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JANUARY 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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MASSES:

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

Daily Masses: 9am Mon-Thurs.

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

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

"An outstretched hand, then, can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ's disciples."

—Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor 2020



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The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 3, 2021



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"As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship. If we can fall on our knees before Jesus, we will overcome the temptation to set off on our own path." ~ (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2020)

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.

January is Poverty Awareness Month!

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%.

In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty.

Visit [PovertyUSA](https://PovertyUSA.org) for education on economic justice, resources for prayer, and key conduits for action.





Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

Christmas:

1st Collection: \$ 5,559.00

**2nd Collection: \$ 1,519 (Rebuild)
December 26/27**

1st Collection: \$ 2,375.00

2nd Collection \$ 1,753.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 580.00

**Monthly blue regular Building Fund
\$ 933.00**

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, January 2, 2021

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

Sunday, January 3, 2021

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

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

Monday, January 4, 2021

9:00am Communion Service

+Deceased members of St. Peter Parish

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

9:00am Communion Service

S.I. Sick members of St. Peter Parish

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

9:00 am Communion Service

+Deceased members of St. Peter Parish

Thursday, January 7, 2021

9:00am Communion Service

S.I. Sick members of St. Peter Parish

Friday, January 8, 2021

9:00am Mass +Renie Stinson by Stephanie Stinson

Saturday, January 9, 2021

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

Sunday, January 10, 2021

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

11:00am +Doug Harrison by Rosalinda and John Hally

**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



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



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



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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.***



You can have an everlasting influence on
the lives of families in our parish.

Please 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.



*"....they fell down and worshipped Him.
Then they opened their treasures and
offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense
and myrrh...."*

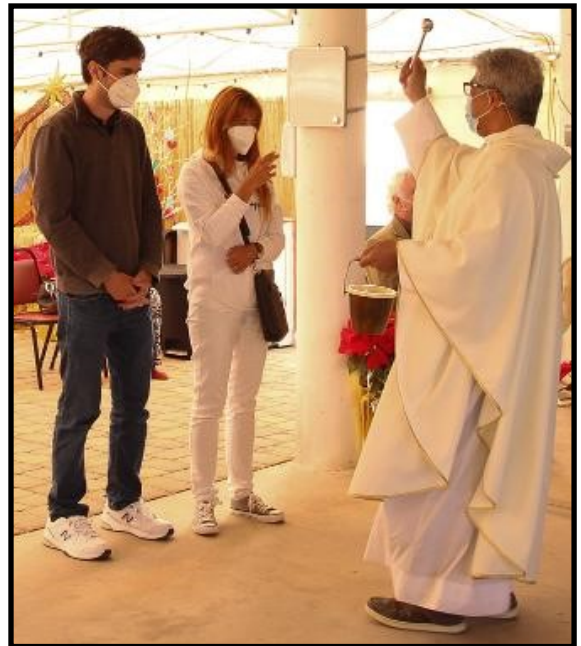
(Matthew 2:11)

Notice the order of events in the Magi's
visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and
prayed to Him. Then they presented Him
with their gifts. We, too, must take time
to pray before we present our gifts to the
Lord. We never know what God may be
asking us to share!





Congratulations to newly engaged Jacqueline Nesbit and fiancé Eric



Jacqueline Nesbit's mother Marla and Jacqueline's brother Troy



Congratulations to Amelia Faith Fucci on her Baptism and to her parents Joseph and Kaitlyn Fucci!





Newly Registered Parishioners

John and Bridgit Noon

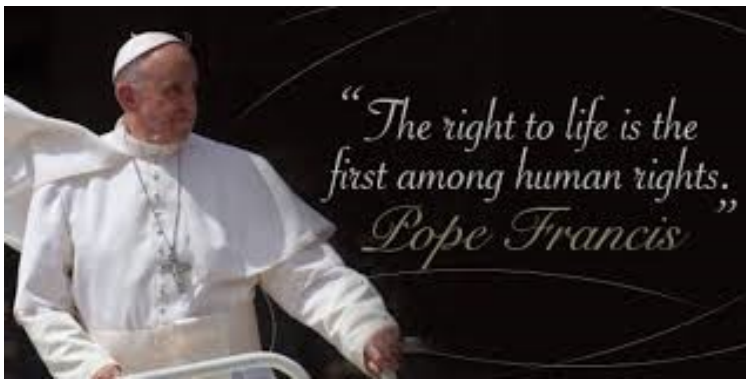
Gary Beaton (his wife, Elizabeth was unable to be present)



The Morris Family: Brad and Joanna, Lexi, Makenzie and Cole.

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>

St. Peter Community Food Bank



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

Dear Peterites:

**THANK YOU for your goodness and
generosity throughout 2020!
Because of your kind deeds we were
able to continue to help many clients
with food during a difficult year.**

**Happy New Year!
We pray the Lord blesses your giving
hearts in abundant measure.**

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

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

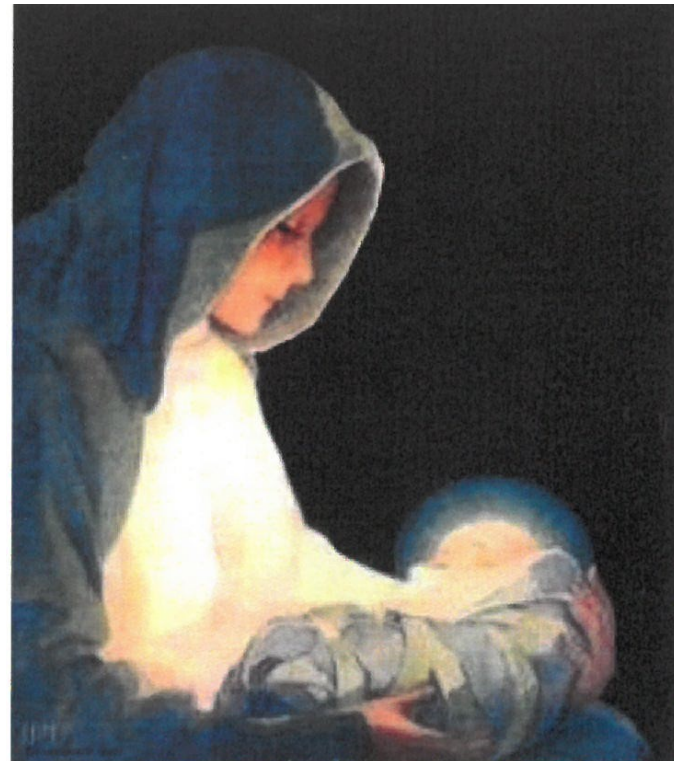
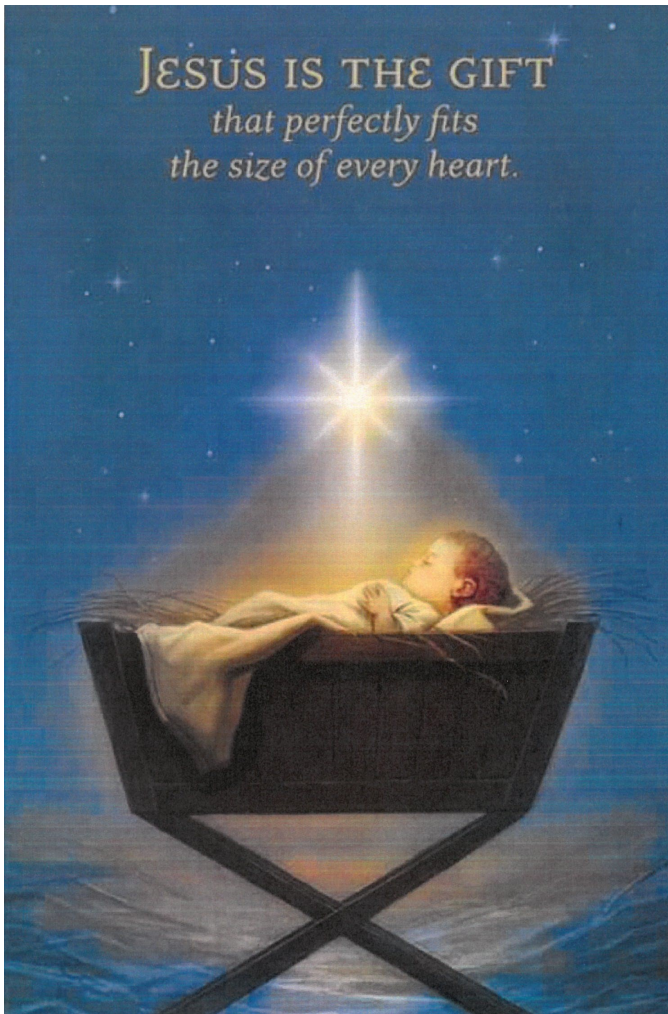
**You can also donate to our Rebuild Fund on
the website now!**

Remember the Reason for the Season

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.



The Wise Men have followed their star:

Hope begets Peace:

Peace begets Joy:

Joy begets Love:

Love is Emmanuel:

God is with us.



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.

{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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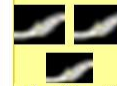
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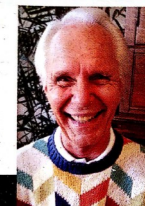
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