

St. Peter Catholic Church

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AUGUST 15, 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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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 queen
stands at your
right hand,
arrayed in gold.

—PS 45:10bc





The Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AUGUST 15, 2021

What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.



What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."





THE SOLEMNITY ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.

Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.



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!

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 is,
YOU are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and
Respected here at St. Peter Catholic Church.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14, 2021

5:30pm: Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

Sunday, August 15, 2021

8:30am: +Cameron Desrosiers by Tom Jachym

11:00am: St Margaret & Jim Burns by Connie Hauk

Monday, August 16, 2021

9:00am +Wladyslaw (Walter) Makowski by
Richard Makowski

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

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

Thursday, August 19, 2021

9:00am +Angelo Coppola by Mike Coppola

Friday, August 20, 2021

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

Saturday, August 21, 2021

5:30pm: Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

Sunday, August 22, 2021

8:30am: S.I. Yolanda Arbesun
by Nancy & Chuck McCrosson

11:00am: Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Church

**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
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



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection: \$1,786.00

2nd Collection \$ 1,214.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 590.00

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

Thank you for your generosity!



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

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's!

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



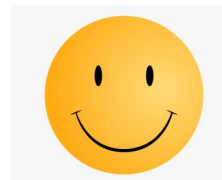
Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:
Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Bill Carver, Lani Dugger, John Mescal, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, 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.

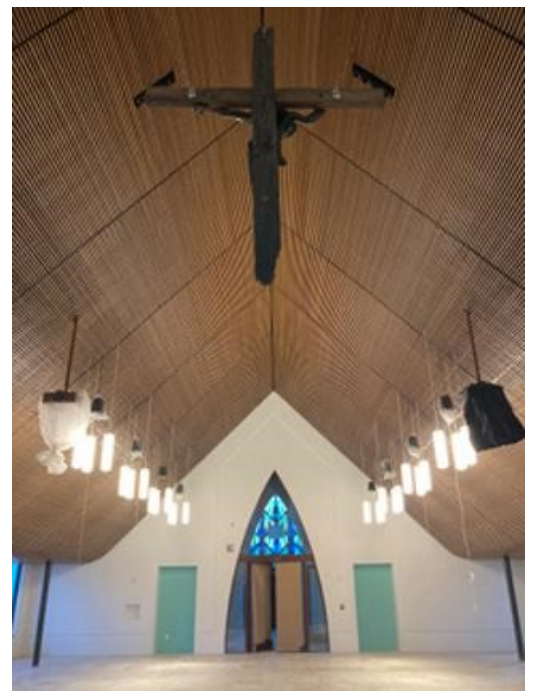


GROW YOUR ABILITY TO EVANGELIZE & WITNESS THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Join catechists, volunteers, faith formation and ministry leaders, and dedicated parents across the southeast at the FREE Southeast Catechist Conference (now with dioceses throughout the east coast!). With 16 participating dioceses and nearly 90 presentations in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, this is going to be a powerful virtual gathering equipping you to be a strong witness and evangelizer of your Catholic Faith.

The event goes August 12-15. To learn more talk to your parish faith formation and evangelization team or visit our registration page at go.virtualcatholicconference.com/SCC2021.

St Peter Church will have access to the conference speakers until May 2022. Contact Rosalinda Hally to receive login information at rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org



Inside the church

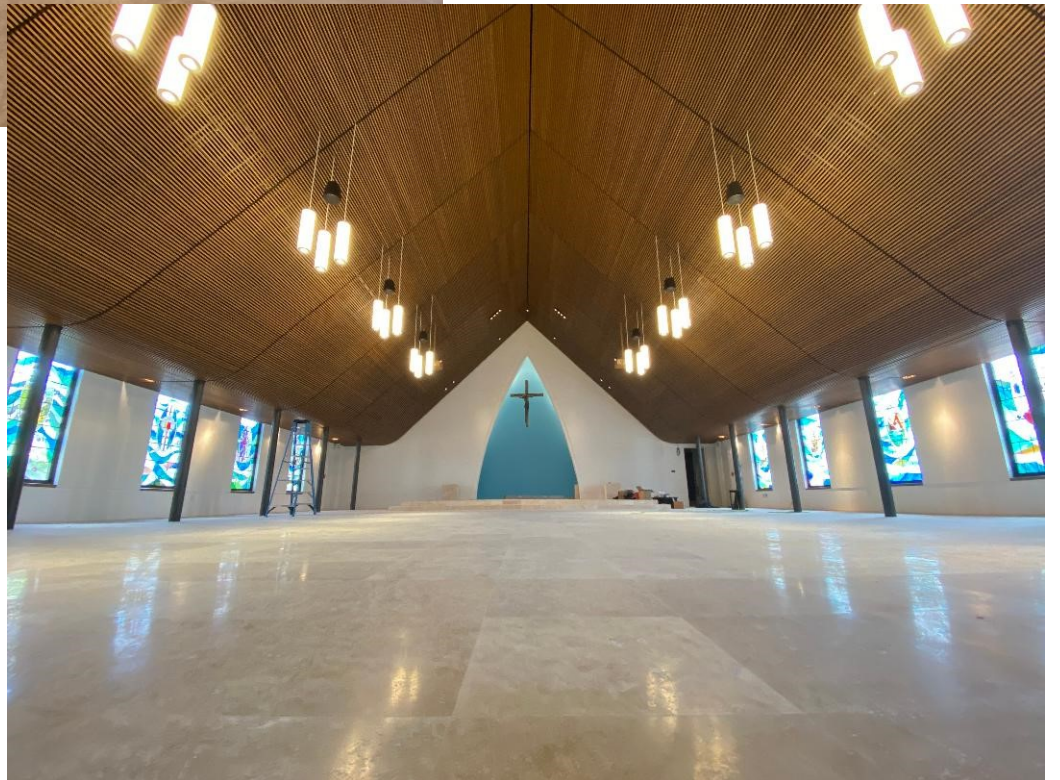
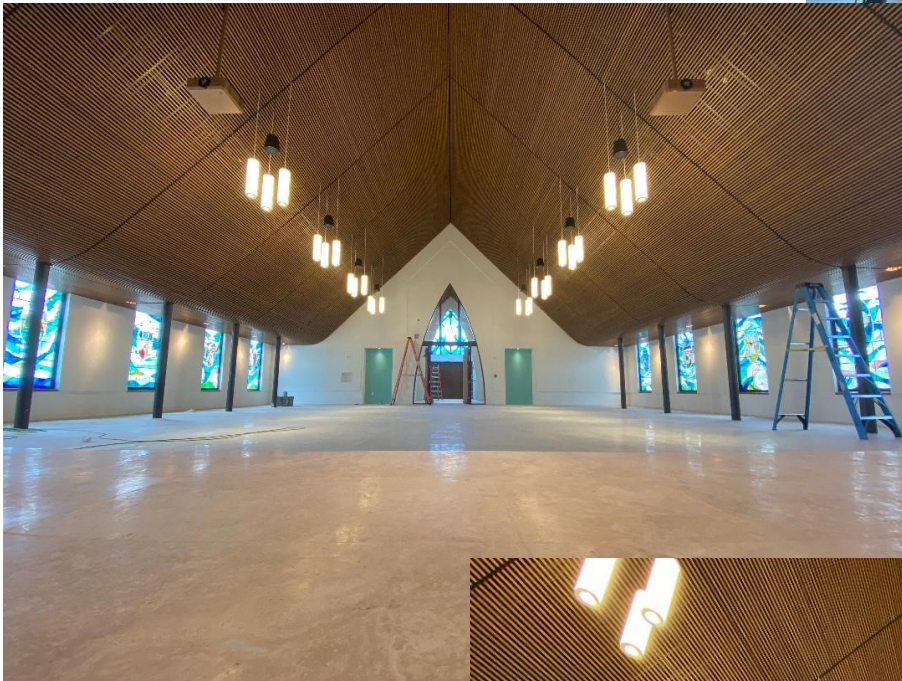
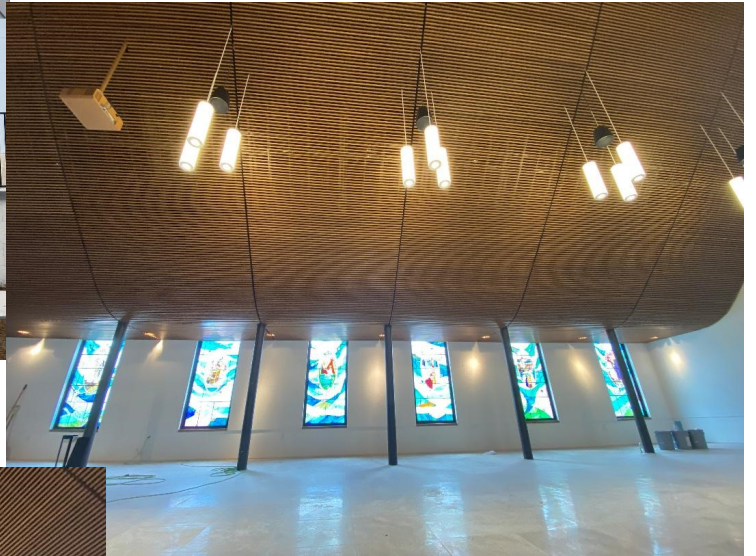
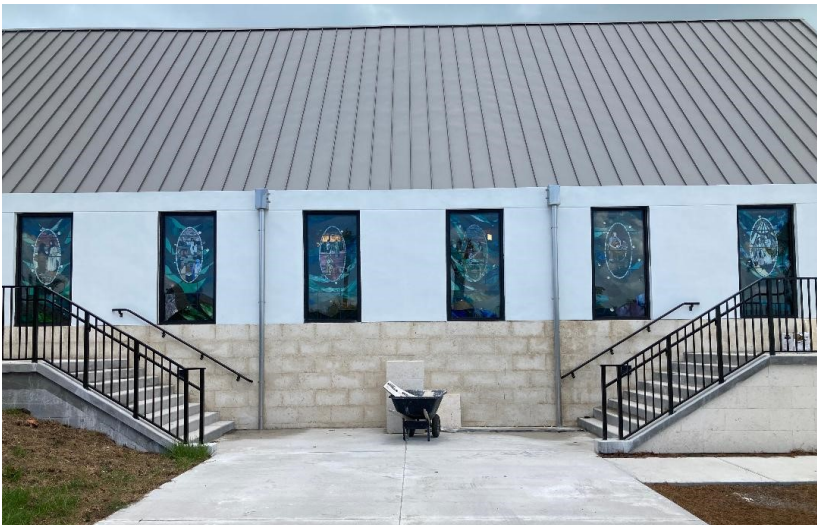




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Stop Your Taxes from Paying for Abortion!

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.

Stop your
tax dollars from
going to **abortion.**

NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

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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!



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The Gospel for All Ages

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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary • August 15, 2021

Sunday Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Family Corner

About the Gospel

The Catholic Church celebrates a special feast day—the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into Heaven. The Gospel reminds us that one of Mary's first tasks after she became pregnant with Jesus was to bring Jesus to her cousin Elizabeth. We too should bring Jesus to others.

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

In Church

Pay attention at the end of Mass to see if anyone takes Holy Communion to the sick. Recognize that they are bringing Jesus to someone like Mary did.

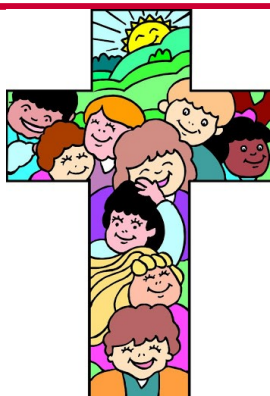
Question of the Week

How did Elizabeth know that Mary was pregnant with Jesus, the Son of God?



Family Prayer

Jesus, thank you for making Mary our mother too. 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



THE BASILICA SCHOOL *of Saint Mary Star of the Sea*

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.

Adult Choir: 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.

Youth Choir: 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.

Cantors: 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.

Instrumentalists: Individuals who are competent in a musical instrument are encouraged to apply.

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



We are looking for more ushers to serve at Mass in the new Church. The Usher Ministry will hold a seminar-workshop soon. 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@stpeterbpc.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 abundantly blesses your giving hearts.

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@stpeterbpc.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
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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



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- 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@stpeterbpc.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.

{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 the 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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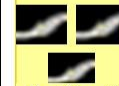
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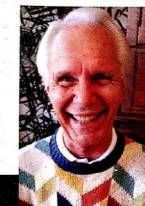
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