St. Peter Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 20, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASSES:

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

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

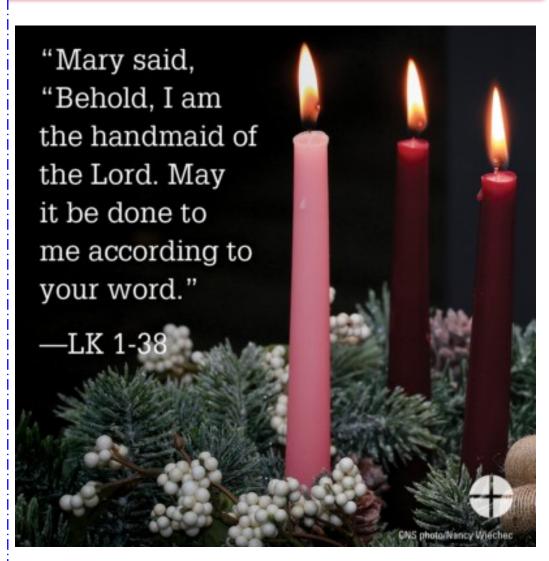
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm Holy Day Mass 9 am

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





Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection: \$ 2,931.00 **2nd Collection:** \$ 663.00

(Retirement Fund for Religions)

Direct Debit: \$ 580.00 (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 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:

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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, 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.

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, December 19, 2020

5:30pm +Bill Jenkins by William & Mary Doris Scheidell

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:30 am S.I. Antonia Erazo

by Chuck & Nancy McCrosson

11:00: +Jude Rising by Ileana & Roly Cruz-Taura

Monday, December 21, 2020

9:00am +

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

9:00am +

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the John Snyder Family by John & Pauline Snyder

Thursday, December 24 2020

No morning Mass

5:30pm +Enra Horvath by Patti Marci

11:00pm S.I. Burns & Mescal Families

by Margaret & Jim Burns

Friday, December 25, 2020 Christmas Day

8:30 +

11:00 +Roger & Betty Lederer by the Lederer Family

Saturday, December 26, 2020

5:30: +

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:30: +Mary Virginia Babcock by Edith Dichtl

11:00am +Anthony Pasqueralla by Mike Coppola

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

<u>Prayer for the Rebuilding</u> 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



Fr. Jets blesses Ellen Age, our new volunteer head of Virtus (protecting God's Children) Ministry



Fr. Jets blesses
Debbie Kreiger,
our new
Office Staff
Administrative
Assistant

Fr. Jets blesses
Maria Sims, our
new volunteer
head of
St. Peter's
Respect Life
Ministry





Think of giving not s a duty but as a privilege! As you begin year-end tax planning, take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 and consider the variety of gift options open to you. Your gift to our parish can make a great difference to us and help you as well. For more information, 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.



Mary said, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord, May it be done to me according to your word:."

(Luke 1:38)

Mary without hesitation accepted her earthly vocation as "Mother of God." Are we, as Christian stewards, through prayer and discernment, prepared to say "yes" to God's call?.

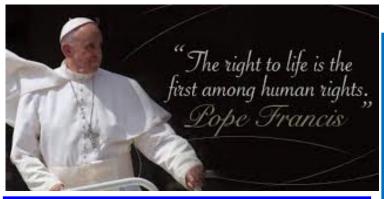




Lighting our Advent wreath Dec. 12/13







Walking With Moms

This year is the 25th anniversary of the encyclical of the Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae) by Pope St. John Paul II. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched the initiative of a year of service entitled "Walking with Moms" in alliance with this Gospel of Life.

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Miami are invited to participate in this initiative to support Moms facing a difficult pregnancy in our local community. All parishes are invited to increase awareness of and to support our five respect life crisis pregnancy centers in South Florida.

In our own parish, an inventory tool has been completed to identify what local resources are available and to identify gaps in service. The next phase is to identify and implement ways this parish can help fill those gaps in service.

For more information and ways to participate and volunteer in the respect life ministry in our parish, please contact Maria Sims at 305-394-7857 or the parish office, Please review the information in more detail at the website respectlifemiami.org.



Respect Life Ministry exists to uphold the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death;

The four pillars are:

- **1.)** Public information and education to deepen understanding of the sanctity of life and the moral evil of intentionally killing innocent human beings.
- **2.)** Prayer, that the culture of death will be replaced by a culture of live and love (both individual and communal).
- **3.)** Public policy efforts that are directed at restoring legal protection to the lives of unborn children by providing morally acceptable alternatives to abortion.
- **4.)** Pastoral care which involves care for women with problems related to pregnancy and for all those who have been involved in abortion.



Walking With Moms in Need

During Advent, we remember Mary's journey to motherhood. Today, many women are in need of support. Take the pledge to pray and serve women facing challenging or unexpected pregnancies and learn more about how you can help. Visit https://www.walkingwithmoms.com

The Feast of the Holy
Innocents is Monday,
December 28th. Begin this
novena on Dec. 19 and it will
end on Dec. 28th



Novena to the Holy Innocents

Heavenly Father,

"By their wordless profession of faith in your Son, the Holy Innocents were crowned with life at His birth."* Knowing how precious they are to you and how similar they are to the millions of innocent lives lost through abortion, we call on them to join in our prayer:

- 1. That all our elected leaders, legislators, and judges may come to acknowledge the humanity of every child in the womb and enact laws and policies to defend them, we pray: *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- 2. That everyone throughout the world may be given the light to see beyond all doubt the uniqueness and full humanity of every child who has ever been conceived, we pray: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For these intentions and in union with the Holy Innocents, we pray as the Lord Jesus taught us: "Our Father, who art in heaven..."

Pray this novena for nine consecutive days any time of the year. Since the Feast of the Holy Innocents is celebrated on December 28th, it would be most appropriate to pray this novena beginning on December 19th so as to conclude the day before their feast. (Cf. Matthew 2:13-18)

*Feast of the Holy Innocents, post communion prayer

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State Pro-Life Coordinating Committee of the Florida Catholic Conference







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



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

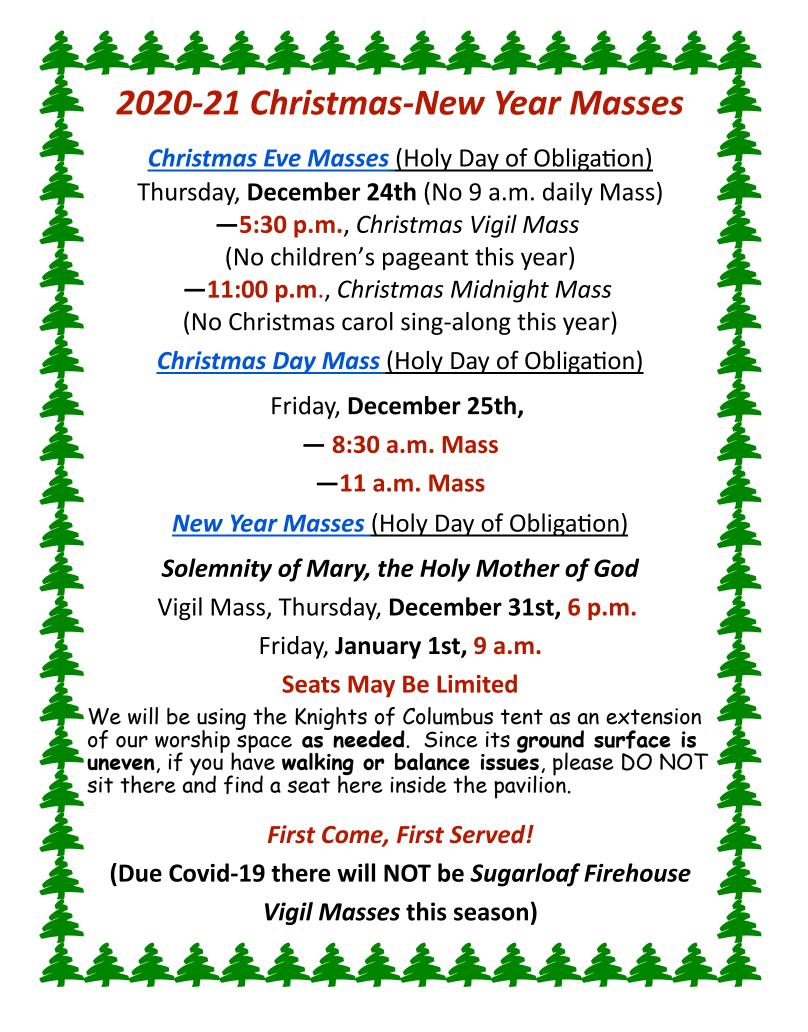
Gift Certificates can be purchased through the office during office hours, M-F 9:30am-3pm, or call the office at 305-872-2537 to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your Generous Response to our Jesse Tree project!

We helped 16 families (29 children). You purchased every gift requested (including 9 bicycles). With the cash donations, we were able to give each family a \$25 Winn-Dixie gift certificate for each child.

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

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.



St. Peter Community Food Bank



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

Thank you for your generous Food and cash donations for Thanksgiving!

We served 69 clients with food for their Thanksgiving. Special thanks to Superheroes Lisa & Jack Lewis

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

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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!

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 <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.



St. Peter Catholic Church Website

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

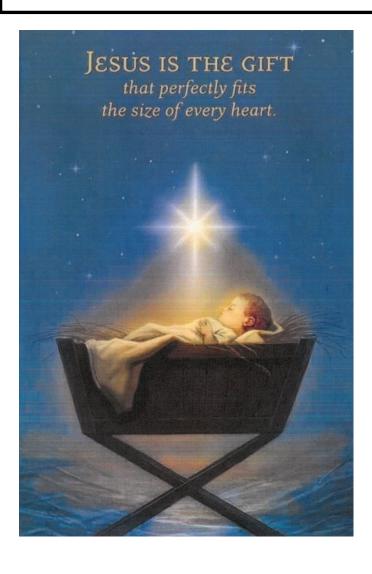
Click on the Photos tab or follow us on Facebook to look at the photos taken at recent events at St.

Peter Church!

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

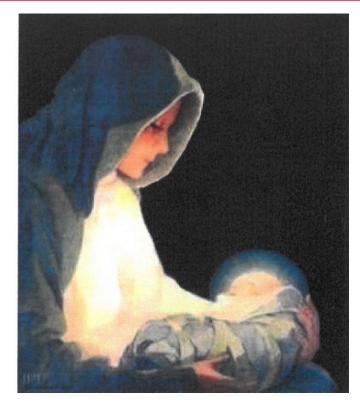
Remember the Reason for the Season

CCD news



On Sunday, January 10, CCD students and their families will attend 11am Mass.

That day will also be reconciliation Day for our 7 Confirmation Students.

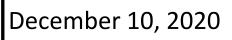




CCD students ready for the Christmas Eve Pageant 2019

We regret that this year, due to the rising Covid 19 numbers, CCD children will not be taking part in the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass.

We remember with gratitude and faith and hope, the love that was ours last year.





2-Week Look Ahead

Project Name:														
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Project Start Date:	Prepared by:	FLURIDA												
	Jesus		FLORIDA											
Date:	Month:													
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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!

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.

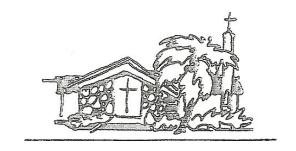
Wishing you and your family good health and God's blessing during these difficult times of Corona pandemic.

To Jesus through Mary,

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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



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