St. Peter Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy Big Pine Key, Fl 33043



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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

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MASSES:

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

"We are brothers and sisters. Some might say: "But he is Protestant, he is Orthodox ...". Yes, but we are all brothers and sisters in Christ."

—Pope Francis, January 22, 2020





JANUARY 16-17

We are the church ... just as we are instruments of Christ. A universal body of believers- delivering God's message of hope and love to everyone, everywhere. As a Catholic community, we embrace the call to action to make God present in our everyday lives. For many of us, our commitment to the ABCD allows us to be part of that active witness of our faith. Through the ABCD, we serve our community by giving hope to the hopeless, strengthening the faith of the discouraged and providing charity to those most in need. Each year, we ask you to support the ABCD even with the knowledge that such a gift may be a true sacrifice, especially in these challenging times. However, just as no one is so rich that he cannot receive from another, there is no one so poor that he doesn't have something to offer another.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift today in support of the ABCD. Every gift – no matter the size if given from the heart, makes a difference.



Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection: \$ 3,338.00 2nd Collection \$ 1,048.00 (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 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?

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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, the Paans Family and Diane Neault.

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.



Saturday, January 16, 2021 5:30pm S.I. Fran Palmer by Charlotte & Bill Rudy

Sunday, January 17, 2021 8:30 am S.I. St. Peter Parish Families and Friends 11:00: +Alfred Wicht and +Marion Phelps by Charles & Melina Wicht

Monday, January 18, 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No Mass or Communion Service today

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 9:00am S.I. Hunter Babin by Lisa & Jack Lewis Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:00 am +Carmella Coppola by Mike Coppola

Thursday , January 21, 2021 9:00am S.I. Robert Lewis by Lisa & Jack Lewis

Friday, January 22, 2021 9:00am Mass +In memory of all victims of Abortions

Saturday, January 23, 2021 5:30: S.I. Jim Oettle by Lisa & Jack Lewis

 Sunday, January 24, 2021
 8:30: +Catherine Clemente by Chuck & Nancy McCrosson
 11:00am +Mark DiMartino by Laurita & Bill Miller All parish activities, with the exception of Mass, have been temporarily suspended.

<u>Prayer for the Rebuilding</u> <u>of St. Peter Church:</u>

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."

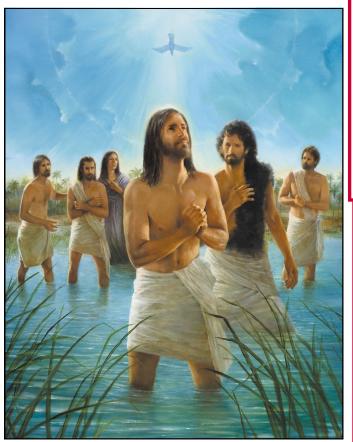
Amen

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

CCD news



"John was standing with two of his disciples...."Behold the Lamb of God". The two disciples heard....and followed Jesus."

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!

Congratulations our CCD students who have been Confirmed today:

Baptismal Name

Benjamin Ryan Bartels Nathaniel Garcia Frank Thomas James Haskins Mackenzie Thomas Hill Jake Rios Montoya Chloe Gianna Wicht

Confirmation Name

Anthony Francisco Thomas Sebastian John Paul Katharine

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 workplace 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.





<u>CELEBRATING FOOD BANK</u> <u>MOVING INTO NEW CHURCH</u> <u>BUILDING SOON!</u>

SELLING THE TEMPORARY FOOD BANK DOUBLEWIDE NOW!

Food Bank Remians Open Wed. 9:30-noof

Model: 24x36 All Steel Modular Building

<u>Body Type</u>: Modular building consisting of two 12x36 floor sections

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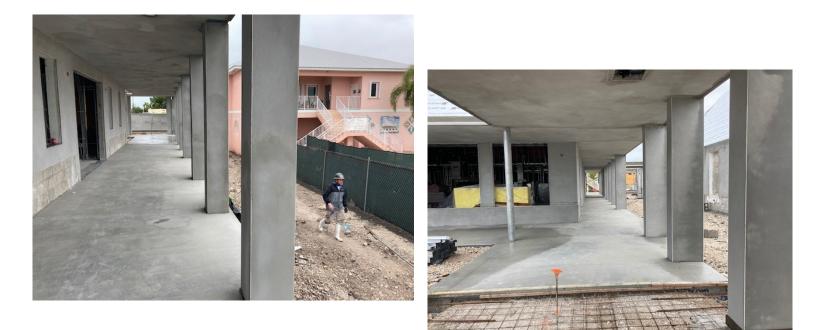
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Interested?

Serious inquiries only please, call St. Peter Parish Office #305-872-2537 M-F 9am-3pm. 31300 Overseas Hwy. Big Pine Key, FL 33043 Ask for Nancy

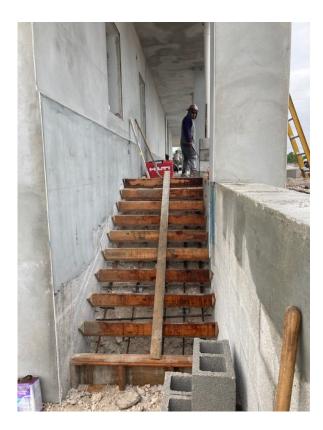
Thank you for your continued support of St. Peter's Food Bank

2 week look ahead



2-Week Look Ahead

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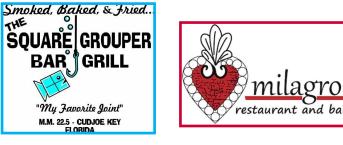






We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the <u>KiKi's Sandbar</u>





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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.



What do bequests, life insurance gifts, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and life-time giving have in common? They're ways you can pass on your Catholic Heritage, Faith and Love for St. Peter Church

Please contact the office of Planned Giving at 305-762-1112 or contact Nancy in St. Peter's office at



"Jeus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, "What are you looking for?...."

(John 1:38)

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.



ODAUSER PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.



Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



9DaysforLife.com

The following 2 pages provide an abbreviated Novena for 9 Days for Life.

For the full novena, including daily suggested activities and additional information go to

www.9daysforlife.com

January 22nd is the anniversary of the 1973 decision of Roe v. Wade.

There have been over 56 million abortions since that decision. That decision reflects what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture". However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and time again in scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

January 22 is a day of Prayer and fasting for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

<u>March in Solidarity:</u> Anytime between Jan. 22-29, prayerfully walk a distance of 1.8 miles in solidarity with those attending the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Thursday, January 28th:

<u>Holy Hour for Life with</u> <u>Archbishop Wenski</u>—7:00pm livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Mary in Miami, FL

Vigil Mass for Life 8:30pm livestreamed from the Basilica in Washington, D.C.

<u>The January 29th activities will</u> <u>be in next week's bulletin</u>

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29, 2021

Pray one Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, and one Glory Be each day with the daily intentions and reflections listed below. The full novena, including daily suggested actions and additional information can be found at www.9daysforlife.com.

DAY ONE: May the tragic practice of abortion end.

Reflection: At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in *love*. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true *gifts*. Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all those involved. But Christ came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life.

DAY TWO: May all unborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.

Reflection: Today, on this 48th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we mourn the many children's lives ended by abortion and remember in prayer those who suffer the aftermath. The Church comes together today to pray for the protection of all unborn children and to make reparation for abortion, trusting that the Lord hears our prayers. The importance of prayer is reflected in *Evangelium vitae*, which says, "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer" (*EV* 100). May that prayer arise in our hearts today and each day forward until every human being is protected in law and welcomed in love.

DAY THREE: May every expectant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb.

Reflection: When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, she opened her heart to receive his message that she would conceive the Son of God in her womb. As a young, betrothed, but unmarried, woman, Mary knew that her pregnancy presented many challenges. Despite this knowledge, she faithfully responded, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Like the Blessed Mother, women who unexpectedly become pregnant often face significant challenges. They, too, are called to place their trust in God and faithfully respond to His *gift* of new life. And we are called to walk with them in their time of need. As Jesus taught us, when we love and serve others, we are loving and serving Him. May all expectant mothers be encouraged by Mary's example and receive support and grace in lovingly welcoming their children into the world.

DAY FOUR: May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life.

Reflection: Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (*Familiaris consortio* 25). Fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (*FC* 25). They are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, in safeguarding the sanctity of human life. As evidenced in our world today, the role of the father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (*FC* 25). Often women choose abortion because they do not have the support of the child's father, or—even worse—the father of the child pressures her to make the decision to abort. At the same time, it is important to acknowledge with compassion that men can also be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy and that society increasingly tells them that they should have no say in their children's lives. In the face of these false messages, we pray that expectant fathers will find courage in the example of Saint Joseph—who embraced the role of father amid difficult circumstances—and offer loving, life-affirming support to the mothers of their children.

DAY FIVE: May each person suffering from the loss of a child through abortion find hope and healing in Christ.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit hopeafterabortion.org.

Reflection: After more than four decades of legalized abortion, many children's lives have been ended, and many parents and family members suffer that loss—often in silence. Yet God's greatest desire is to forgive. No matter how far we have

each strayed from His side, He says to us, "Don't be afraid. Draw close to my heart." Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. After repenting of sinning against his father, he returns from far away to seek forgiveness and work as a servant. But the father sees him approaching, runs to warmly embrace him, and hosts a banquet to celebrate his return. So, too, does God welcome all of His repentant children, no matter how serious the sin. Let us turn confidently to Our Lord, Who is love and mercy.

DAY SIX: May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

Reflection: Mothers placing their children for adoption often face many challenges along the way. One of the greatest obstacles can be inaccurately perceiving adoption as abandonment. But mothers who make an adoption plan for their children are not abandoning their children. Rather, they are exemplifying the sacrificial love of Christ on the Cross in choosing to do what is best for their children, even at great cost to themselves. Like Christ, they pour out their bodies and souls for the sake of another. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that, in the face of fears and trials, we can "hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm" (Heb 6:18-19). We pray that each expectant mother choosing adoption will be filled with "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Phil 4:7) as she makes a loving choice for her child. Let us all cling fast to the anchor of hope, for we have received "a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" (Rom 8:15).

DAY SEVEN: May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy.

Reflection: When God fashioned the human person in His own image and likeness, He destined us for eternal life with Him. Yet because of the sin of our first parents, death entered the world. The book of Genesis recounts the first occasion in which a person takes the life of another, as Cain violently kills his brother Abel. This instance of brother rising up against brother "at the very dawn of history is thus a sad witness of how evil spreads with amazing speed" (*Evangelium vitae* 8). From the time of creation, disregard for human life has continued to spread. When we, like Cain, allow sin to find a place in our hearts, we become blinded to the truth. Sometimes this blindness might be so deep that we fail to recognize the undeniable humanity of unborn children. We may even tragically believe the lie that abortion is an act of compassion. But we know that "life, especially human life, belongs only to God: for this reason whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself" (*EV* 9). Let us pray that all who support abortion will encounter the transforming love of the Father and, with repentant hearts, seek His mercy.

DAY EIGHT: May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

Reflection: The Declaration of Independence boldly affirms that first among our inalienable rights is the right to life, given to us by the Creator. Yet despite being so solemnly proclaimed, the right to life is today threatened and often denied, particularly at the moments when life is most fragile. Our laws should—first and foremost—protect life. But "our highest Court does not recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right" (*Priorities at the Polls*). Laws and policies that legalize or promote an intrinsic evil like abortion violate the virtue of justice. Those who work as public officials and civic leaders have a duty to serve the common good, and therefore have a profound obligation to safeguard this most fundamental right to life. Through our own prayer, witness, and civic participation, we can encourage our leaders to truly answer their call to protect the rights of all people. For "there can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights" (*Evangelium vitae* 101).

DAY NINE: May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Reflection: God has carefully, tenderly created every person in His own image and likeness, to be in a loving relationship with Himself. From each tiny child knit within a mother's womb, to every person approaching death, all are loved perfectly and completely by God: "It is therefore a service of love which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbor, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, *especially when it is weak or threatened* [emphasis added]" (*Evangelium vitae* 77). In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (*EV* 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.

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Walking With Moms

This year is **t**he 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 <u>respectlifemiami.org.</u>



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*



January Birthday blessings



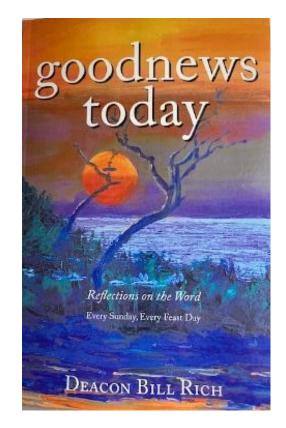




Fr, Jets welcomes and blesses Joe Pappadakis, our newest lector.







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, <u>Good News Today</u>, 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.

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: <u>canned</u> goods: tuna & chicken, Vienna sausage, Hearty soups, canned meats—Chef Boyardee products (flip top cans appreciated), canned vegetables & fruit.

> St. Peter Catholic Church is a 501(c)(3) corporation

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 <u>St. Peter Community</u> <u>Food Bank.</u> 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, <u>a free, confidential resource that provides a</u> <u>line of support for youth, adults and families—24</u> <u>hours a day, 7 days a week</u>.

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!

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 <u>Phone:</u> 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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St. Peter Catholic Church

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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

