### St. Peter Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy Big Pine Key, FI 33043



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

### **APRIL 25, 2021**

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### PARISH STAFF:

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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

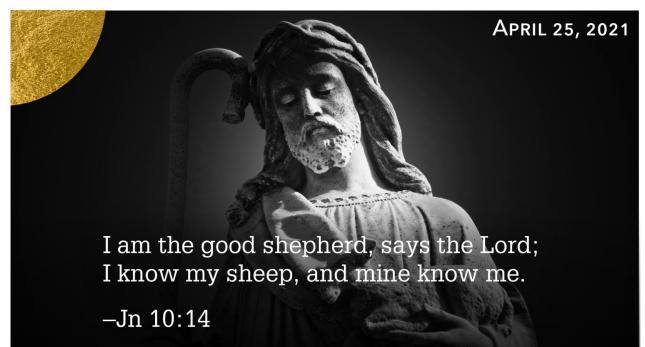


"I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me." John 10:14





### The Fourth Sunday of Easter



#### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



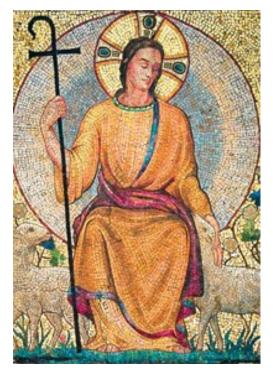
#### Catholic Home Missions Appeal 2021

Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal strengthens the Church At Home. Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Prayerfully consider supporting the collection at this weekend! More information can be found at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/home-missions">www.usccb.org/home-missions</a>.



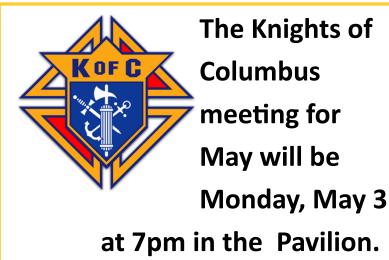


# World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 25, 2021



The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all

its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. **2021 marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** 



To access the Florida Catholic newspaper online:

miami.thefloridacatholic.org

# **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



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.

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

## STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

n their 2000 pastoral letter Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration,\* the bishops of the United States called the faithful to embrace an approach to criminal justice that takes into account the dignity of crime victims and their families, communities, and offenders.

The Catholic Home Missionsfunded Diocese of Santa Rosa is answering this call for an approach that upholds justice and healing in its six counties of northwestern California, stretching from Napa in the south along the coastline to the Oregon border. The diocese's Catholic Restorative Justice Ministries program (www. restorejusticesantarosa.org) works to fulfill the bishops' vision through a variety of activities that include support for inmates reentering society, as

well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. The program's broad range of goals are being implemented, expanded, and refined yearly with financial assistance from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all.

\* To read this letter online, visit www. usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-lifeand-dignity/criminal-justice-restorativejustice/crime-and-criminal-justice.cfm.

Support CHMA and strengthen the Church at home.

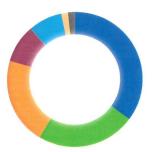
For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit www. usccb.org/home-missions.



#### What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

#### CHMA FINANCIALS 2019



#### **Totals by Program Area**

· Diocesan and Parish Assistance: · Faith Formation:

 Priestly and Religious Vocations: Cultural Ministries

 Strengthening Marriage and Family Life Professional Development for Mission Dioceses \$163,150

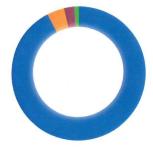
New Bishop Installation Support

\$3,615,000

\$2,430,000 \$2,125,000 \$940,000

\$840,000

\$156,000



· Grants and Donations:

92.46% Program Costs: 3.96%

· Promotions and Fundraising Expenses:

 Administrative Expenses (Including Internal Grants):

0.86%

2.73%

**Total Expenses Including Internal Grants:** 

\$11,261,121



#### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

OFFICE OF NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

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#### Collections for the Weekend:

#### Donations received this past week:

**1st Collection:** \$3,255.00

2nd Collection \$ 799.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 580.00

**Additional Blue Building Envelopes for** 

April \$ 378.00

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!





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?

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, Olga Nunez, Chad Barnick,
Br. Bud Luks.

Please let us know in the office if you or someone else is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist at home. Call the office at 305-872-2537.

Address Change: We have closed our Post Office box. Our only mailing address now is: 31300 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, FL 33043.

Check this out!!Have you ever wondered why the person next to you never puts anything into the collection basket? Could be that person has signed up for Direct Debit and his or her donation comes directly from his or her checking account—they don't have to mess with envelopes or checks or cash. If that sounds good to you, call Nancy in the office at 305-872-2537 and she can get you started.



50 / 50 Weekly Jackpot

The 50/50 has been suspended until we are in our new church. Your Direct Debit 50/50 account will not be charged, and please do not turn in your \$5 50/50 envelopes until we resume. Thank you!

#### Grief Support

If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one, grief support is available.

Contact Mary Quirk at 305-744-0139, or through the church office at 305-872-2537.

### All Are Welcome

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family or marital situation,
No matter what your past or present religious situation,
No matter your personal history, age, background, race etc.,
No matter what your own self-image or self esteem,
YOU are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected here at St. Peter Catholic Church.



#### Saturday, April 24, 2021

5:30pm +Anthony Higham by Mike & Marcy Matlosz

#### **Sunday, April 25, 2021**

**8:30am** +Laura Madara by John & Pauline Snyder **11:00am** S.I. Susan Risbridger by Kim Francis

#### Monday, April 26, 2021

9:00am +Pedro Vallejo by Donna & Harry

#### Tuesday, April 27, 2021

9:00am S.I. Tina Marie Sargent by Kim Francis

#### Wednesday, April 28, 2021

9:00am + Leonard Meiron by Pat Kersey

#### Thursday, April 29, 2021

9:00am +Lou Ann Francis by Kim Francis

#### Friday, April 30, 2021

**9:00am Communion Service** —Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

#### May 1, 2021

5:30pm: +William Rohde by Mike & Mary Matlosz

#### **Sunday, April 25, 2021**

**8:30:** Living & Deceased Members of the John Snyder

Family by John & Pauline Snyder

11:00am + Hally Family 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..

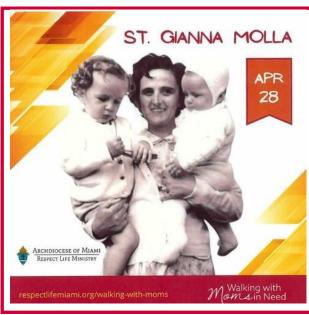
"Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come."

#### 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



• Patron: of mothers, physicians, and unborn children

• Birth: October 4, 1922

Death: April 28, 1962

Beatified: April 24, 1994 by Pope John Paul II

Canonized: May 16, 2004 by Pope John Paul II

#### Saint Gianna Beretta Molla's Story

In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint!

She was born in Magenta near Milano, the tenth of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage.

Early in her fourth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week Gianna Molla died at home, and was buried in the cemetery of Mesero.

# 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 trimestser 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.

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.)** <u>Prayer,</u> that the culture of death will be replaced by a culture of life and love (both individual and communal).
- **3.)** <u>Public policy</u> efforts that are directed at 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.

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 <a href="respectlifemiami.org">respectlifemiami.org</a>.

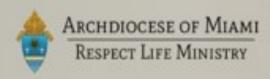
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Ellen@stpeterbpk.org

#### 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, 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. Select Rep. Mooney and click on "contact him" and you can email him.



### South Dade Pregnancy Help Center

Services Free & Confidential

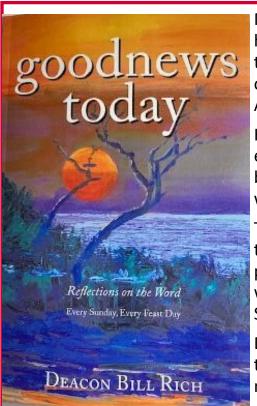
- Pregnancy tests
- Limited ultrasound exams
- Pregnancy and post- partum counseling
- Information and referrals
- Earn While You Learn classes (EWYL): Women learn about fetal development and how to take care of their babies. During class they earn points which can be spent in the boutique.
- Project Joseph: Men learn about fetal development, finances, infant CPR, and how to be a supportive husband/partner, while earning points to spend in the boutique.
- Material Assistance and Boutique (diapers, formula, baby clothing, strollers, car seats, etc)

305.273.8507 to schedule appointment

Mothers' Day is May 9th. There will be a Mothers Day Novena of masses from May 8 through May 16 here at St. Peter's. Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available at the exits. If you wish to enroll someone in the novena, please take an envelope, fill it out, and return it before May 8th. The envelopes will be on the altar and we will pray for all those



enrolled at every Mass from the 8th through the 16th.



Many thanks to Deacon Bill Rich who has donated 15 copies of his new book to our St. Peter Education Fund. We will be selling them for the cover price of \$28.99 with all the proceeds going to our Education Fund which supports CCD, Vacation Bible School, Adult Faith Formation and Scholarships.

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

This book is written for any Christian who would like to celebrate the good news in his or her life or is looking for thought-provoking reflections based on selected Gospel passages; or would just like to have a thoughtful homily to reflect on every Sunday.

Deacon Bill and his wife Frannie served for many years at St. Peter Parish and Bill was the driving force behind 12 years of Emmaus Retreats here. They now live in Juno Beach, Florida.

Anyone who would like to write a review of this book on Amazon is eligible to receive a print of the cover painting. It was painted by Deacon Bill from an Easter Sunday Sunrise service here in the Keys. If you have written such a review, please let us know in the office and we will forward the info to Bill and he will send you a print.



#### 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 \$12,265.00!! 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 Daniel Baussan **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

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William Devlin
Richard DiBonaventura
Terry Dusseau
Darrell Dye
Larry Elfers
Paul Engel
G.Farrell
Deniz Fonseca

Daniel Ford
Arnold Francis
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 William Jones Sheri Jude

Patrick Kennedy

Pat Kersey Lee Kiser

Richard Klessens Elizabeth Kreitzman Deborah Krieger

Bill Kruppa

Katharine Lawrence

Daniel Leffers
Vicente Lopez

Sheila Madden
Louis Martin
Bruce Maxwell
Charles McCrosson
Fr. Jets Medina
William Miller
Ralph Montanaro
Sue Myers
Donald Nelson
James Nichols

Pat Parenty
Stephen Paul
Georgianna Peteck
Robert Pienkowski
Eliseo Pombo
Mike Quirk
Jorge Ramos
Michael Reinstein

Jim Oettle

Michael Reinstein Kathleen Rhodes Barrie Ricketts Antonio Rodriguez Peter Rosasco Robert Sangrey
Thomas Schoonbeck

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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

Norma Washabaugh Melina Wicht

Nicki Will-Mowery

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.



## 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 <a href="http://www.stpeterbpk.org">http://www.stpeterbpk.org</a>



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!



Are you trying to determine the best way to split your estate between your family, and your parish? For assistance with customizing a plan that is beneficial to both your family and the Church, please 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 am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them."

(John 10:11-15)

To be a good steward we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered off by the wolf."















April
Wedding
Anniversary
Blessings







Rectory windows in back overlook the wetlands and the water.





Rectory rear view

Rectory—front view







Ramp to kitchen and Food Bank



Church interior—looking toward altar on left—-looking toward entrance on right.



Front of church (note cross on top of the peak). New St. Peter statue will go on the pedestal in the circle.



Looking toward bell tower and parish hall





Food Bank entrance from parking lot





Office reception area



Looking toward front door of offices



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

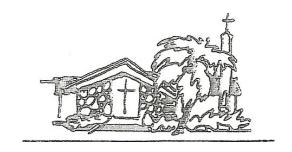
Your Parish contact person for all things related to the Food Bank is Director, Bob Pienkowski: bob@stpeterbpk.org

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

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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

St. Peter Catholic Church invites you to consider the option of Direct Debit, an electronic collection program to automate your regular weekly offerings, pulled directly from your checking or savings account.

Would you prefer to go paperless and take advantage of any of the following Direct Debit choices?

Here are the choices currently available to consider:

**Weekly Offering**: Funds pulled weekly.

**Weekly 50/50:** Suspended until we are in the new church.

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

#### **Monthly Choices:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

God Bless You, Nancy McCrosson



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