St. Peter Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 6, 2020

2ND 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. Some Fridays are a Communion Service

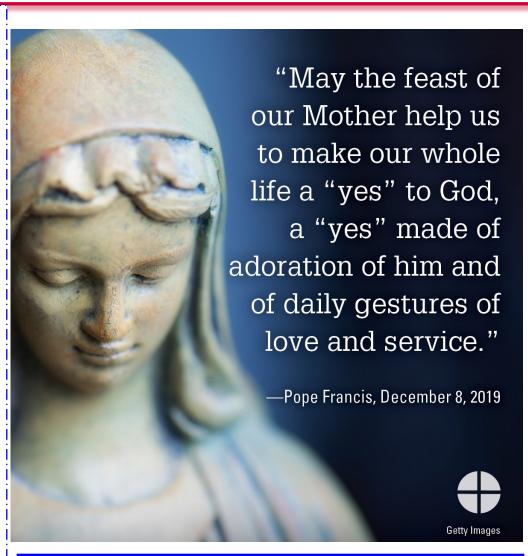
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm Holy Day Mass 9 am

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



Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.



We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.—St. Bernard of Clairvaux





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 5, 2020

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

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:30 am S.I. The Paans Family by Nancy & Chuck McCrosson Families by Nancy & Chuck McCrosson

11:00: +Alex Guzman, +Alfredo Guzman,

+Jose Luis Gonzalez and +Rey Cruz-Pino by Ileana & Roly Cruz-Taura

Monday, December 7, 2020

9:00am +Rose Pasquarella by Mike Coppola +Brian McAlarney by Mike & Marci Matlosz

6:00pm Vigil Mass: S.I. Mary Doris Scheidell by St. Peter's Choir

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00am +Richaard Giroux by Maria Sims

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

9:00 am +Florence Gallagher by Mike & Marci Matlosz

Thursday, December 10, 2020

9:00am: + Verona Ebel by Connie Hauk

+Katherine Harrin by Stephanie Stinson

Friday, December 11, 2020

9:00am: S.I Mary Doris Scheidell by the choir

Saturday, December 12, 2020

5:30: S.I. Ann & John Mescal (Birthdays) by Margaret & Jim Burns

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:30: S.I. The People of Puerto Rico by Nancy & Vicente Lopez

11:00am +Gerald Folstrom

by Margaret & Cherie Strandlien

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



Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

Thanksgiving Day: \$586.00

November 28/29:

1st Collection: \$ 2,473.00

2nd Collection: \$ 794.00 (Rebuild) 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.

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),

Gratefully: the Food Bank All-Volunteer Staff

canned vegetables & fruit.

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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!



Giving Tuesday

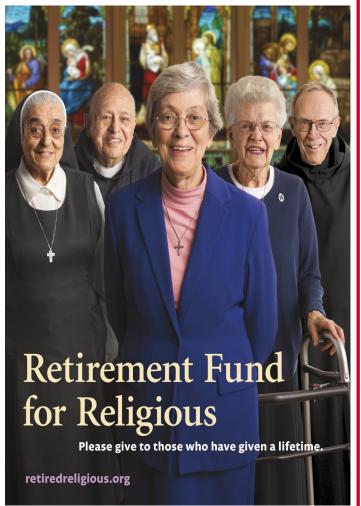
Thank you to those of you who donated to St. Peter's on Giving Tuesday!

Our goal was \$10,000.00. We collected \$1,225.00. The Archdiocese has decided to leave the link live through this Monday, December 7th.

If you would like to help get closer to our goal, you can donate by going to our website at stpeterbpk.org and click the "Donate now" button, or go to https://givecatholic.org/stpeter.

Thank you for your generosity!

Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious



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.



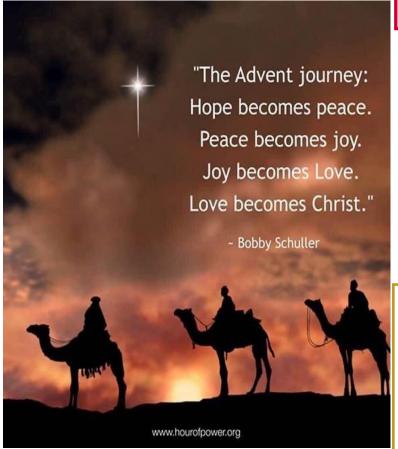
St. Peter Catholic Church Website

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!

Second Sunday of Advent



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.

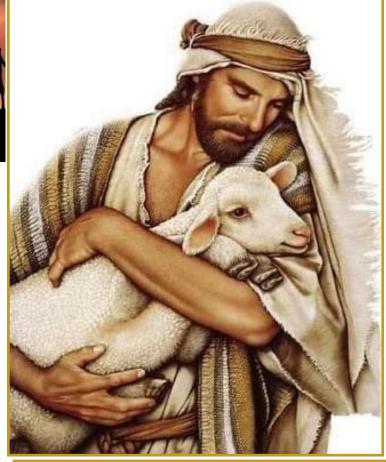
All the options have been prayerfully considered, and the safety of the children and their families had to be our first priority.

Our CCD families, therefor will be free to choose whichever Mass they would like to attend this Christmas and we pray that next year we will not have to make this decision, and our church will once again be filled with shepherds and angels and a very special family.

CCD news!

Next Sunday, December 13th, CCD students will attend 11am Mass with their parents.

It will be their custom to attend the 11am Mass as a family the second Sunday of every month during the school year.



Isaiah 40:11: "Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom and leading the ewes with care."













December 3, 2020











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Knights of Columbus will meet this Monday evening at 7pm in the Pavilion right after the 6pm Holy Day Vigil Mass.



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



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.



Create a memorial fund in memory of a loved one. You may wish to establish an ongoing fund which can be added to each year, or make a one time gift. Memorial gifts that help fund an endowment provide lasting benefits from one generation to the next. To find out how you can honor a loved one, 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.



"Behold I an sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."

(Mark 1: 2-3)

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





CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

All Trees BLESSED with Holy Water by Fr. Jets

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31300 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, FL 33043

SELLING OF TREES BEGIN: Friday 11-27 noon-6pm

The Knights are

also selling

Christmas Cards

at the tree lot!

Daily Hours:

M~F: Noon~6pm

Saturdays: 9am-6pm

Sundays: 9am-6pm

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Size. Price

6~7 \$80.00

7~8 \$95.00

<u>8~9</u> \$175.00

9~10. \$250.00

Merry Christmas & Thank you for your patronage.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Trees















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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!



Lighting our Advent wreath





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

If you took a tag, please 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.

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!

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.



Nicholas and Sylvia Buck

Welcome to our Newly registered (since the pandemic began) Parishioners—



Jori & Joe Pappadakis



Lisa and Dan Ford





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.

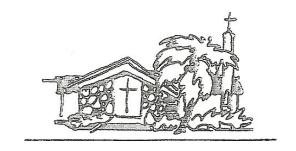
Wishing you and your family good health and God's blessing during these difficult times of Corona pandemic.

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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