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JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

Daily Masses: 9am Mon-Fri.

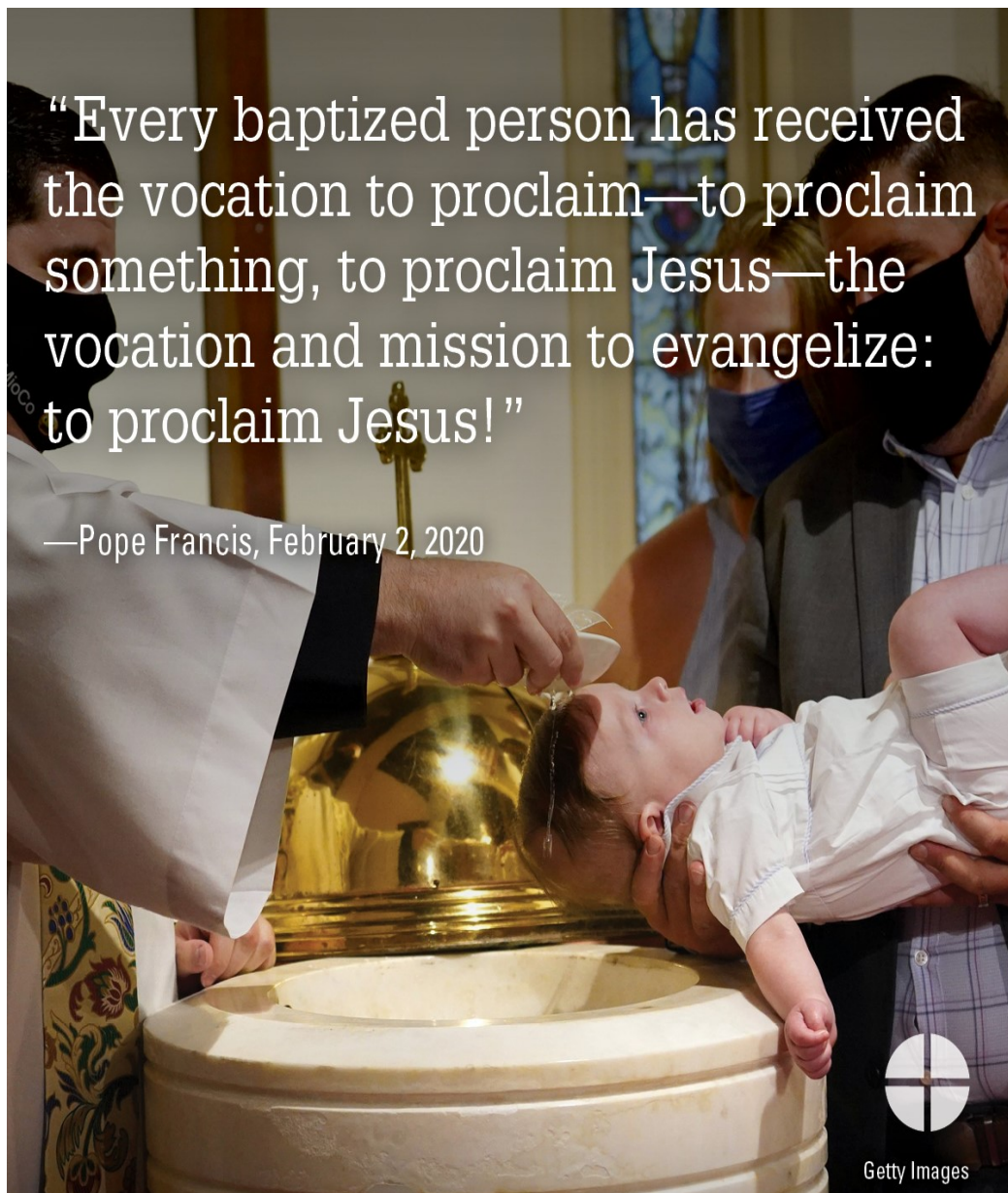
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm
Holy Day Mass 9 am

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

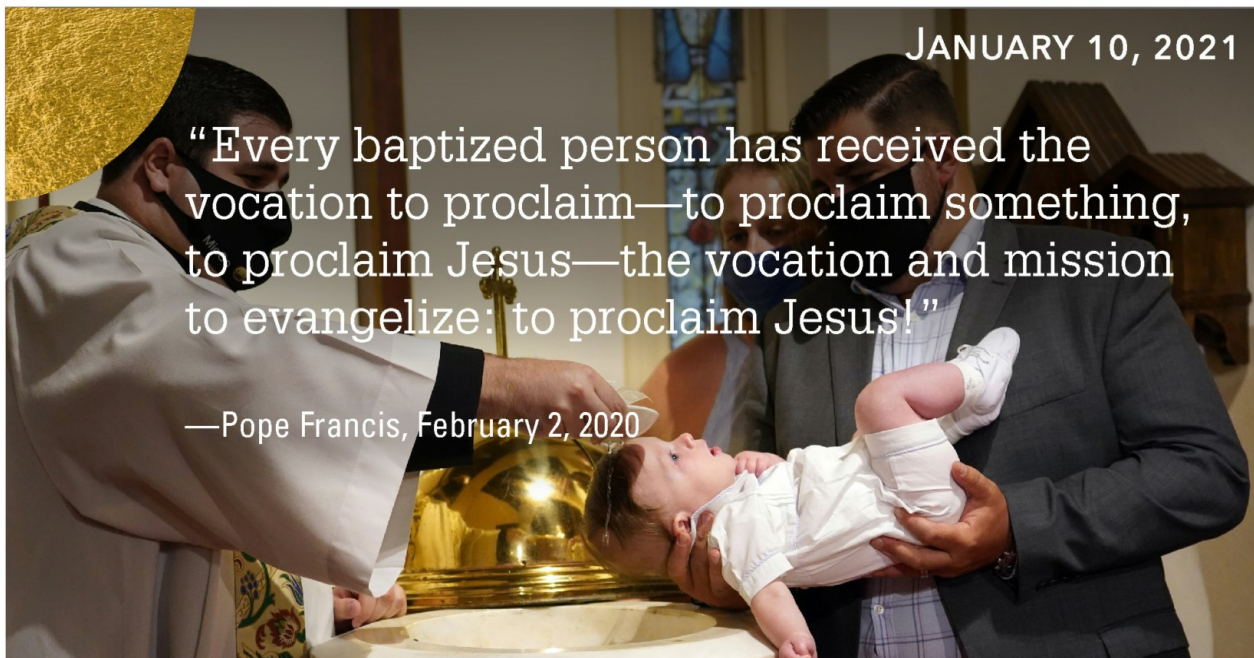


The Baptism of the Lord

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“Every baptized person has received the vocation to proclaim—to proclaim something, to proclaim Jesus—the vocation and mission to evangelize: to proclaim Jesus!”

—Pope Francis, February 2, 2020



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Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord!

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. “He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water” (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634).

Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 21—Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!



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BULLETIN



2020 has certainly been a challenging year. Yet, despite all obstacles, the Church remains a beacon of hope- a light to the world. Our faith is not confined to a physical building; the influence of the church does not stop at its front door.

We are the Church bringing hope by serving others in their time of need.

We are the Church finding new ways to uphold our most sacred traditions and always offering to others the most essential service of our prayers.

We are the Church standing in solidarity with all our brothers and sisters in raising a unified voice for peace and for dignity of all human life from conception to natural dead.

TOGETHER, We are the Church a universal body of believers delivering to all peoples everywhere a faith filled message of hope and love.

All this is not possible without your support, especially through the ABCD. Soon, you will receive a letter from Archbishop Wenski about the upcoming ABCD Campaign. Please prayerfully consider mirroring the love of Christ by putting your faith into action and making a gift that allows the Archdiocese of Miami to help those in need just as He calls us to. Let us be ***One in Faith, One in Hope and One in Charity.***



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week: **Holy Day:**

1st Collection: \$ 880.00

2nd Collection: \$ 320.00 (Rebuild)

December Jan. 2/3

1st Collection: \$ 5,732.00

2nd Collection \$ 546.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 580.00

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 we are in our new church. Your Direct Debit 50/50 account will not be charged, and please do not turn in your \$5 50/50 envelopes until we resume. 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 9, 2021

5:30pm +Marty Maxwell by Connie Hauk

Sunday, January 10, 2021

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

11:00: +Doug Harrison by Rosalinda & John Hally

Monday, January 11, 2021

9:00am Communion Service—S.I. sick members of St. Peter Parish

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

9:00am +Roger Lederer Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

9:00 am Communion Service —Deceased members of St. Peter Parish

Thursday, January 14, 2021

9:00am Communion Service —Sick members of St Peter Parish

Friday, January 15, 2021

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

Saturday, January 16, 2021

5:30: S.I. Fran Palmer by Charlotte and Bill Rudy

Sunday, January 17, 2021

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

11:00am +Johna Weis by Carol Schulz

**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



"After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

"If I had to advise parents, I should tell them to take great care about the people with whom their children associate . . .

Much harm may result from bad company, and we are inclined by nature to follow what is worse than what is better."

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**St. Elizabeth,
Pray for us
& our children!**



CCD news

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

January 17 is our Confirmation Day at 11am Mass. Like Samuel, Our Confirmandi will say:
"Here I am Lord."

Please pray for our Confirmation class this week:

A beautiful prayer for the New Year

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.


—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Our classes for Virtus, Boundaries, will be held the weeks of January 17 and February 14. For us this means we concentrate on respect for our bodies and the bodies of our family, friends and neighbors.

We must remember that our bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, we bring Jesus into our daily life: in our families in our schools, in our work-place—wherever we are, Our body is the only body that Jesus has to continue His work in this world. Let us cherish it, protect it from harm and always use it for the greater honor and glory of God, reflecting on the Commandments God has given us.

2 week look ahead

2-Week Look Ahead

Project Name:		<div>FLORIDA LEMARK</div>											
St. Peter Catholic Church													
Project Start Date:	Prepared by:												
	Jesus												
Date:	Month:												
1/5/2021	December	4-Jan	5-Jan	6-Jan	7-Jan	8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan
Description		M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F
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Rough Plumbing & water Hall & Church													
Rough Electrical Hall & Church. Site work													
A/C Ducts Church and Parish Halls													
Stucco Church and Hall													
Sidewalks around building. H/C Ramps					Pouring								
Stucco retaining walls													
Roof system													
Ceiling framing at Churches													
Ceiling framing at Parish Hall													

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 HOLIDAY

 TO PERFORM



Pouring the ramp to the kitchen







We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the
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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.*



By making a planned gift to our endow-
ment, you'll be providing perpetual finan-
cial support. It's a wonderful way to
demonstrate your stewardship and pass
on your faith and love for St. Peter 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.

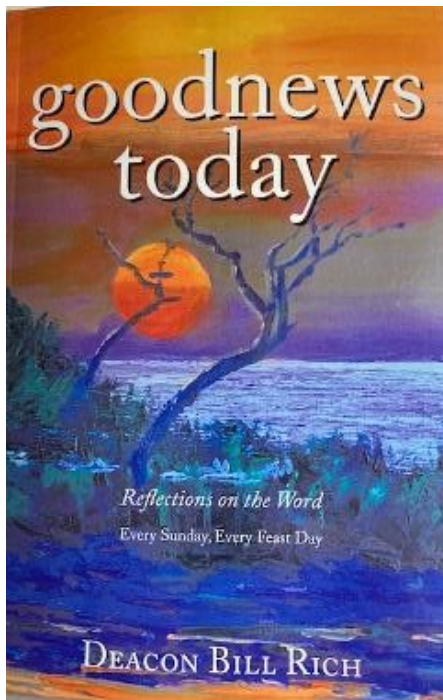


*"...and a voice came from the heavens,
"you are my beloved Son; with you I am
well pleased..."*

(Mark 1:11)

Through our baptism, we too, are
daughters and sons of God. We are
disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are
called to actively participate in our
Catholic faith, not to just be mere
bystanders.. This means working in
collaboration with the Holy Spirit and
discerning how we are being asked to use
our gifts for the benefit of others and not
just for our own interests and comfort.





Many thanks to Deacon Bill Rich who has donated 15 copies of his new book to our St. Peter Education Fund. We will be selling them for the cover price of \$28.99 with all the proceeds going to our Education Fund which supports CCD, Vacation Bible School, Adult Faith Formation and Scholarships.

His book, Good News Today, has reflections for every Sunday and every feast day for cycles A, B and C. The source materials for the book are three years of short reflections he did for a multi-parish website many years ago called "Good News Today".

This book is written for any Christian who would like to celebrate the good news in his or her life or is looking for thought-provoking reflections based on selected Gospel passages; or would just like to have a thoughtful homily to reflect on every Sunday.

Deacon Bill and his wife Frannie served for many years at St. Peter Parish and Bill was the driving force behind 12 years of Emmaus Retreats here. They now live in Juno Beach, Florida.

Anyone who would like to write a review of this book on Amazon is eligible to receive a print of the cover painting. It was painted by Deacon Bill from an Easter Sunday Sunrise service here in the Keys. If you have written such a review, please let us know in the office and we will forward the info to Bill and he will send you a print.

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

DATES: 1620-1700

FEAST DAY: JANUARY 12

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters uncloistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.



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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.

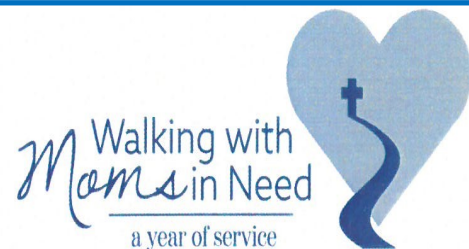
For more information and ways to participate and volunteer in the respect life ministry in our parish, please contact Maria Sims at 305-394-7857 or the parish office, Please review the information in more detail at the website respectlifemiami.org.



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!**

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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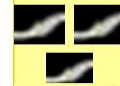
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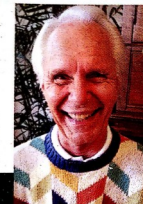
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