## St. Peter Catholic Church

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

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## AUGUST 1, 2021

#### 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

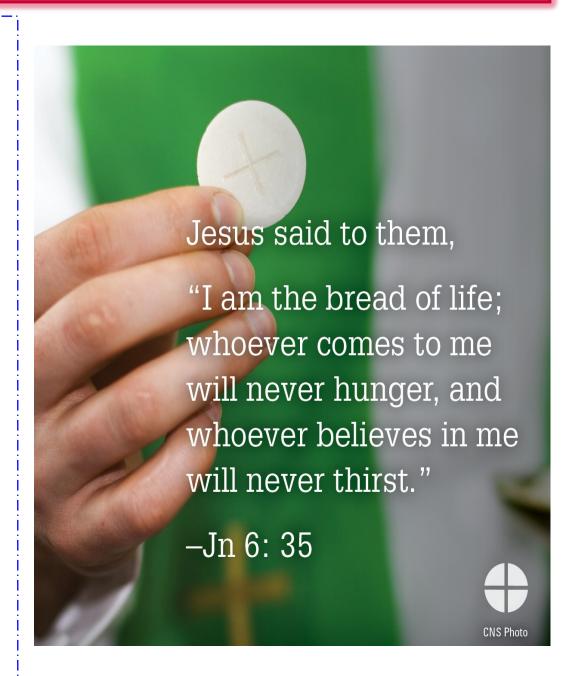
#### **CONFESSIONS:**

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





#### AUGUST 1, 2021

#### The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2021

In Year B, the reading for the Transfiguration comes from Mark's gospel. (The Transfiguration also appears in the other two synoptic gospels, Matthew and Luke.) In Mark, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, apart from the other apostles and disciples.

There, Jesus is transfigured (changed in form and appearance) and appears in dazzling white clothes. Elijah, the great prophet, and



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Moses, through whom the Israelites were given the law, appear with Jesus. A cloud appears, overshadowing them, and a voice states, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Jesus charges the three to not share with anyone what they had seen "except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead." They keep their experience to themselves, pondering what Jesus meant by rising from the dead.

How are we to understand the Transfiguration? The story of the Transfiguration is also proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent—a key part of Jesus' journey towards the Cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* draws parallels between Jesus' Baptism and the Transfiguration. Jesus is baptized at the start of his public ministry. His baptism proclaims the mystery of our first regeneration—we die and rise again with Christ. The "Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection (St. Thomas Aquinas, STh III, 45, 4, ad 2). From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3:21)'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 556). During the Prayer after Communion, we pray that God might "transform us into the likeness of your [his] Son, / whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest / in his glorious Transfiguration." The Collect, or opening prayer, tells us that the mystery of the Transfiguration "prefigures our full adoption to sonship." The Transfiguration, initially revealed to Peter, James, and John, reveals to all of us a taste of what is yet to come.

The Transfiguration is the fourth of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.







## Our Second Collection this week will be for the **Seminary Burse Fund of the Archdiocese of Miami**.

Archbishop Wenski reminds us:

"As we continue to recover from the hardships happening in our world, your contribution will aid the men discerning their vocation to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

As we approach the August 4th Feast Day of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, we commend the seminarians of the Archdiocese to the intercession of St. John Vianney and St. Joseph that they may be good shepherds and good fathers, the very best priests ready to give themselves to you, their family, as a gift."

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#### **ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI**

Office of the Archbishop

July 31, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the feast of Saint John Vianney I thank you for your prayers and support of the Seminary Burse Fund of the Archdiocese of Miami. Today I ask for your continued support of the work of the seminary and the seminarians, our future priests, by contributing to this year's Burse Fund which will be held the weekend of July 31 and August 1. As we continue to recover from so many hardships happening in our world your contribution will aid the men discerning their vocation to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has designated this year as the year of St. Joseph where we are invited to journey with Joseph into the mystery and joy of fatherhood. We read in the Holy Father's letter *Patris Corde*:

"Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice."

I encourage you to generously support the Seminary Burse Fund collection by either using the envelope in your parish or contributing <u>online</u>. I also ask that you commend the seminarians of the Archdiocese to the intercession of St. John Vianney and St. Joseph that they may be good shepherds and good fathers, the very best priests ready to give of themselves to you, their family, as a gift.

Thank you for your generosity, and may the Lord abundantly bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski

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Archbishop of Miami

## 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**, July 31, 2021

**5:30pm** +Edward Baugh by Irene Majeske & the Baugh Family

#### Sunday, August 1, 2021

**8:30am:** S.I. Fr. Steve Matthews by Margaret & Jim Burns

11:00am: +George & Elizabeth Pienkowski by

Bob Pienkowski

#### Monday, August 2, 2021

9:00am +Ed Upmal by Connie Hauk

#### Tuesday, August 3, 2021

<u>**9:00am**</u> S.I. Yolandas's Mother Yolanda by Connie Hauk

#### Wednesday, August 4, 2021

9:00am +Alma Jean Watson by Maria Sims

#### Thursday, August 5, 2021

**9:00am** S.I. Carol Schulz's Son Michael by Connie Hauk

#### Friday, August 6, 2021

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

#### Saturday, August 7, 2021

**5:30pm:** +Edward Baugh by Irene Majeske and the Baugh Family

#### Sunday, August 8, 2021

8:30am: +Cameron Desrosiers by Tom Jachym

11:00am: +

All in-person Ministry activities, with the exception of Mass, have been temporarily suspended.

### <u>Prayer for the Rebuilding</u> <u>of St. Peter Church:</u>

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 the planners and workers so that 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 or 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



#### Collections for the Weekend:

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

**1st Collection: \$2,216.00** 

2nd Collection \$1,119.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 590.00

Once monthly Direct Debit for July:

\$ 2,400.00

Additional July once monthly Blue Build-

ing Envelopes \$ 175.00

Monthly Rebuild \$ 605.00

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.

## 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!

#### **Pray For Those Who Are Sick:**

We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:
Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Bill Carver, Lani Dugger,
John Mescal, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher,
Katherine Fasano, Frank Fasano, 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, Tonya Marbry, Dolores Gibson,
Sarah Peteck, John Spencer, Cornelia Meyers, Colleen Burns,
Ted Kruzel, Larry Dorry and Fr. Darin Roberts.

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.

We are now mask optional for those who are fully vaccinated—however we will still observe social distancing in the pavilion.





#### **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.

## Stop Your Taxes from Paying for Abortion!

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

For decades, Congress has protected your money from paying for abortion. Now, some powerful government officials are trying to change that.



#### **HOW**

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

#### WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

#### TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!









#### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 1, 2021**

Sunday Gospel: John 6:24-35

Family Corner

#### **About the Gospel**

Sunday's Gospel introduces us to the gift Jesus wants to give us. He gives us *himself* (Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity) in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Communion). Jesus reminds us that he is the Bread of Life. Jesus wants to fill our physical and spiritual needs.

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

#### In Church

The Eucharist is our church family's special meal. Look for a special table in the church (the altar).

### Question of the Week

Why does Jesus tell us that if we eat the bread he gives us, we will never be hungry? What does that mean?

#### **Family Prayer**

Lord, you gave us everything you had: your life, your Body, and your Blood. Teach us to give everything we have to you! Amen.



## CCD teachers needed for this Fall

We will begin our in-person CCD classes

in September and are looking for teachers and substitutes.

If you believe, as we do, that our children are the future of the Church, and would like to be a part of wonderful Ministry, please call the office at 305-872-2537

and ask for a volunteer application.



#### Prayer for Protection From Hurricanes

Father,

All the elements of nature obey your command.
Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen



#### **High School Feasibility Study Survey**

The Basilica School of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Key West has embarked on a six month feasibility study to see whether or not it may be possible to add grades 9 through 12 to the current school's program. This study will explore all aspects of a potential school including facilities, finances, curriculum, staffing, athletics, student life and more. We would like to have you participate in a short survey to help us determine support and demand on this educational option. Please take a couple of minutes to visit our parish website or Facebook page to answer a few short questions. The survey should take less than two minutes to complete. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Robert Wright, M.S.Ed, Principal The Basilica School of St. Mary Star of the Sea 700 Truman Avenue, Key West, FL



The music ministry at St. Peter's exists to enable the sung prayer of the whole assembly, as well as to add its unique contribution of harmony and the various sounds of the instruments. All of the efforts of the many people who make up our music ministry are oriented toward the goal of raising hearts and minds to God through active participation in music and song. To this end, we are always looking for choir members, cantors and instrumentalists.

<u>Adult Choir:</u> The adult choir usually sings at the week-end Masses and on other holy days and holidays as needed. Rehearsals are weekly at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

<u>Youth Choir:</u> Junior high through high school teens are encouraged to participate. Students of college age are also welcome to join this group or sing with the Adult Choir as your schedule permits. Rehearsal time to be announced.

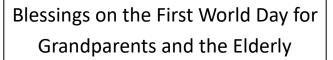
<u>Cantors:</u> Cantors are recruited from and rehearse with the other choirs. Anyone interested in cantoring should join a choir that sings at a Mass that suits their schedule.

<u>Instrumentalists:</u> Individuals who are competent in a musical instrument are encouraged to apply.

For more information about any of the music ministry groups, contact Jack Louden at 770-870-8334 or e-mail jack@stpeterbpk.org.



Fr. Jets blesses newly registered parishioners, Linda & Paul McCaffrey





Fr. Darin Robert celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination in June.

A couple of weeks ago he had complete hip reconstruction surgery. He is moving slowly but feeling better every day. Please keep him in your prayers.





## Thank you for saving cancelled stamps and eye glasses for the Missions!

There is now a new request:

Matthew 25 Ministries has a **Pill Bottle Recycling Program!**They ask for clean, empty pill bottles with labels removed.
They then put them in plastic bags marked "clean" and ship them along with other medical supplies to hospitals and clinics in developing countries around the world.

You may bring your pill bottles, eye glasses and cancelled stamps—-and we are now taking pop tabs again too— bring them with you to church, or bring them to the office during business hours, and Donna Dye will see that they get to where they are most needed!























## Rectory













We are looking for more ushers to serve at Mass in the new Church. The Usher Ministry will hold a seminar-workshop. Please consider serving the Lord and our parish in this wonderful and essential ministry to keep a safe and sacred worship space. Men, women and couples are welcome to serve together. Please call the office or email our Head Usher Ms. Debbie Krieger (Deborah@stpeterbpk.org) to sign up. Thank you.

## St. Peter Community Food Bank

Wednesdays from 8:00am-10:00am only

The weather is warmer now—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



If you are thinking of joining St. Peter's Youth Ministry team, please know that you will receive more than you give.

The opportunities, the sharing, and the teaching are truly amazing.

To know that you have touched the heart of one teen for Jesus is so rewarding!

Some of the exciting opportunities are;

Christmas Caroling to the homebound, helping with the Pumpkin Patch, helping the Knights with the Fish Frys, trips:

Steubenville Florida Youth Conference, National Catholic Youth Conference

.....just to name a few.

Our youth are the future of the Catholic Church and we need your help to make this happen!

If you feel God is calling you to this Ministry, please call the office.

#### Pope Francis asks us:

"Let us encourage the generosity which is typical of the young and help them to work actively in building a better world. Youth do not solely need material things.

Above all, they need to have those non-material values which are the spiritual heart of a people ... spirituality, generosity, solidarity, perseverance, fraternity, and joy."



#### We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the <u>KiKi's Sandbar</u>







#### Square Grouper

#### Milagro

RE: Milagro: has relocated from Big Pine Key to Key West at 1401 Simonton St. You can use your gift certificates in their KW location.

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. (cash or check only)



You can make a lasting impact at your Parish without affecting your current budget. Simply name your Parish as a beneficiary of your IRA, life insurance Company or annuity. 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.



"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." (John 6:14)



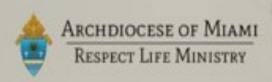
#### Prayer:

O God of Hope and Spirit of Consolation, we offer you our humble attempts, our brilliant successes, and our fumbled flops.

Guide us beyond the eye of the storm and give us a listening ear, that we may constantly seek your voice as we work for the Kingdom.

Amen.

Jill Maria Murdy, St. Frances Cabrini Parish, West Bend, Wisconsin



## 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)

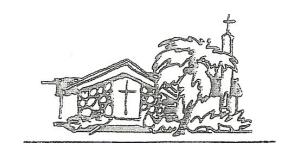
305.273.8507 to schedule appointment

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

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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 the 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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