.

Great things have been happening in spite of the Corona virus lockdown. We have managed to ship out 7 barrels of rosaries during this lockdown period... each barrel containing around 13,000 rosaries. God is great.

Christians are being persecuted in some countries of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. They need our prayers. The Rosary is our mighty weapon and with it, the Sacred Heart of Mary will triumph.

Let us also pray for an end to abortion and other forms of population control, senseless wars and human exploitation. Our prayers also go to our relatives, friends and neighbors who are suffering from cancer and other deadly diseases. God save all of us from this Corona virus.

Wishing you and your family good health and God's blessing during these difficult times of Corona pandemic.

To Jesus through Mary,



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We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the
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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.***



You can have an everlasting influence on
the lives of families in our parish. Contact
your attorney and instruct him or her to
include a bequest for our parish in your
will. Contact the office of Planned Giving at
305-762-1112 or contact Nancy in St.
Peter's office at 305-872-2537
to learn more.



*"That in him you were enriched in every
way, with all discourse and all knowledge,
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed
among you, so that you are not lacking in
any spiritual gift as you wait for the reve-
lation of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

(1 Corinthians 5-6)



**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.

In anticipation of Christ's revelation, as
stewards we never lack in spiritual
blessings, and we give thanks and praise
for these gifts.



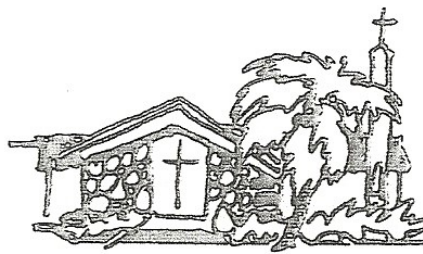
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

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



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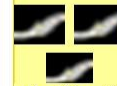
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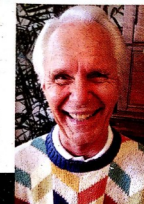
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