

St. Peter Catholic Church

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MARCH 7, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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:

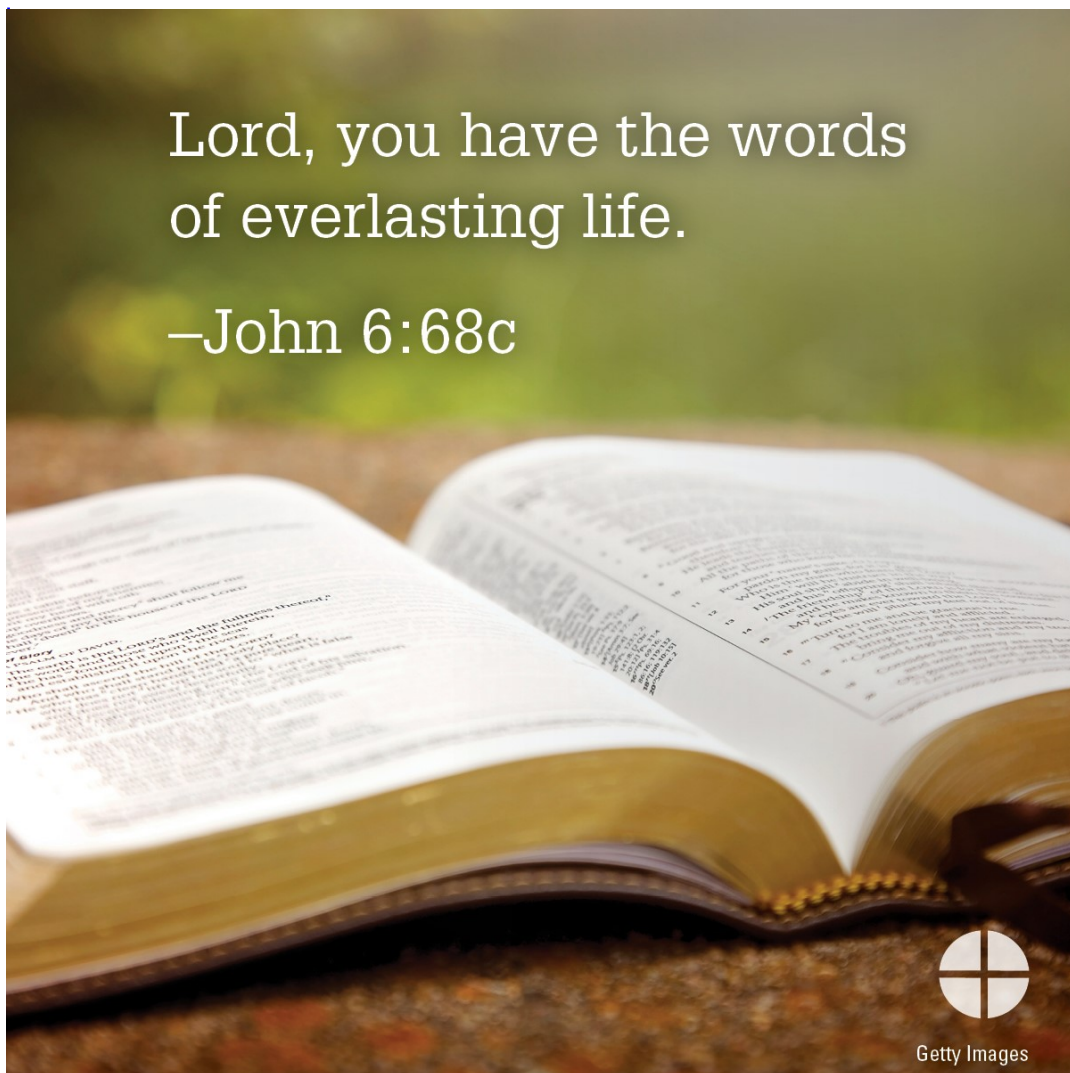
Saturday: 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm
in the Pavilion Chapel
(or by appointment)

**BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and
WEDDINGS** (by appointment)
Contact Nancy or Connie in the
parish office

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

Lord, you have the words
of everlasting life.

—John 6:68c



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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 6, 2021

5:30pm S.I. Ann Fisher (100th Birthday) by
Charlotte & Bill Rudy

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:30 am S.I. Margaret & Jim Burns by Connie Hauk
11:00: +Billy Height by Kim Francis

Monday, March 8, 2021

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

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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

Thursday, March 11, 2021

9:00am S.I. Pat DiBonaventura by Mike Coppola

Friday, March 12, 2021

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

Saturday, March 13, 2021

5:30: S.I. Stacey by Margaret & Jim Burns

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:30: S.I. Richard DiBonaventura by Mike Coppola
11:00am +Wayne & Grace Lahey by Donna Lahey

**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



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

March 7th, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our archdiocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. In the mountains of northeastern Colombia, on the border with Venezuela, the Diocese of Cúcuta has been a migration point for needy Venezuelan refugees coming in search of food, medicine, and daily necessities. For several years, the diocese's welcome centers have served more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry migrants. The primary center, at Casa de Paso Divina Providencia, has been addressing the needs of these refugees with diocesan resources as well as assistance from local businesses, charities, and parishes.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America, in solidarity with these vulnerable refugees and the local diocese serving them, provided much-needed assistance to ensure that Casa de Paso Divina Providencia can continue its work of hospitality and mercy. Your contribution to the collection not only supports and sustains these invaluable efforts but also allows you to stand in closer unity with refugees and those serving them.

Our archdiocese takes up this collection this weekend, March 6th and 7th, 2021. Please be generous toward the collection. Take this opportunity to share your faith with our sisters and brothers in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junipero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen



The Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 7, 2021

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

—John 6:68c



In today's first reading, we are reminded of the Ten Commandments. Which commandment do you struggle with the most? Aim for one small improvement this week.

A Prayer for Pope Francis

On March 13th, we celebrate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election! Say a prayer for the Holy Father.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



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BULLETIN



Living the Faith

JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."

5. It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



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Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection: \$ 3,728.99
2nd Collection \$ 1,180.00 (Rebuild)
Direct Debit: \$ 580.00
Building \$ 475.00

Thank you to those of you who mailed your weekly donations to us, and **Thank you** to those of you who elected to change to Direct Debit!

Thank you for your generosity!



There is a **Financial Transparency binder** in the bookkeeper's office with detailed statements, financial reports and parish budget history. This information is available to registered parishioners who wish to view it. Call and make an appointment with Nancy in the office at 305-872-2537.

Want to go paperless in 2020 with Direct Debit pulled from your checking account?

Let us know....

Call Nancy in the office for information.

Direct debit options are:

- ◇ Weekly
- ◇ Weekly 50/50
- ◇ Monthly
- ◇ Monthly to Rebuild Fund

Are you registered?

If you are not sure, call us in the office and we can check.

Thank you for your help!

Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:

Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Mary Doris Scheidell, Doug Krout, Bill Carver, Lani Dugger, John Mescal, Ismael Lopez, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, Katherine Fasano, Frank Fasano, James Archambeault, Pat and Connie Medina, Belle Medina-Ricasio, Beth Rodman, Bill Van Ryn, Flo Boyle, Mary and William Scheidell, Mike Graham, Tiffany Howard, Jim Oettle, Kate Menser Hughey, Marilyn Nichols, Mark Stump, Bob Gaster, Gerry & Dorothy Bauer, Pat McCullah, Lance Hill, Randy Reinhart, Patrick Mescal, Mickey McEnaney, Fr. Peter Scott, Maria Wirshing, 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.



Bob Pienowski

Blessing of Newly Registered Parishioners:



Bill and Pat Devlin



Congratulations to Daisy Caroline Perry on her Baptism Sunday!

Holding her is her mother Meaghan McCullah.



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.

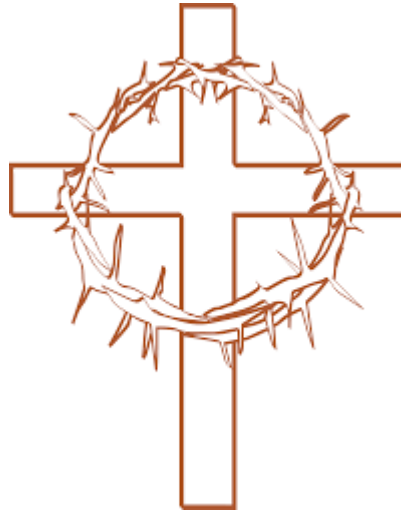
We have reached our **parish goal of \$37,000.00 and exceeded it by \$1,180.00!!** If you still would like to donate, remember that anything over our goal is returned to us.

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 each time we get a new report from the Archdiocese.

Thank you and God bless you!

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

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 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



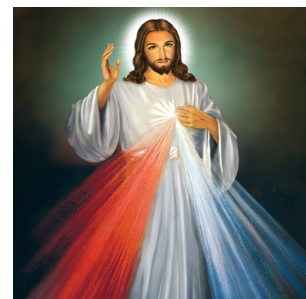
EASTER VIGIL MASS: Saturday, April 3, **8 p.m.** (No 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Vigil Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection



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.





Pick up a Lenten Rice Bowl at Church, and help Catholic Relief Services relieve suffering in over 100 countries! CRS takes one of the lowest percentages in administrative costs—93.4% of your donation reaches the poor. Turn in your donations Easter Sunday or the week following.

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 **St. Peter Community Food Bank**. To learn more about this program, please visit seg.bags4mycause.com.

In August the program raised \$45 for the St. Peter Community Food Bank!

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!

St. Peter Community Food Bank

We are now open only on Wednesdays from 9:30-noon — food is temporarily being distributed from the 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.

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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.



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.

Our **CCD Mass** for all students through High School is this Sunday, 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.

Also this Sunday at 10am, CCD students in grades 3, 4 & 5 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Grades 6, 7 & 8 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10 am next Sunday, March 14.



We will have an Easter Egg Hunt this year on Easter Sunday after the 11am Mass. We are asking for volunteers for 2 teams:

Team 1 will fill the plastic eggs, make up baskets, prizes etc. ahead of time.

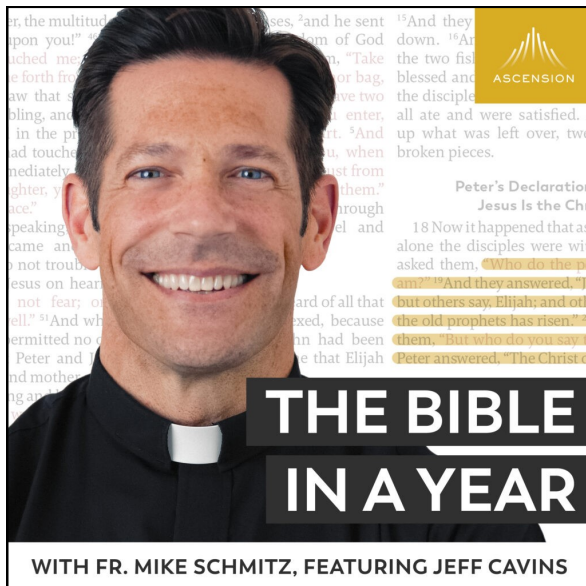
Team 2 will set up the day of the Egg Hunt, supervise the Hunt and clean up after.

The Hunt will take place on the grassy area near the cemetery.

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 19th – April 2nd) 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.



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.



Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena at St. Peter's
Weekly on Wednesday after 9 am Mass -- February 3 until
March 31

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.



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



Square Grouper Milagro

RE: Milagro: Milagro Restaurant in Big Pine will close the end of February and 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.



Careful Estate Planning can be one of the best gifts you give your family and your Parish. For more information on what and how to give, 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.



"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."

(Exodus 20:4)


How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.





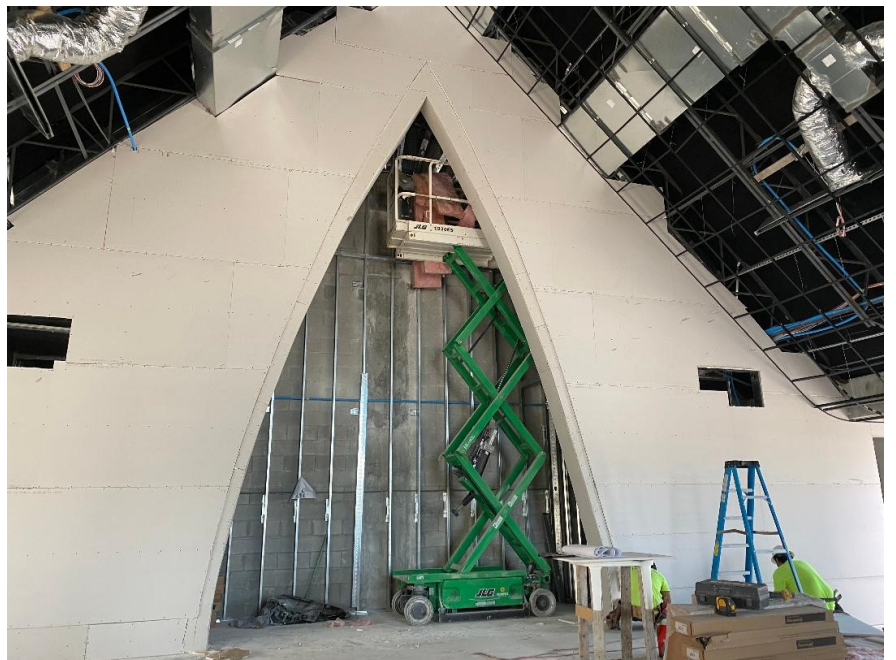
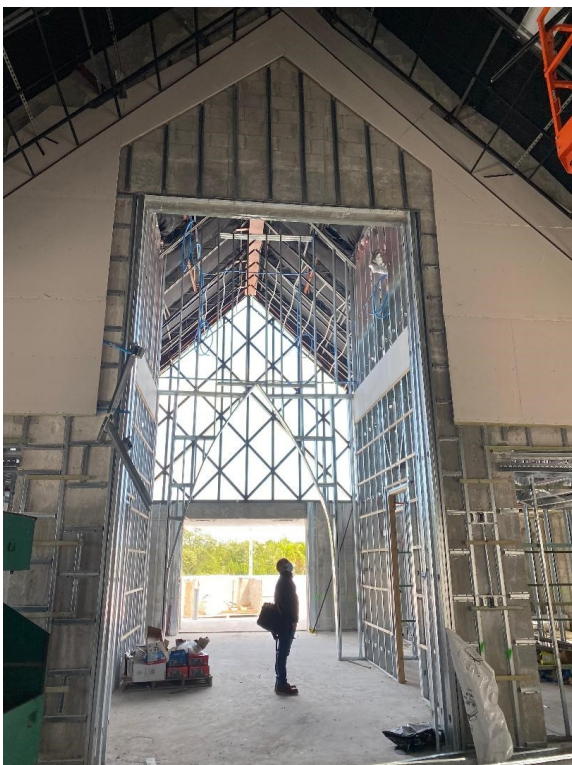
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March 4, 2021

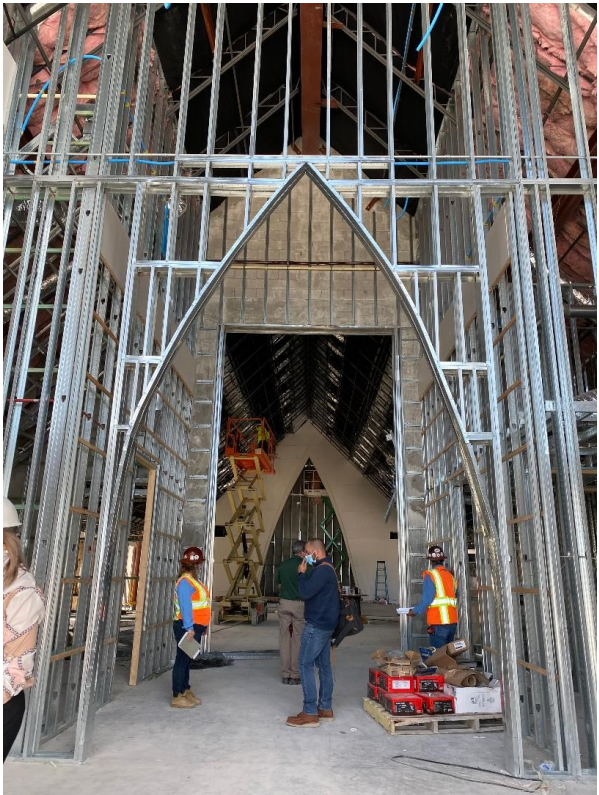
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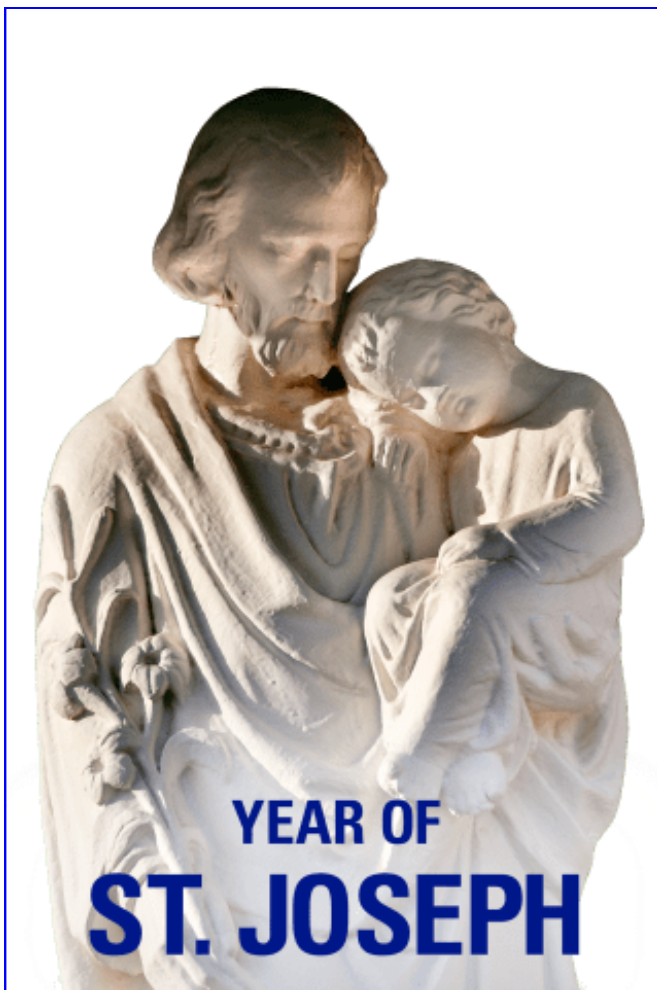
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Ceiling Frame installation at Church/ Acoustical frame													
Walls insulation and hanging GWB at Parish Hall and Church walls/ Tape and Finish													
Rough electrical installation at Mezzanine ,A/C units, lights at Office, church, Install ext. lights fixtures													
Rough Plumbing at office, Rectory & main water connections at Buildings													
Installation of wood bucks, Windows and Exterior doors													
AHU & Condensing Units installations(refrigerant lines) Office, Church and Parish Halls													
Stucco Church and Parish Halls details(windows)													
Stone and tiles Installation													
Rectory Main Building Work													
Kitchen hood installation													
Painting Exterior													
Gas Line installations													
Parking asphalt, sidewalks , retention area and wetlands													

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**Pope Francis has declared this year
(from December 8, 2020 to December 8,
2021) The Year of St. Joseph**

Saint Joseph occupies a special place among the cloud of witnesses in heaven. In the Collect (opening prayer) for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19, the Church recalls how he watched over the beginnings of the mysteries of human salvation in the life of Christ. Christ wills to repeat those very same mysteries in our lives. In us, Christ wills to be born, to die, to rise, and to ascend to the Father's right hand. Saint Joseph, who faithfully cared for the beginnings of these mysteries, faithfully cares for us as these mysteries are perpetuated in our hearts, homes, and communities.

The USCCB has composed a novena to be prayed on March 10-18, the nine days that precede the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19.

The link for the novena is:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/novena-saint-joseph-english.pdf>



Walking With Moms

This year is the 25th anniversary of the encyclical of the Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae) by Pope St. John Paul II. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched the initiative of a year of service entitled "Walking with Moms" in alliance with this Gospel of Life.

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Miami are invited to participate in this initiative to support Moms facing a difficult pregnancy in our local community. All parishes are invited to increase awareness of and to support our five respect life crisis pregnancy centers in South Florida.

In our own parish, an inventory tool has been completed to identify what local resources are available and to identify gaps in service. The next phase is to identify and implement ways this parish can help fill those gaps in service.

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



Respect Life Ministry exists to uphold the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death;

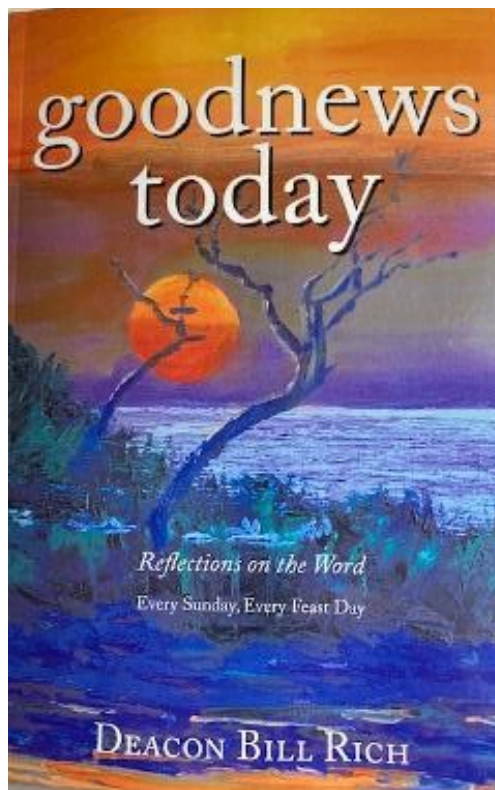
The four pillars are:

- 1.)** Public information and education to deepen understanding of the sanctity of life and the moral evil of intentionally killing innocent human beings.
- 2.)** Prayer, that the culture of death will be replaced by a culture of life and love (both individual and communal).
- 3.)** Public policy efforts that are directed at restoring legal protection to the lives of unborn children by providing morally acceptable alternatives to abortion.
- 4.)** Pastoral care which involves care for women with problems related to pregnancy and for all those who have been involved in abortion.



Walking With Moms in Need

During Advent, we remember Mary's journey to motherhood. Today, many women are in need of support. Take the pledge to pray and serve women facing challenging or unexpected pregnancies and learn more about how you can help. Visit <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com>



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.

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.

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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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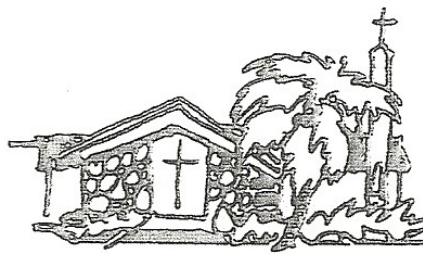
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

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.

{The 50/50 Drawing: 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 20th of the Month.

Direct Debit giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our parish, especially during these times. There is no cost for you to participate.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And if you are seasonal or when future travel opportunities resume, illness or other circumstances like what we are faced with currently, prevent you from attending Mass with us here at St Peter's, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue uninterrupted.

To get started, simply call and speak to Nancy McCrosson in the Parish office to answer any questions you may have #305-872-2537.

We thank you for your continued support to our parish here at St. Peter and we pray all of you and your loved ones are safe and well.

God Bless You,

Nancy McCrosson



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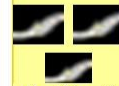
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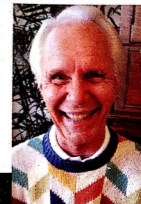
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