

# St. Peter Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy  
Big Pine Key, FL 33043



305-872-2537

Office: 9am-3pm Mon.-Fri.

[www.stpeterbpk.org](http://www.stpeterbpk.org)

## MARCH 21, 2021

## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### PARISH STAFF:

#### Parochial Administrator :

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Vincent Padron

### 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



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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.*



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 20, 2021

5:30pm S.I. Campbell Family by Margaret & Jim Burns

### Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:30 am + Louis Coppola by Mike Coppola

11:00: S.I. Pineiro Family by Margaret & Jim Burns

### Monday, March 22, 2021

9:00am Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

### Tuesday, March 23, 2021

9:00am Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

### Wednesday, March 24, 2021

No Mass today—no electricity

### Thursday, March 25, 2021

No Mass today—no electricity

### Friday, March 26, 2021

9:00am Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

### Saturday, March 27, 2021

5:30: Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

### Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:30: Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

11:00am Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

**All in-person Ministry 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  
by 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



# HE MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US

## The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."<sup>1</sup> God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."<sup>2</sup>

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."<sup>3</sup> The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."<sup>4</sup> Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."<sup>5</sup> By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."<sup>6</sup> Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.



1 Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.

2 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2.

3 *Ibid.*

4 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 34.

5 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 35.

6 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2.



*Thank You*

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,  
TALENT AND TREASURE

### ***Collections for the Weekend:***

#### **Donations received this past week:**

**1st Collection: \$ 4,186.00**

**2nd Collection \$ 742.00 (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, 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, Dorothy Bauer, Pat McCullah, Lance Hill, Randy Reinhart, Patrick Mescal, Mickey McEnaney, Fr. Peter Scott, Maria Wirshing, Diane Neault, Ruth Fidler, Kaylee Mescal, Nita Bigelow, Tonya Marbry, Jim Burns.

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.



# 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). 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.

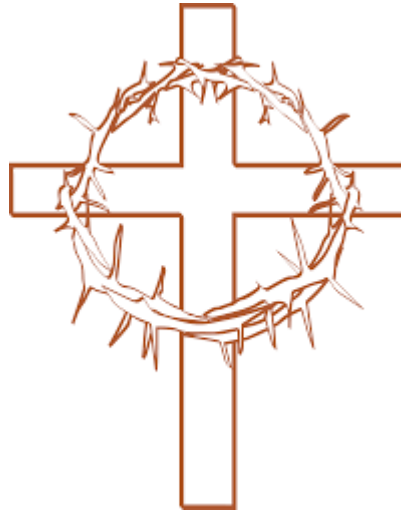
We have reached our **parish goal of \$37,000.00 and exceeded it by \$11,680.00!!** If you still would like to donate, remember that anything over our goal is returned to us. [www.isupportABCD.org](http://www.isupportABCD.org).

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 each time we get a new report from the Archdiocese.

### Thank you and God bless you!

Knights of Columbus	Deniz Fonseca	Louis Martin	Robert Sangrey
Barbara Barzen	Daniel Ford	Bruce Maxwell	Thomas Schoonbeck
Catherine Baugh	Rowena Garcia-Frank	Charles McCrosson	Carol Schulz
Gary Beaton	Virginia Gaster	Fr. Jets Medina	Honora Shaffer
Mark Berenz	Stephen Golder	William Miller	Richard Shenk
Sarah Bielich-Wilcox	Rosalinda Hally	Dominic Monaco	George Sherko
Howard Bleich	Christopher Hanley	Ralph Montanaro	Jerry Sims
Armand Boiselle	Neil Haring	Sue Myers	Tamara Snider
Bonita Boski	Robert Harrell	Donald Nelson	Lurana Snow
Vivial Brummer	Connie Hauk	James Nichols	Anthony Sporer
Larry Bullock	Mary Ann Henderson	Jim Oettle	Chris Stangler
Thomas Carbone	Kathleen Henry	Pat Parenty	Peter Stella
Albert Casagrande	Margaret Hoffman	Stephen Paul	Leonora Stulken
Roberta Castillo	Thomas Janzen	Georgianna Peteck	Enrique Suarez
Bennett Chamberlin	Sheri Jude	Robert Pienkowski	Jean Tarlton
Edward Christie	Patrick Kennedy	Patricia Pollotta	James Thompson
Olga Conrady	Pat Kersey	Eliseo Pombo	John Threadgill
Michael Coppola	Lee Kiser	Mike Quirk	Steve Wagner
Patricia Cumberbatch	Richard Klessens	Jorge Ramos	Norma Washabaugh
William Devlin	Deborah Krieger	Michael Reinstein	Melina Wicht
Richard DiBonaventura	Bill Kruppa	Kathleen Rhodes	Nicki Will-Mowery
Terry Dusseau	Katharine Lawrence	Barrie Ricketts	David Wise
Darrell Dye	Daniel Leffers	Antonio Rodriguez	Edward Wiseley
Larry Elfers	Vicente Lopez	Peter Rosasco	
Paul Engel	Sheila Madden		

# Lenten Stations of the Cross



**Fridays in March at 3pm**

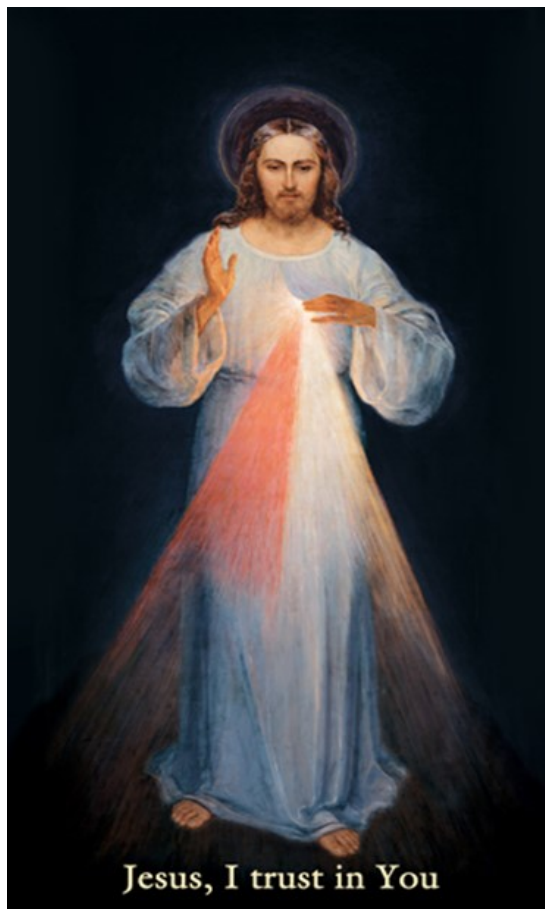
**In the Pavilion**

**Dates: March 5, 12, 19 and 26**

A different version of the Stations is prayed each week  
with music and silent meditation.

Please come and bring a friend - all are welcome.

Safety precautions will be observed: proper wearing of masks and  
safe distancing.



2021 Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena at St. Peters

April 2 to April 10 - In the Pavilion

Please come and pray the Novena  
in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11.

Schedule:

Good Friday April 2 at 12 Noon

Holy Saturday April 3 at 9:00 am

Easter Sunday April 4 at 10:15 am

Monday April 5 – Friday April 9 - Following 9:00 am Daily Mass

Saturday April 10 at 9:00 am

## 2021 LENT - HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**DIVINE MERCY Weekly Novena** (Feb. 3 - March 31)  
—Wednesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass

**STATIONS of the CROSS** (March 5 - 26)  
—Fridays at 3 p.m.

**Lenten RECONCILIATION**  
—Saturdays, 4:50 - 5:20 p.m.  
—By appointment, please call the office at 305-872-2537  
—Father may also be available after Masses



**PALM SUNDAY** Masses, March 27 - 28:  
—Saturday Vigil, 5:30 p.m.  
—Sunday, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



**HOLY THURSDAY**, April 1, **6 p.m.** (No 9 a.m. daily Mass)  
Celebration of The Lord's Supper and Washing of the Apostles Feet  
followed by Adoration of the Holy Eucharist after the Mass

**GOOD FRIDAY** Liturgy, April 2, **3 p.m.** (No 9 a.m. daily Mass)  
Celebration of The Passion of the Lord and Adoration of the Cross  
DIVINE MERCY Daily Novena (April 2 - 10) begins at noon



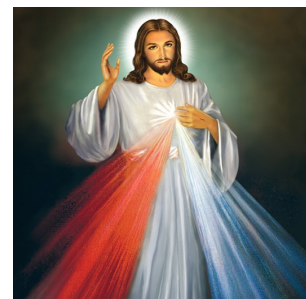
**EASTER VIGIL MASS:** Saturday, April 3, **8 p.m.** (No 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
Vigil Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection



**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**, April 4:  
—8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Easter EGG HUNT**, Sunday, April 4:  
—after the 11 a.m. Mass in the (once) Soccer Field (west end grassy area)

**DIVINE MERCY Daily Novena** (April 2 – 10)  
—April 2 (Good Friday) at 12 noon followed by silence until 3 p.m.  
(Good Friday liturgy)  
—April 3 (Holy Saturday) at 9 a.m.  
—April 4 (Easter Sun) at 10:15 a.m.  
—April 5 to April 9 (Mon-Fri) after the 9 a.m. daily Mass  
—April 10 (Sat) at 9 a.m.







Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument?

Would you consider sharing your God-given talents with the St. Peter's worship community?

Please consider signing up today by sending an email to [jack@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:jack@stpeterbpk.org).

Come and join a wonderful group of singers!



## **The Pumpkins Are Coming, The Pumpkins Are Coming ARE THEY?**

Due to COVID-19, our Patch was cancelled last year, and due to COVID-19 we are reaching out to the Parish to make sure the Pumpkin Patch is back for 2021. We would like this to be a Parish function. What we need from you, our Peterites, is for someone, or a group of someones, to commit to taking over the Patch and continuing the enormously satisfying community service project. People stop from all over and love to walk our patch and take pictures with their children. The deer become your friends while eating our pumpkins. We need story tellers, patch sitters, pumpkin painters. You can even add to what has been done in the past.

If you are interested, and need more information, please contact  
Barbara Jackowski, 305-304-8191.



## St. Peter Catholic Church



### Education Fund Scholarship Program

(Application forms are available in the parish office)

The St. Peter Catholic Church Education Fund mission is to help members of the parish pursue their educational goals. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. The funds are earmarked for tuition. Funding is limited and unfortunately, some candidates may receive less than the amount requested or may be denied a scholarship and invited to reapply the following year.

The requirements for applicants are as follows:

- ♦ A completed application and a personal interview.
- ♦ Participation in parish activities.
- ♦ A 2.5 grade point average while attending high school, university, college or vocational school—whichever is applicable.
- ♦ An official transcript from the educational institution they are attending.
- ♦ Evidence of the efforts made to obtain funding from other sources, including, but not limited to parents.

In order to be considered, all applications must be submitted

prior to March 28, 2021.

Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



**Rice Bowls** 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.

***Pray harder, sacrifice more and give to the poor this Lent.***

May the Love of God  
enfold you.  
May the Light of God  
surround you,  
May the power of God  
protect you,  
May the presence of  
God watch over you,  
Wherever you are,  
God is.

Fr. Corapi Catholic Channel

## **Lenten Journey to Easter**

We walk this Lenten journey with immigrants and refugees, lost, unsure of their journey's end, still longing for a home.

We walk with those in poverty, unable to live lives of dignity, besieged by hunger and fear, trying to hold on day by day.

We walk with those mourning, what is happening to God's creation, calling us to better care and stewardship of the earth, its creatures, and all growing things.

We walk with women who are trafficked, who are abused, who are harassed, who still live in the silences, and who want to flee the darkness.

We walk with peacemakers walking a very rocky road toward peace where so much conflict rages and so many fan the flames of violence.

We walk with all those carrying burdens yet we walk in faith and in hope. Despite the suffering of the Cross we walk toward to an Easter dawning.

We move toward the seemingly impossible Resurrection, a time of justice and peace. We walk, called forward through the darkness by the Risen Christ. In His name we pray.

Amen





## Easter Egg Hunt!!

April 4, 2021 after 11am  
Mass (about noon)

This is a Religious Education Function. The Knights of Columbus have generously volunteered their time and talent to organize this event!! Thank you Knights!!

(This is not just for St. Peter parish-

ioners—kids from the community outside of the parish are welcome too.)

### You can help by donating:

**Individually wrapped candies** to put inside the eggs such as: Jolly Rancher, Life Savers, bubblegum, Sweet Tarts, gummies, etc.

(NO peanuts or chocolate please)

**Plastic Eggs** (all sizes)

**Prizes:** individual or multipacks —example: balls, jump rope, frisbees, jars of bubbles, **or \$** so that we can buy prizes.

### **Deadline for donations: March 28**

Drop off at Masses in bin marked “Easter Egg Hunt”  
or in the Parish Office 9:30-3:00pm M-F

**We also need volunteers to help with:** stuffing plastic eggs ahead of time, putting eggs out in the grass, etc.


To volunteer your time, please email Chris Stangler  
cbstangler@gmail.com

\*Masks will be required during the Easter Egg Hunt.

March 17, 2021



## 2-Week Look Ahead

Project Name:		<div>FLORIDA LEMARK</div>											
St. Peter Catholic Church													
Project Start Date:	Prepared by:												
	Jesus												
Date:	Month:												
3/18/2021	March	15-Mar	16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar	23-Mar	24-Mar	25-Mar	26-Mar
Description		M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F
Ceiling Frame at Church/ Acoustical frame at Parish													
Walls insulation and hanging GWB at Parish Hall and Church walls/insulation/ Tape and Finish													
Rough electrical installation at Ceilings for ligths at Office, church. Install ext. lights, Wiring MDPs													
Rough Plumbing at office, Rectory & main water conections at Buildings													
Installation of Windows Cover and Stainglass at Church													
Wiring Fire Alarm system													
AHU & Condensing Units installations(refrigerant lines) Office, Church and Parish Halls. A/C ducts at Rectory													
Stucco Church and Parish Halls details(windows)													
Stone and tiles Installation at Parish													
Rectory Main Building Work													
Kitchen hood installation													
Painting Exterior													
Gas Line installations													
Landscaping													
Retention areas and wetlands													

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March 17, 2021

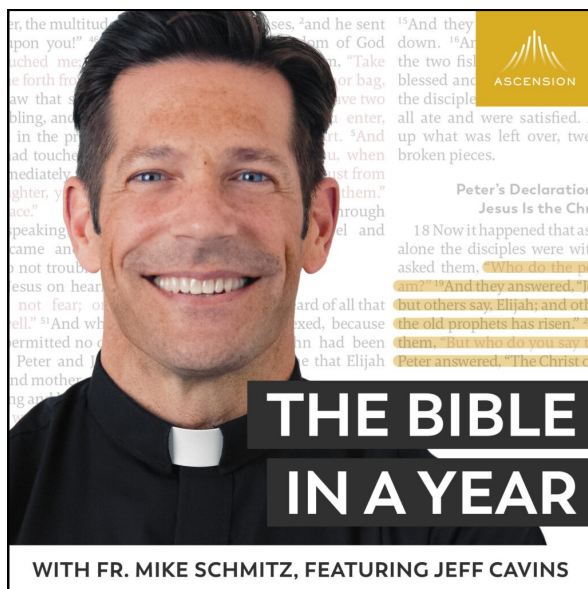




## Lenten Faith Formation Opportunity:

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 [pschwermer@ccadom.org](mailto:pschwermer@ccadom.org).



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 [ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear](http://ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear).



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



**Square Grouper**

**Milagro**

**RE: Milagro:** *Milagro Restaurant in Big Pine has closed and will re-open in Key West on May 1st at 1401 Simonton St. You will be able to use your gift certificates in their KW location as of May 1, or you can return them to us for a refund or exchange.*

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.*

### **St. Peter Catholic Church Website**

Visit the St. Peter Church website at  
<http://www.stpeterbpc.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!**



Our children's future is our responsibility. Creating an endowment in your will for Catholic education is a great way to pass on your Catholic Faith and create a long-lasting legacy. To learn how you can start an endowment fund toward Catholic education, 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.

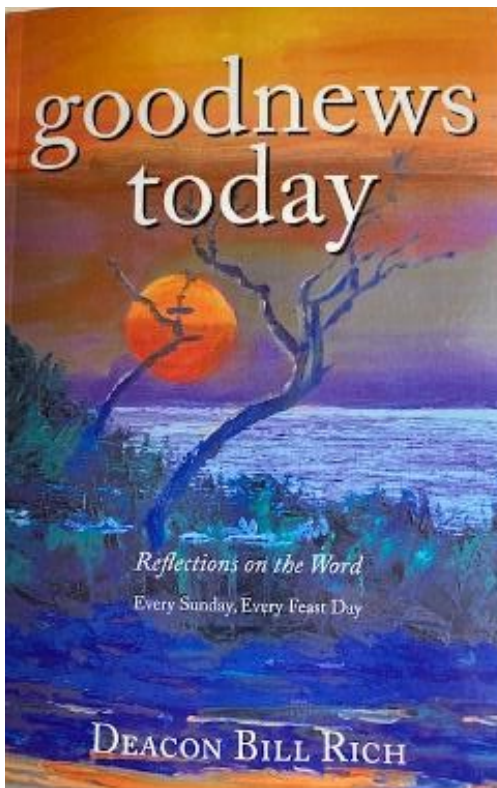


"I will be their God and they shall be my people..."

(Jeremiah 31:33)

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.





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.

## **St. Peter Community Food Bank**

**Effective Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Food Bank hours are changing!!**

**New hours: Wednesdays from 8:00am-11:00am only**

The weather is getting warmer—we need to keep our food cooler (our clients & volunteers too). Food is being distributed from the temporary, portable tent in the parking lot.



**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: canned 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*

Your Parish contact person for all things related to the Food Bank is Director,  
Bob Pienkowski: [bob@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:bob@stpeterbpk.org)

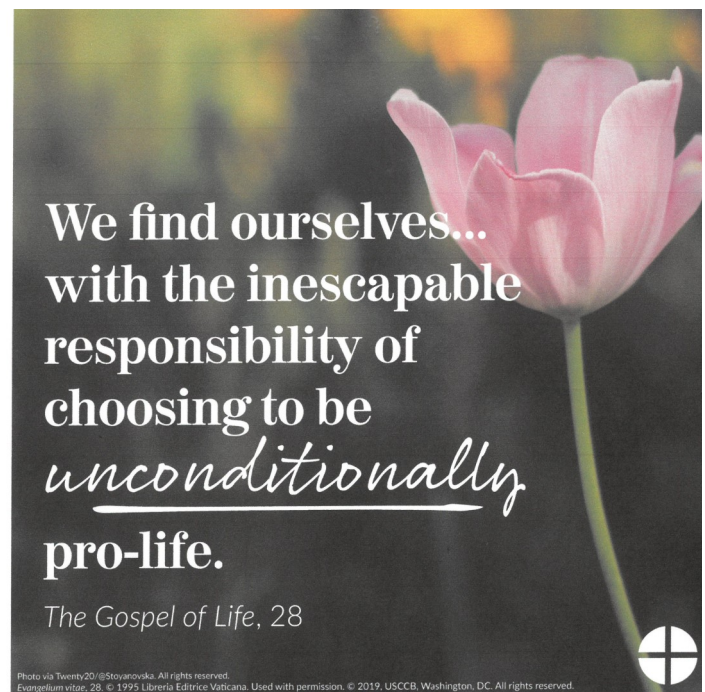


## **Legislators seek to ban abortion at 20-weeks gestation**

During a virtual press conference organized by the Susan B. Anthony List and other pro-life allies, Senators Ana Maria Rodriguez and Ray Rodriguez and Reps. Tommy Gregory and David Borrero announced their support and sponsorship of the Florida Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

To be filed for the upcoming legislative session which began March 2, the bill would ban abortions at 20-weeks gestation, a point by which science reveals unborn babies feel pain. Florida already prohibits abortions in the third trimester and when a baby is viable outside the womb. This proposal would further limit when an abortion can be performed. Twenty-three states have already passed similar legislation, including neighboring states like Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Ingrid Delgado, FCCB (Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops) associate for social concerns/respect life, also participated in the news conference. The FCCB looks forward to the day that abortion is not only illegal, but unthinkable. For this reason, Catholic ministries provide support to mothers who may need assistance with baby items, parenting classes, housing, child care, and job readiness programs. However, as long as abortion is legal, we support incremental improvements such as prohibiting abortion at 20-weeks gestation.



“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the “culture of life’. We find ourselves not only “faced with” but necessarily “in the midst of” this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.” (The Gospel of Life 28) *(This quote is from Evangelium Vitae, by Pope St. John Paul II)*

**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](http://respectlifemiami.org).**

## **Florida Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**

**In the Florida Senate, this bill is SB744:** The State Senator for our District (District 39) is Ana Maria Rodriguez. Her district office is at 8401 Northwest 53rd Terrace, Suite 107, Doral, FL 33166. Phone # 305-470-2552. You can contact her by email if you go to [flsenate.gov/Senators](http://flsenate.gov/Senators), select her name from the list of State Senators and email her from there.

**In the Florida house of Representatives, this bill is HB351:** The Representative for our district (Dist. 120) is James “Jim” Mooney, Jr. 1102 The Capitol, 402 South Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300 (850) 717-5120. You can contact him if you go to [MyFloridaHouse.gov](http://MyFloridaHouse.gov). Select Rep. Mooney and click on “contact him” and you can email him.

**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.

Your parish contact for all things related to the Virtus (Protecting God's Children and Vulnerable Adults) program is Ellen Age: [Ellen@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:Ellen@stpeterbpk.org)



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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***

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October 10, 2020

Ms. Donna Dye  
St. Peter's Church  
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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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*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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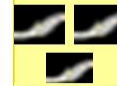
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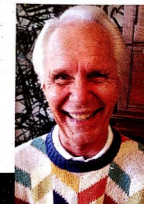
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