# St. Peter Catholic Church

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# FEBRUARY 14, 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 pray for all married couples: that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

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# 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, February 13, 2021 5:30pm +Rob Wright by Mike Coppola

Sunday, February 14, 2021 8:30 am +Jose Castillo by Roberta Castillo +Michael Coppola, Sr. by Mike Coppola 11:00: +William Lang by Marty Pfeifer +Charles Hatcher by Ellen & Tim Age

Monday, February 15, 2021 9:00am S.I. Camary Wynne by Amy Peper

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:00am S.I. The Wynne Family by Amy Peper

Wednesday, February 17 2021 Ash Wednesday 9:00 am +Rose Coppola by Mike Coppola 6:00 pm +Don & Jean Wegener by Edith Dichtl

Thursday , February 18, 2021 9:00am S.I. Gary Ebel by Connie Hauk

Friday, February 19, 2021 9:00am S.I. Naya Rydzewski by Connie Hauk

Saturday, February 20, 2021 5:30: +Richard Reithmayr by Mike Coppola

Sunday, February 21, 2021
8:30: +Rose Pasquarella by Michael Coppola
11:00am Parishioners and Friends of St. Peter Church

All in-person Ministry 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 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



### Collections for the Weekend:

#### Donations received this past week:

1st Collection:	\$ 5,798.00
2nd Collection	\$ 877.00 (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?

#### 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, the Paans Family, Diane Neault, Ruth Fidler, Kaylee Mescal.

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.

# Vatican modifies distribution of ashes for Ash Wednesday



We will have two Masses on Ash Wednesday: 9am and 6pm—both in the Pavilion.

The Congregation for Divine Worship releases a note laying out the procedures priests around the world are to follow for the distribution of ashes at the start of Lent.

#### **By Vatican News**

The health situation caused by Covid-19 continues to forces changes on daily life, which are also reflected in the Church's sphere.

Ahead of the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday, 17 February, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has published a note detailing how Catholic priests are to distribute ashes.

#### Instructions:

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal:

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

At that point, the note continues, the priest "cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places."

He then sprinkles the ashes on each person's head "without saying any-

thing."

(Sprinkling of ashes in the top of the head is a European practice that is commonly used in Italy and Poland)

## The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



#### Today is World Marriage Day!

**On this World Marriage** Day, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift and blessing of marriage and the family. As we strive to live our particular vocations and respond to the Lord's grace in our lives, let's also consider how we might dedicate renewed prayer and attention to marriage and the family.

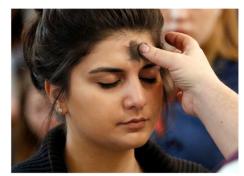
#### As a start, here are possible areas we might consider:

First, we begin with prayer: Let's remember to pray with and for marriages and families throughout our nation: for marriages in crisis, for families struggling with unemployment, for broken or wounded family relationships.

Second, let us reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day, a day of rest when we can focus on being together as a family. The celebration of Holy Mass together is the first essential way to honor this

day. But is there something more the Lord is inviting us to when we go back home? Set aside some time to pray a decade of the rosary, enjoy the outdoors together, play ball, eat dinner together, have a game night!

And third, let us remember that the Church is the family of God and a family of families. As a family, how can we share Christ with other married couples and families? Do we have any friends and family members who are struggling in their marriage, alone during this time of isolation, or particularly afflicted by this pandemic? When was the last time we checked on our elderly neighbors? Is there someone in the parish that we haven't seen in a while? How can we-as a family-reach out to those who are in need? Ash Wednesday is February 17!







## Prayer for Married Couples



Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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2021 + + ABCD

ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

**Thank You!** With a grateful heart, thank you to those who generously made a commitment to the 2021 Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD). We are truly grateful for the love and support of our parish community to help serve our Church above and beyond what happens here at St. Peter's. Because of your sacrificial giving, the ABCD can bring hope by serving others in their time of need, help our students continue on their journey of learning and prepare them for the future and raise a unified voice for peace and dignity of all human life. Together, we are the Church.

If you have yet to respond to this years' ABCD, we need your help to reach our **parish goal of** \$37,000.00. f So far, pledges and donations collected amount to \$21,430.00. This leaves us \$15,570.00 short of our goal. Please make your pledge or donation now before the end of February 2021. you may do this online at www.isupportABCD.org. Make sure you indicate our Parish name: **St. Peter Church.** If you need assistance, please call Nancy at 305-872-2537. You can obtain a pledge envelope from the parish office or the back of the pavilion. The names below are names of parishioners who have donated so far—this list will be updated weekly.

Barbara Barzen Gary Beaton Armand Boiselle Vivial Brummer Larry Bullock Thomas Carbone Albert Casagrande Olga Conrady Patricia Cumberbatch Richard DiBonaventura Terry Dusseau Darrell Dye Larry Elfers Paul Engel Deniz Fonseca Rowena Frank-Garcia Stephen Golder **Neil Haring** Robert Harrell Connie Hauk Mary Ann Henderson

Thank you and God bless you!

Kathleen Henry Thomas Janzen Sheri Jude Pat Kersey Lee Kiser Vicente Lopez Sheila Madden Louis Martin Fr. Jets Medina William Miller Dominic Monaco Donald Nelson James Nichols Pat Parenty Patricia Pollotta Eliseo Pombo Jorge Ramos Kathleen Rhodes **Barrie Ricketts** Antonio Ricketts Robert Sangrey

Thomas Schoonbeck Carol Schulz Richard Shenk George Sherko Tamara Snider Lurana Snow Anthony Sporer Peter Stella Leonora Stulken Enrique Suarez James Thompson John Threadgill Steve Wagner



St. Peter Community Food Bank

We are now open <u>only on Wednesdays</u> from 9:30-noon — food is temporarily being <u>distributed from the tent in the parking lot</u>

Dear Peterites: THANK YOU for your generosity and continued support! Because of your good deeds we were able to continue to help many clients with food during difficult times. We pray the Lord blesses your giving hearts abundantly. Gratefully: the Food Bank 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

The Food Bank trailer has been sold and will be moved shortly. The Food Bank has been temporarily relocated. Food distribution will be from a tent on the parking lot on Wednesdays from 9:30-noon until they move into their new location adjacent to the Parish Hall. Money realized from the sale will be used to pay for needed items that were not covered by insurance. The entrance to our property will be changing soon too. Thank you for your patience and cooperation—we are all struggling to adapt to the changes, bur just keep in mind how wonderful it will be when the construction is complete!

#### Lenten Regulations:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



#### Feast Day – February 18

c.1400 - 1445

Fra Giovanni da Fiesole, known as Blessed Fra Angelico, was an early Renaissance painter. After joining the Dominicans in 1420, he began illustrating manuscripts and choir books, beginning each new work with a prayer. His religious altarpieces, paintings and frescoes exploited color for spatial and emotional effect. Fra Angelico, meaning "angelic brother," decorated an entire Florentine monastery and two Roman chapels.

Notable works include his "Annunciation" and "Descent from the Cross." He declined an appointment as archbishop of Florence and was officially beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Art students often leave written prayers near his tomb in the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome. He is a patron of artists.

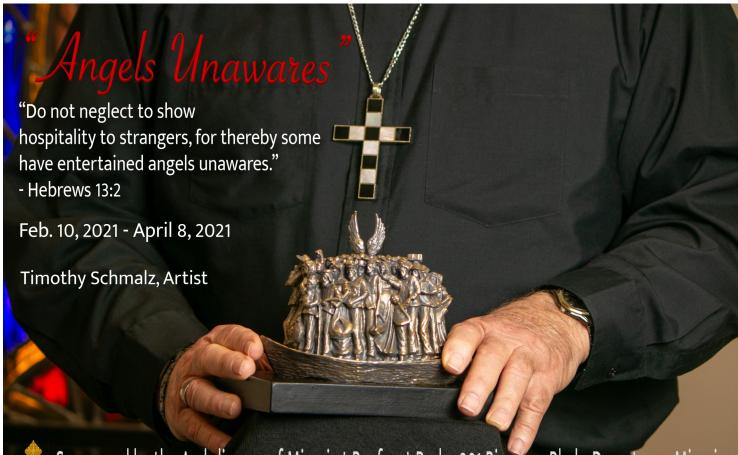
#### "Angels Unawares" sculpture on display in Miami

A traveling bronze, life-sized sculpture entitled "Angels Unawares" is now on display at Miami's Bayfront Park, 301 Biscayne Blvd., until April 8.

Pope Francis unveiled the original sculpture, created by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, in St. Peter's Square on Sept. 29, 2019, the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Like the original, the replica weighs 3.5 tons and is 20-feet long. It features indigenous people, Jews fleeing Nazi Germany, Joseph, Mary and Jesus, people from war-torn countries, and Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, patroness of immigrants, among many others. Above the 140 refugees crowded on the raft are the wings of an angel, a reference to the sculpture's name and to the New Testament's Hebrews 13:2: "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels unawares."

Find out more by visiting www.angelsunawares.org.



Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami at Bayfront Park • 301 Biscayne Blvd • Downtown Miami







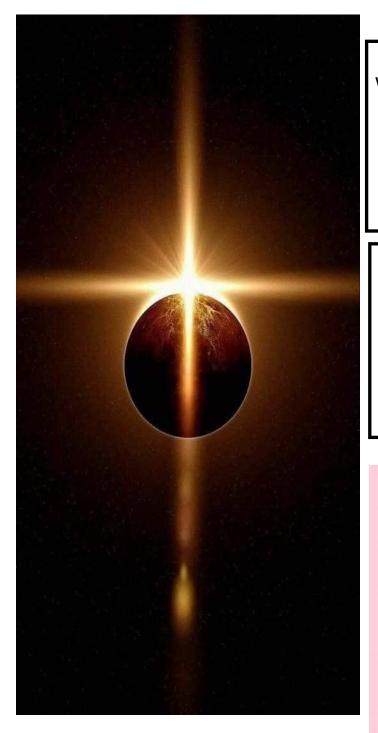


February Birthday Blessings









Our next <u>CCD Mass</u> for all students through High School will be March 7. Each student can bring or will be given a Rosary to be blessed by Father Jets in remembrance of Our Lady of Lourdes' request that we pray. <u>**Rice Bowls**</u> will be available from Ash Wednesday through Lent. Each family should have a Rice Bowl box in their homes for the entire family to sacrifice their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars to help feed the poor aided by Catholic Relief Services.

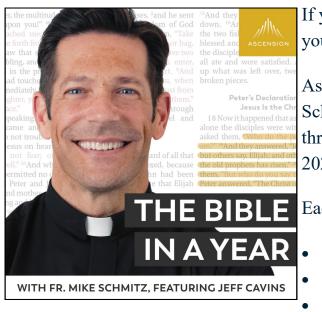
Although Lent is a penitential season of 40 days, Sunday, even in Lent, is a feast day as we recall that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. So as we pray harder, sacrifice more, and give to the poor all week long, we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection every Sunday from February 17 to April 4.

John 3:16 For GOD so loved the world, That HE g ve HISon Begott So Tha Whosoever Believeth In HIM Should 🕖 ot perish, But have *Everlasting* life.

## Lenten Faith Formation Opportunity:

Are you interested in enhancing your Lenten experience and learning more about your Catholic Faith? Join us each Friday during Lent (February 19<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>) from 12:00 – 1:00 for a Zoom gathering as we explore the 7 themes of Catholic social thought using resources available through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services.

Because we will be using zoom, this opportunity is open to Catholics from Key West to Key Largo. To register, or for more information, please call Patrice Schwermer at 305 807 4503 or email <u>pschwermer@ccadm.org</u>.



If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to three scripture readings
- a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure *Bible Timeline*® learning system, **a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History** developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

You can listen using any free podcast app on your smartphone or tablet or via your browser at <u>ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear</u>.



Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena at St. Peter's

<u>Weekly on Wednesday after 9 am Mass -- February 3 until</u> <u>March 31</u>

Daily from April 2 to April 10

Please come and pray the Novena - All are welcome!

### Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

God asked Saint Faustina to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world. This message of mercy is now being spread throughout the world,

Through Saint Faustina, Jesus also revealed special ways to live out the response to His mercy-one of which is praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, as both a novena and a prayer. As a novena, the Chaplet is usually begun on Good Friday and completed on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday following Easter. During each day of the Novena, which is prayed on Rosary beads, Jesus asked that different groups of souls be brought to his merciful heart to receive His graces and the gifts of His mercy. A second option is to pray the novena weekly, for nine weeks leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. In this weekly format, the groups of souls are prayed for weekly. Both options are available this year at St. Peter Church.

As we prepare to transition to our new and permanent church, we turn to God in gratitude, devotion and petition. Surely, if we put out a little extra effort to pray this Novena during Lent, our parish will experience many blessings and conversions, God's mercy will increase in the world and we will live out the response to God's mercy as requested through St. Faustina.

Please prayerfully consider participating in the Divine Mercy Novena this year. Choose the option that works best for you, or come to both if possible:

WEEKLY on Wednesday after 9 a.m. daily Mass in the pavilion from February 3 to March 31, AND

DAILY from Good Friday, April 2 to Saturday April 10, before Divine Mercy Sunday.

All are invited to pray this powerful prayer. Of course, the option to join in praying the Divine Mercy Novena from home is available.



## Church front

## Two week look ahead Feb. 8-19



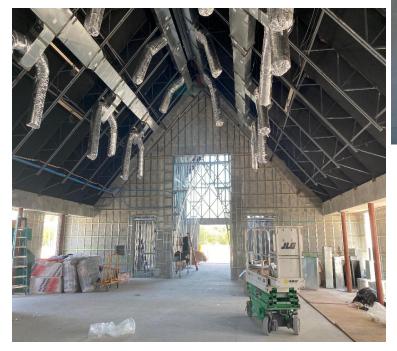
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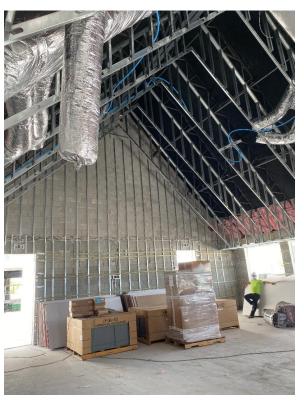
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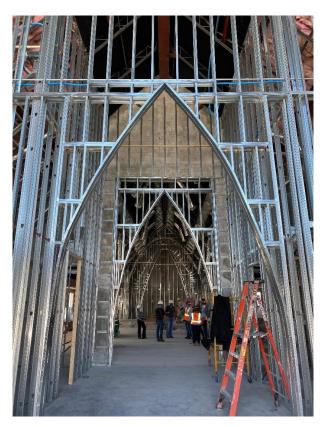






Looking toward Food Bank and Kitchen

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Inside Church



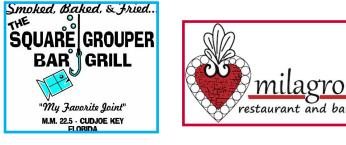


Rectory



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





Square Grouper



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.



Matching gifts are an excellent way to maximize the impact of your personal donation. Check with your company's human Resources Department to see if it sponsors a matching gift program that will match your gift to ABCD or 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.



"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

(1 Corinthians 10:31)

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other"gods" (like our pride, ego, money or possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"





#### 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 <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).

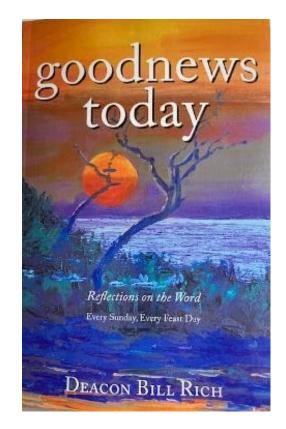
**3.)** Public policy efforts that are directed at restoring legal protection to the lives of unborn children by providing morally acceptable alternatives to abortion.

**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* 



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.

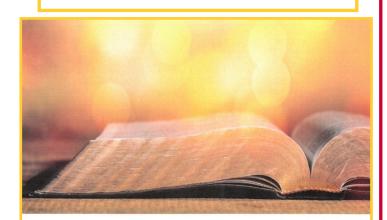
His book, <u>Good News Today</u>, has reflections for every Sunday and every feast day for cycles A, B and C. The source materials for the book are three years of short reflections he did for a multi-parish website many years ago called "Good News Today".

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.

## Prayer to Overcome Indifference



All too often, Lord, we turn away from the world's many problems, which seem too big, too complex, or too far away. Forgive us our indifference.

It is easier, Lord, to see only what is around us: our lives, our homes, our challenges. Forgive us our isolation.

Help us to see with your eyes: eyes which notice one another and help us understand.

Help us to dream your dream: of communities that reach out and dialogue and where diverse people creatively cooperate.

Help us to be people of solidarity and action, so moved by prayer, encounter, and understanding that peace can become a reality.

Amen.

#### 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 <u>http://www.stpeterbpk.org</u>

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: Suspended until we are in the new church.* 

{<u>The 50/50 Drawing</u>: ACH weekly debits & collecting of cash or checks have been suspended until we are in the new church.}

#### Monthly Choices:

*Funds pulled on next Business Day after 20th of the Month.* 

*Monthly Rebuild Offering:* Funds pulled on next Business Day after 20<sup>th</sup> 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

