

St. Peter Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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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



May the Holy Family be a model
for our families, so that parents
and children may support each
other mutually in adherence to the
Gospel, the basis of the holiness of
the family.

—Pope Francis, December 29, 2019



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Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection: \$ 12,396.00

**2nd Collection: \$ 679.00
(Rebuild)**

Direct Debit: \$ 580.00 (Weekly)

Direct Debit: \$ 2,835.00 (Monthly)

**Month of December blue regular
Building Fund \$1,069.00**

Monthly Rebuild \$ 655.00

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.

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 26, 2020

5:30pm S.I. Jeanette Czekaj by St. Peter's Choir

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:30 am +Mary Virginia Babcock by Edith Dichtl

11:00: +Anthony Pasqueralla by Mike Coppola

Monday, December 28, 2020

9:00am S.I. Jim & Melissa Burns (Birthdays) by

Margaret & Jim Burns

+Dave Williams by Ethel Murray & Joanie Mackenzie

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

9:00am +Karen Landry Domingue by Lisa & Jack Lewis

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

9:00 am S.I. Naya Rydzewski by Connie Hauk

Thursday, December 31, 2020

No morning Mass

6:00 pm Vigil for the Holy Day: S.I. St. Peter Families and Friends

Friday, January 1, 2020 New Years Day—

Mary, the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00am S.I. Jeanette Czekaj by St. Peter's Choir

Saturday, January 2, 2020

5:30: S.I. St. Peter Families and Friends

Sunday, January 3, 2020

8:30: S.I. St. Peter Families and Friends

11:00am S.I. St. Peter Families and Friends

**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 line or on 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



The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DECEMBER 27, 2020

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.



The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God.

"Mary is more blessed in receiving the faith of
Christ, than in conceiving the flesh of Christ."
St. Augustine, *On Holy Virginity*, 3



Knights of Columbus
meeting Monday, Jan 4
7pm in the Pavilion



We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the
KiKi's Sandbar



Square Grouper

Milagro



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.***



Think of giving not as 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



December Wedding
Anniversary Blessing



Christmas 2020





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 life 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>



2021 New Year Masses

New Year Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass, Thursday, **December 31st, 6 p.m.**

(no 9am Mass Thursday morning)

Friday, January 1st, **9 a.m. (Holy Day Mass)**

Seats May Be Limited

We will be using the Knights of Columbus tent as an extension of our worship space **as needed**. Since its **ground surface is uneven**, if you have **walking or balance issues**, please **DO NOT** sit there and find a seat here inside the pavilion.

First Come, First Served!

(Due Covid-19 there will NOT be Sugarloaf Firehouse)

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 Christmas!**

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 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!**

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.**



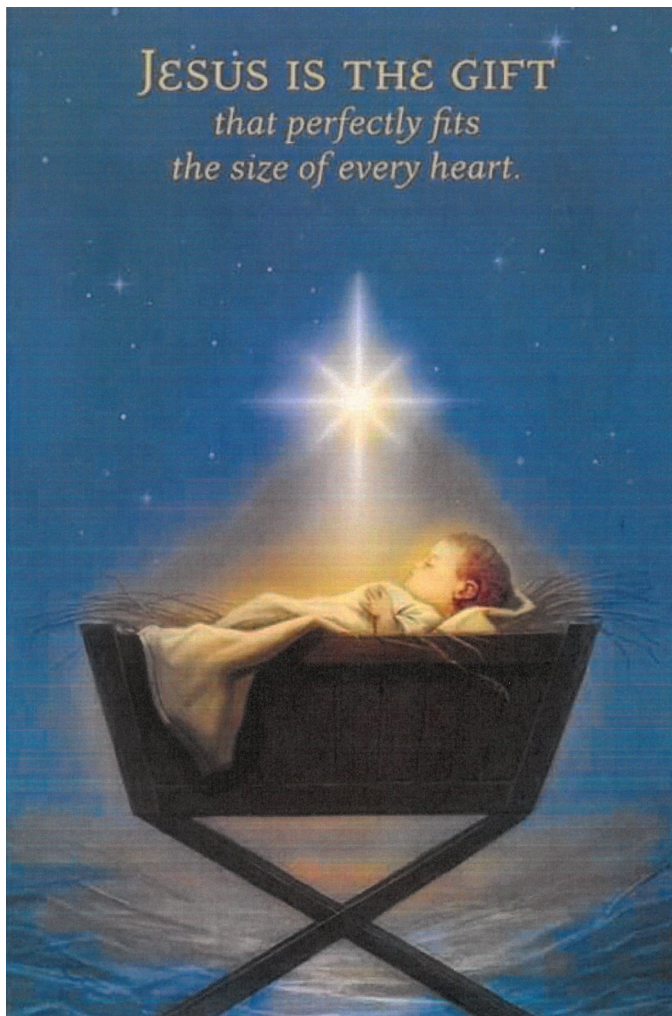
St. Peter Catholic Church Website

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!**

Remember the Reason for the Season

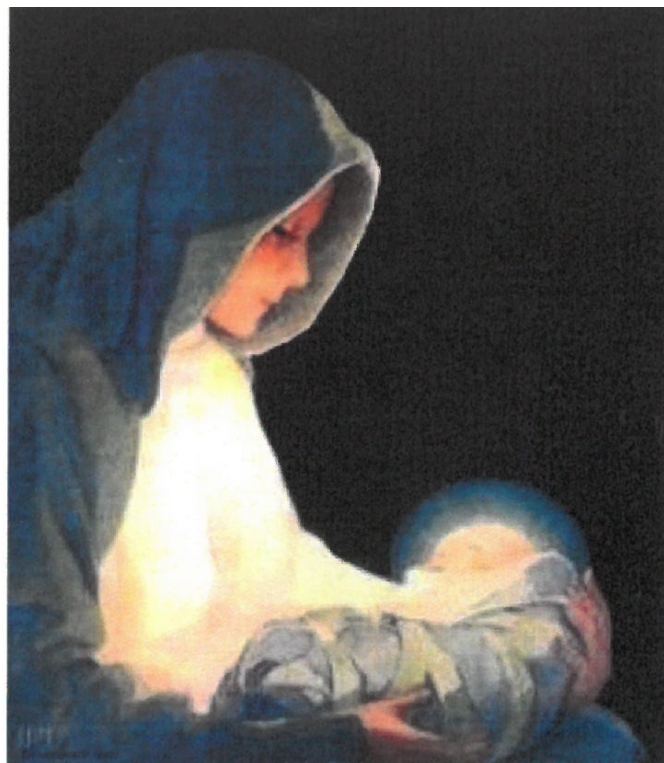


Emmanuel—God is with us.

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.



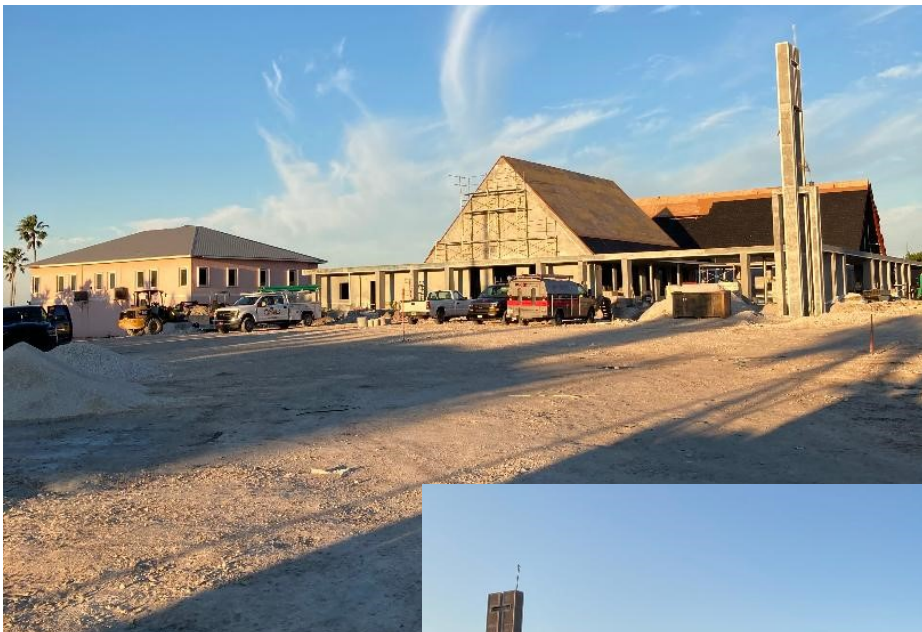
CCD students ready for the Christmas Eve Pageant 2019

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.

We remember, we celebrate, we believe in the future.

December 23, 2020



2-Week Look Ahead

Project Name:		<div> FLORIDA LEMARK</div>											
St. Peter Catholic Church													
Project Start Date:	Prepared by:												
	Jesus												
Date:	Month:												
12/15/2020	December	21-Dec	22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan
Description		M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F
Sitework Fill & Drainage and sewer Inst.													
Rectory Main Building Work													
Interior Partition and Ceiling at Church and Hall													
Rough Plumbing Hall & Church													
Rough Electrical Hall & Church													
Electrical Site Work													
A/C Ducts Church and Halls													
Stucco Church and Hall													
Sidewalks around building.													
Roof system.													

 TENTATIVE

 HOLIDAY

 TO PERFORM

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,



Remigius Kintu

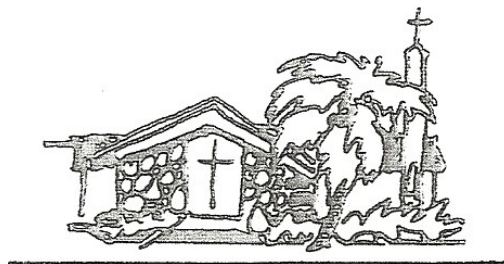
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

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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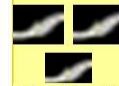
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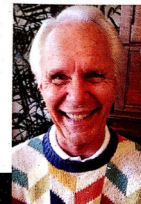
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