St. Peter Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy Big Pine Key, Fl 33043



305-872-2537 Office: 9am-3pm Mon.-Fri. www.stpeterbpk.org

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

APRIL 11, 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

The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy.

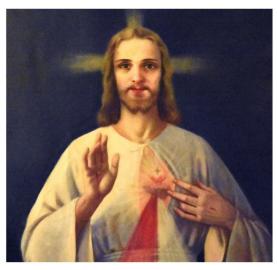
-Pope Francis, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2020





Divine Mercy Sunday-The Second Sunday of Easter APRIL 11, 2021

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (*Diary*, no. 742).

Mercy and Healing

This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God never ceases offering us His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit *HopeAfterAbortion.org*.

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join us throughout the month as we continue to pray for the healing of victims of abuse.





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, April 10, 2021 5:30pm +Brian Zuchowski by Cheryl Esian

Sunday, April 11, 2021
8:30am S.I. Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Parish
11:00am + Lopez Family by Rosalinda Hally

Monday, April 12, 2021 9:00am Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Parish

Tuesday, April 13, 20219:00amS.I. Wendy Conover by Rosalinda Hally

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:00am +Joe Debella by Mike Coppola

Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:00am S.I. Fr. Tony Mullane (Birthday) by Margaret & Jim Burns

Friday, April 16, 2021 9:00am Communion Service —Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

Saturday, April 17, 2021 5:30pm: S.I. Survivors of the Bay of Pigs by Roberta Castillo

Sunday, April 18 20218:30: Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

11:00am S.I. Wendy Conover by Rosalinda Hally

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 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

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week: Holy Thursday: \$ 650.00

Good Friday: 1st.\$ 241.00

2nd Collection \$ 221.00 (Shrines in the Holy Land)

Easter: 1st collection \$ 8,262.00

2nd Collection: \$ 1,733.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 580.00

Once Monthly Blue Building Envelope for April \$ 618.00

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

Thank you for your generosity!



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

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

Let us know.... Call Nancy in the office for information. Direct debit options are:

◊ Weekly

- Weekly 50/50
 Monthly
- Monthly to Rebuild Fund
 Are you registered?

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If you are not sure, call us in the office and we can check. Thank you for your help!

Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

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We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends: Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, 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, Olga Nunez, Chad Barnick.

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.



Holy Thursday

























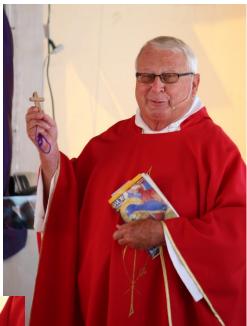








Good Friday

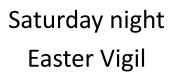




















Easter Vigil















Easter Sunday









Thanks, Knights of Columbus for a great Easter Egg Hunt!





Grand Knight Chris Stangler with the Easter Bunny







APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of **ABUSE**

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected

abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.



In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.

"Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice."

-Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018



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+ ABCD

ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

2021 +

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 \$11,715.00!!** The names below are names of parishioners who have donated this list will be updated each time we get a new report from the Archdiocese.

Thank you and God bless you!

Knights of Columbus Barbara Barzen **Catherine Baugh Gary Beaton** Mark Berenz Sarah Bielich-Wilcox **Howard Bleich** Armand Boiselle Bonita Boski Vivial Brummer Larry Bullock Thomas Carbone Roberta Castillo Bennett Chamberlin Edward Christie Olga Conrady Michael Coppola Patricia Cumberbatch William Devlin **Richard DiBonaventura Terry Dusseau** Darrell Dye Larry Elfers Paul Engel Deniz Fonseca

Michael Fritz Rowena Garcia-Frank Virginia Gaster Stephen Golder **Rosalinda Hally** Christopher Hanley Neil Haring Robert Harrell Connie Hauk Mary Ann Henderson Kathleen Henry Margaret Hoffman Barbara Jackowski Thomas Janzen Sheri Jude Patrick Kennedy Pat Kersey Lee Kiser **Richard Klessens** Elizabeth Kreitzman Deborah Krieger **Bill Kruppa** Katharine Lawrence **Daniel Leffers** Vicente Lopez

Daniel Ford

Sheila Madden Louis Martin Bruce Maxwell Charles McCrosson Fr. Jets Medina William Miller **Ralph Montanaro** Sue Myers Donald Nelson James Nichols Jim Oettle Pat Parenty Stephen Paul **Georgianna Peteck** Robert Pienkowski Eliseo Pombo Mike Quirk Jorge Ramos Michael Reinstein Kathleen Rhodes **Barrie Ricketts** Antonio Rodriguez Peter Rosasco

Robert Sangrey Thomas Schoonbeck Carol Schulz Honora Shaffer Richard Shenk George Sherko Jerry Sims Tamara Snider Lurana Snow Anthony Sporer Chris Stangler Peter Stella Leonora Stulken Enrique Suarez Jean Tarlton James Thompson John Threadgill Steve Wagner Norma Washabaugh Melina Wicht Nicki Will-Mowerv David Wise Edward Wiseley



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.

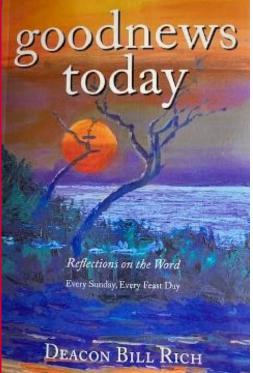
We need story tellers, patch sitters, pumpkin painters.

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.



If you haven't turned in your Lenten Rice Bowls yet, please do so this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!!



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 thoughtprovoking 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.



























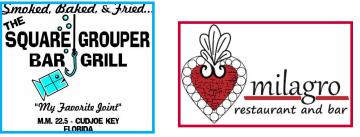






We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the KiKi's Sandbar





Square Grouper

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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.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!



One of the easiest ways for you to support the mission of the Church is to leave the Archdiocese of Miami or any one of its parishes, schools or agencies a bequest. A bequest is a gift made to charity in your will or trust. 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.



"Thomas answered and said to him "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

(John 20:28-29)

How many times in our stewardship journey do we find ourselves to be "doubting Thomas" before we proclaim, "my Lord and my God."?





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.

Come and join a wonderful group of singers!

St. Peter Community Food Bank

Food Bank hours have changed!!



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: <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

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

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 Food Bank.</u> To learn

more about this program, please visit seg.bags4mycause.com.

<u>Legislators seek to ban abortion</u> <u>at 20-weeks gestation</u>

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 trimestser and when a baby is viable outside the womb. This proposal would further limit when an abortion can be performed. Twentythree 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. Respect Life Ministry exists to uphold the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death;

The four pillars are:

1.) <u>Public information</u> and education to We find ourselves ... with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be *unconditionally* **pro-life.** The Gospel of Life. 28

deepen understanding of the sanctity of life and the moral evil of intentionally killing innocent human beings.

2.) <u>Prayer, that the culture of death will be</u> replaced by a culture of life and love (both individual and communal).

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

4.) <u>Pastoral care</u> 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

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>

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 <u>flsenate.gov/Senators</u>, 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 <u>MyFloridaHouse.gov</u>. Select Rep. Mooney and click on "contact him" and you can email him.

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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 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

