

St. Peter Catholic Church

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MAY 2, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

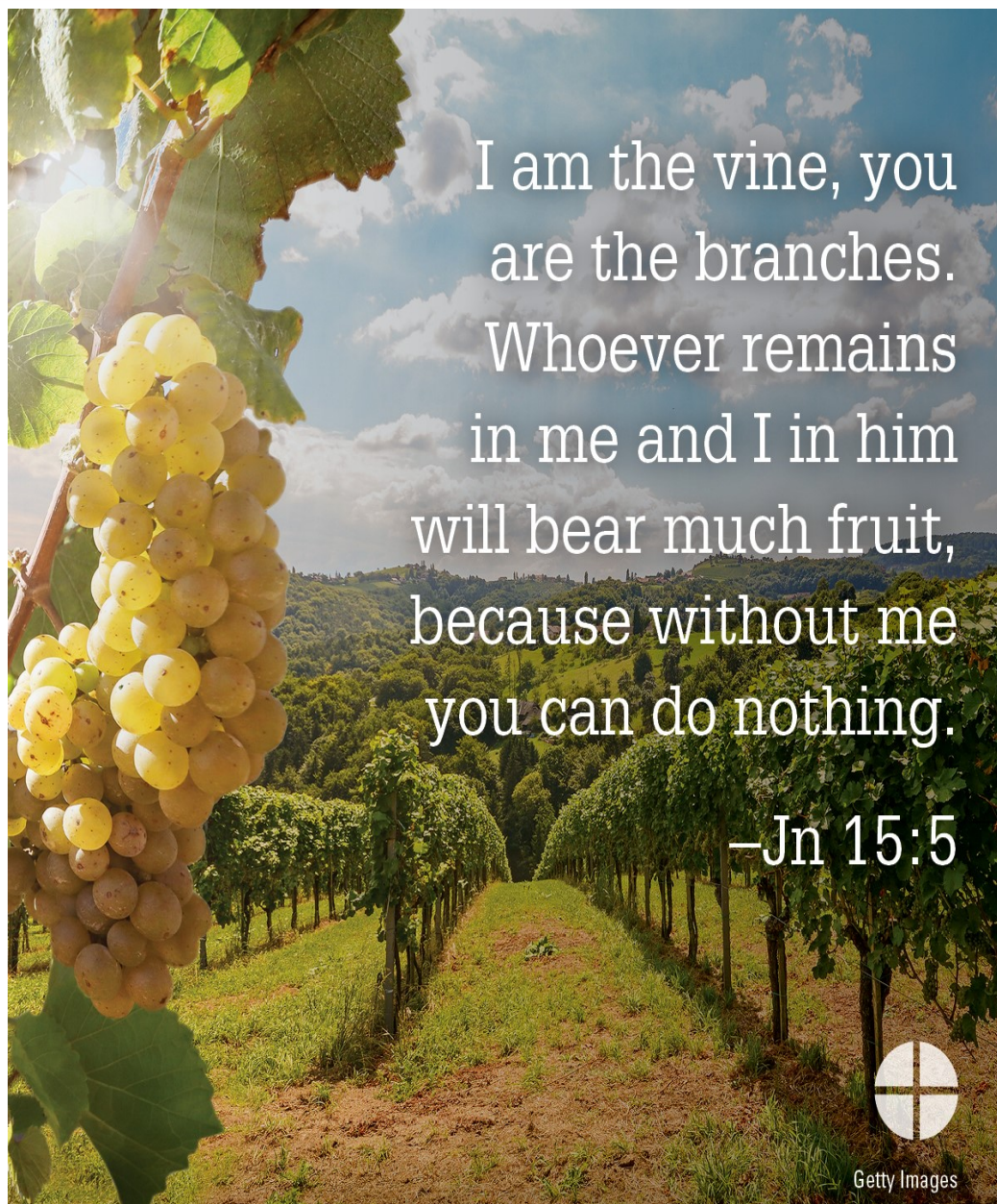
CONFESSIONS:

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 2, 2021



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May is the Month of Mary!

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Foster Care Awareness Month

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.





May 1—Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955.

This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph’s carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as a preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection: \$3,176.00

2nd Collection \$ 765.00 (Catholic Home Missions)

Direct Debit: \$ 580.00

Monthly Direct Debit: \$2,545.00

Monthly Rebuild \$ 555.00

Additional Rebuild \$400.00

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 **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, Pat McCullah, Lance Hill, Randy Reinhart, Patrick Mescal, Mickey McEnaney, Fr. Peter Scott, Maria Wirshing, Diane Neault, Ruth Fidler, Kaylee Mescal, Nita Bigelow, Tom Vreeland, Jim Burns, Olga Nunez, Chad Barnick, Br. Bud Luks and Tonya Marbry.

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.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 1, 2021

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

Sunday, May 2, 2021

8:30am Living & Deceased Members of the John Snyder Family by John & Pauline Snyder

11:00am+Hally Family by Rosalinda Hally

Monday, May 3, 2021

9:00am +Appolonia Coppola by Mike Coppola

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

9:00am +Gerry Bauer by St. Peter Parishioners

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

9:00am Fr. Arthur Dennison by Mike Coppola

Thursday, May 6, 2021

9:00am +Harold & Verona Ebel by Connie Hauk

Friday, May 7, 2021

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

Saturday, May 8, 2021

5:30pm: Intentions of all mothers in the Mothers Day Novena

Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:30am: Intentions of all mothers in the Mothers Day Novena

11:00am: Intentions of all mothers in the Mothers Day Novena

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



Rectory—rear view
(the gray color is a waterproofing
base for the stucco.)

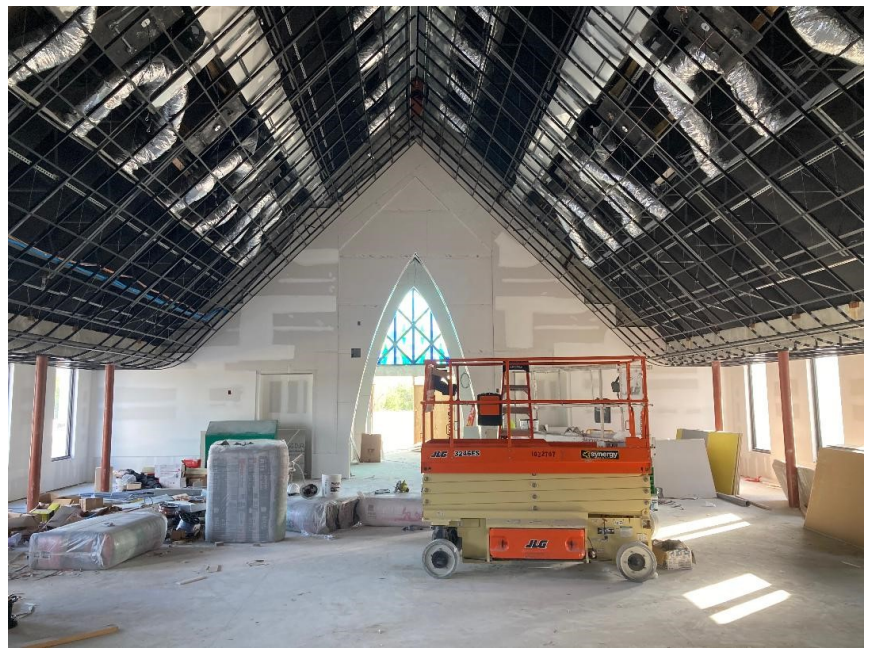


Rectory—upstairs



Rectory—front

Looking out the front
door of the church



Church front

Looking
toward
the
offices





Kitchen



Food Bank



Looking toward Parish Hall



Blessing of Newly Registered Parishioners



Mrs. Gina Leatherbury



Mrs. Marcia Seymour

Enrolled in our Mother's Day Novena so far:

+Elizabeth Pienkowski
S.I. Sarah Fonseca
+Unita Eggert
+Ann Lombard
+Marcella Kuhn
S.I. Rachel Rebagliati
S.I. Sara Bleich
S.I. Gisella Rebagliati
+Bertha Lopez
+Erna Hally
S.I. Mimi Myers
S.I. Denise Myers
S.I. Allison Myers
+Alice Myers
+Henrietta Mengel
S.I. Mary Stanley
S.I. Georgiana Petek
+Helen Swiacki
+Billie Schmidt

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.



Legislators seek to ban abortion at 20-weeks gestation

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

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

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

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

The four pillars are:

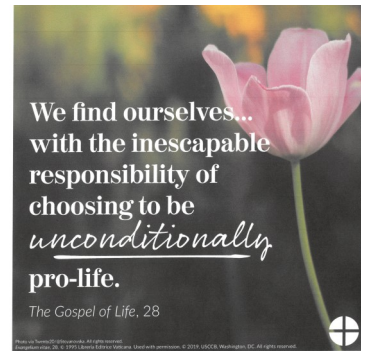
1.) Public information and education to

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.



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

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.



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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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



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: canned goods: tuna & chicken, Vienna sausage, Hearty soups, canned meats—Chef Boyardee products (flip top cans appreciated), canned vegetables & fruit.

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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.



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 call the parish office at
305-872-2537



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



Square Grouper

Milagro

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

A percentage of the \$25.00 goes to our Religious Education Fund and helps finance our Religious Ed and Scholarship Programs. Gift Certificates can be purchased through the office during office hours, M-F 9:30am-3pm, or call the office at 305-872-2537 to make other arrangements.

St. Peter Catholic Church Website

Visit the St. Peter Church website at
<http://www.stpeterbpc.org>



Click on the Photos tab or follow us on Facebook to look at the photos taken at recent events at St. Peter Church!

You can also donate to our Rebuild Fund on the website now!



The Archdiocese of Miami's Development Team is committed to making your Estate Planning more effective, efficient, and personally fulfilling. For assistance designing and evaluating an Estate Plan, 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.



"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and become my disciples."

(John 15:7-8)

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly, and bears much fruit. As such., we are called by Christ to bear good fruit by living in Him and as a disciple we must then be a good steward of that abundance. As Catholic Disciples, are we living according to His call?



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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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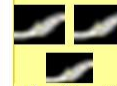
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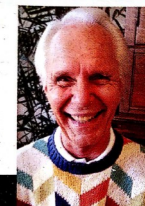
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