

St. Peter Catholic Church

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

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AUGUST 22, 2021

21ST 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)

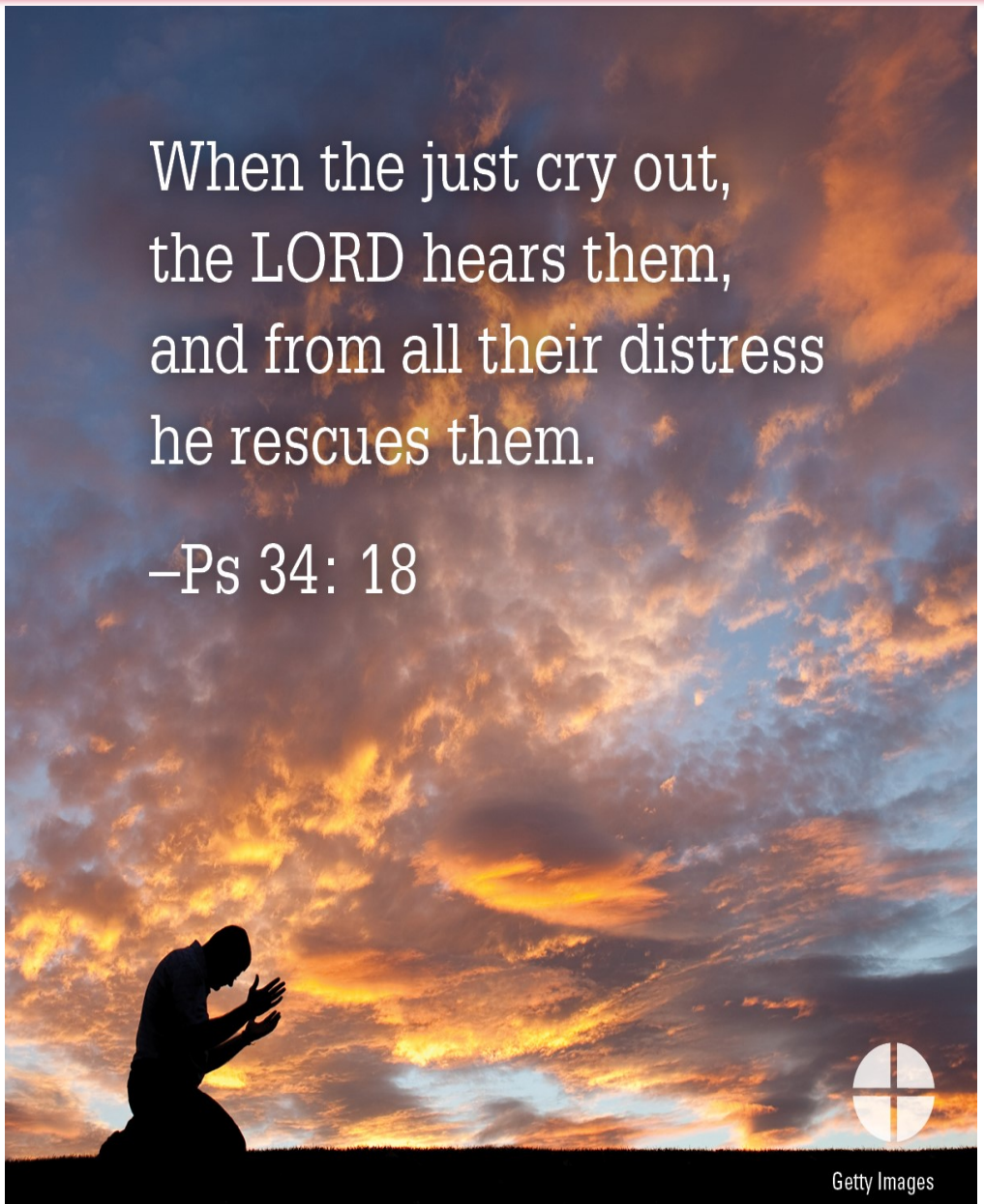
BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and WEDDINGS (by appointment)

Contact Nancy or Connie in the parish office

Office Hours: M-F 9:30am-3pm

When the just cry out,
the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress
he rescues them.

—Ps 34: 18



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A message from Archbishop Wenski:

To help the Church in Haiti to be able to continue serving the Haitian people, I would ask that a second collection be taken up in your parishes either this weekend (August 21/22) or the next (August 28/29). Again, these funds would be used to help the Church to continue to serve her people by helping to rebuild the Church's necessary infrastructure, and to rebuild to resist any future cyclonic or seismic events.

The August 14th earthquake brought devastation to Haiti's southwest peninsula and has affected people in three dioceses. And, of course, Tropical Storm Grace's passage on August 16 has aggravated an already desperate situation.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has its main base in the city of Les Cayes, which suffered major damage, and is already offering humanitarian assistance. Our Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami is also collecting funds to assist the great human needs following this latest natural disaster. The US government through USAID and US Coast Guard along with other countries are on the ground offering assistance. Search and Rescue Teams from various parts of the US have responded to help.

However, in a few weeks, when this initial emergency is overcome and these aid workers go home, it is the Church that remains with the people. As Bishop Joseph Gontrand Decoste of Jeremie told me, scores of parish churches, chapels, schools, and clinics have been razed. Rectories have been turned into rubble, like the residence of Les Cayes' Cardinal Chibly Langlois which collapsed injuring him and killing a priest and two employees.

When everybody goes home, the Church will remain with her people. The people are counting on the Church. **Help the Haitian Church serve her people.**



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 21, 2021

5:30pm: S.I. Gregory Norbet by St. Peter's Choir

Sunday, August 22, 2021

8:30am: S.I. Yolanda Arbesun's mother, Yolanda by
Nancy and Chuck McCrosson

11:00am: +Kasoundra Kasoundra
by Margaret & Jim Burns

Monday, August 23, 2021

9:00am S.I. Linda Kull by Connie Hauk

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

9:00am: S.I. Vincent Padron by St. Peter Parishioners

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

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

Thursday, August 26, 2021

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

Friday, August 27, 2021

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

Saturday, August 28, 2021

5:30pm: +Mary Jamby by Rosemary Farrell

Sunday, August 22, 2021

8:30am: +Gabriel Hernandez
by Nancy & Javier Herrera

11:00am: +Margaret Schmid by Margaret & Jim Burns

**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

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received this past week:

1st Collection: \$2,402.00

2nd Collection \$ 293.00 (Rebuild)

Once monthly blue Building Fund envelopes for August 233.00

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:

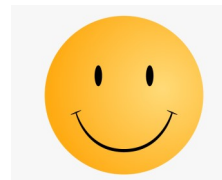
We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:

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

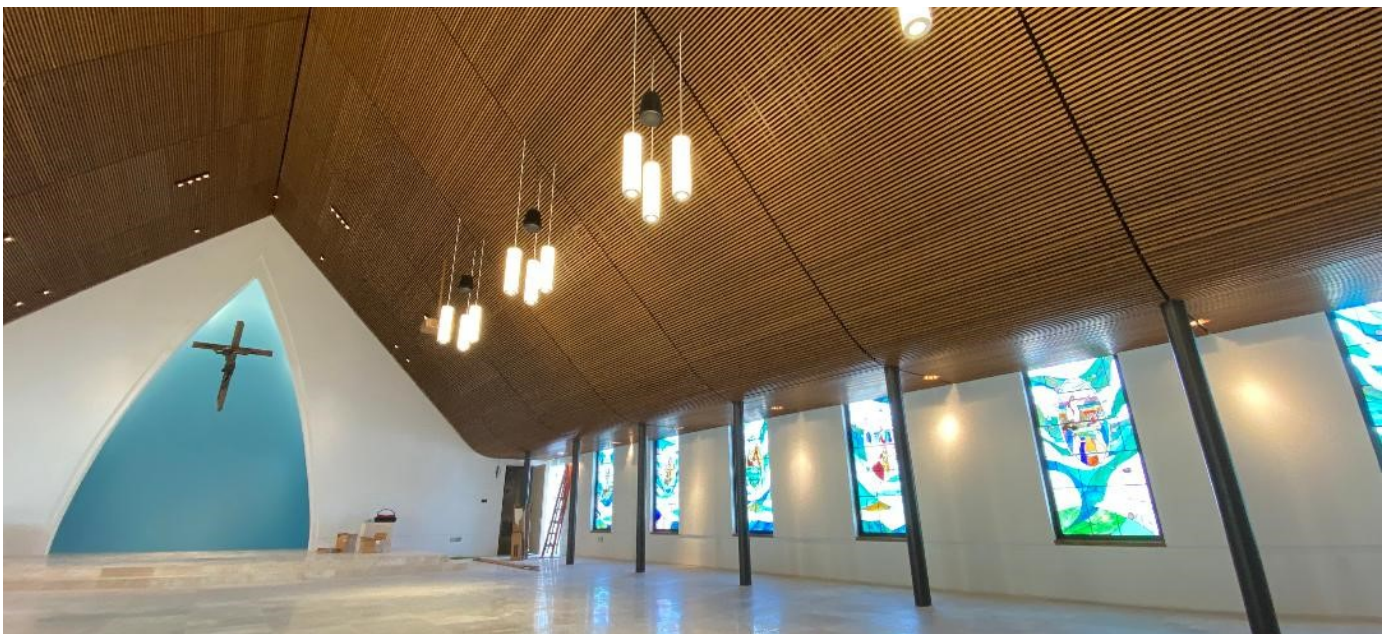
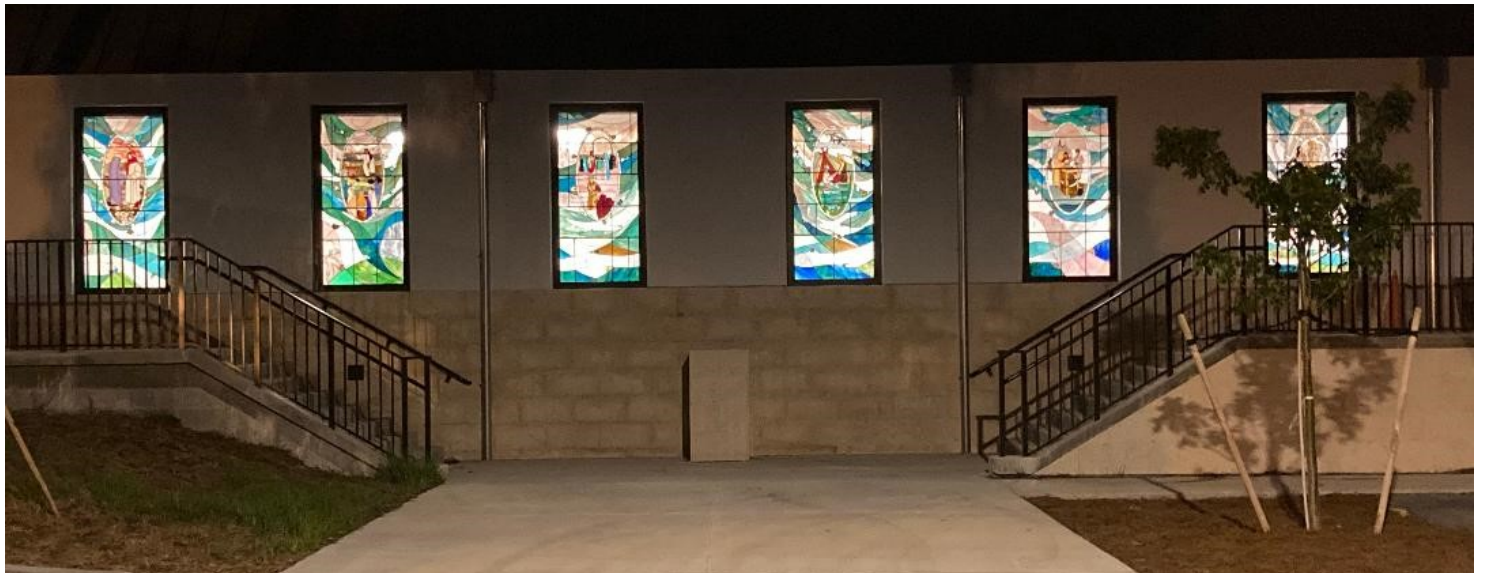
If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one, grief support is available.

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



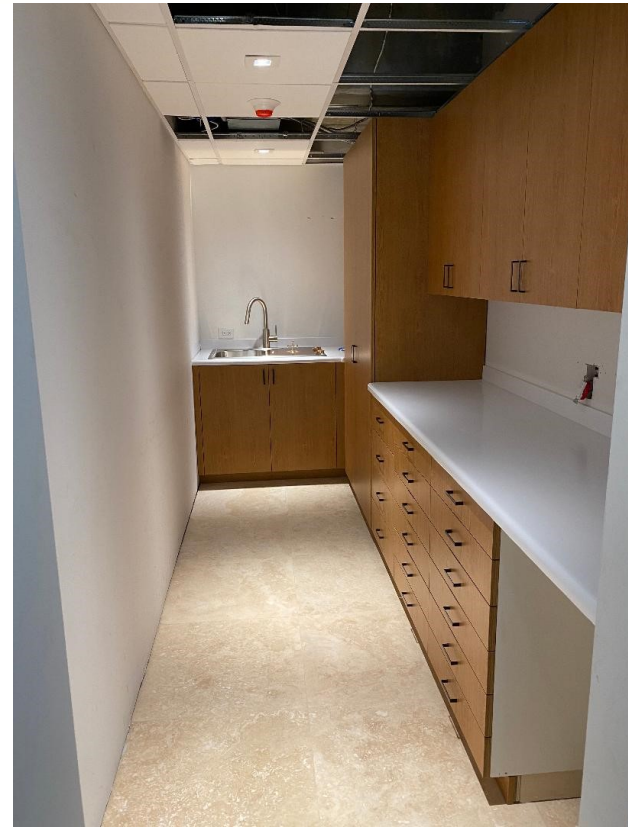
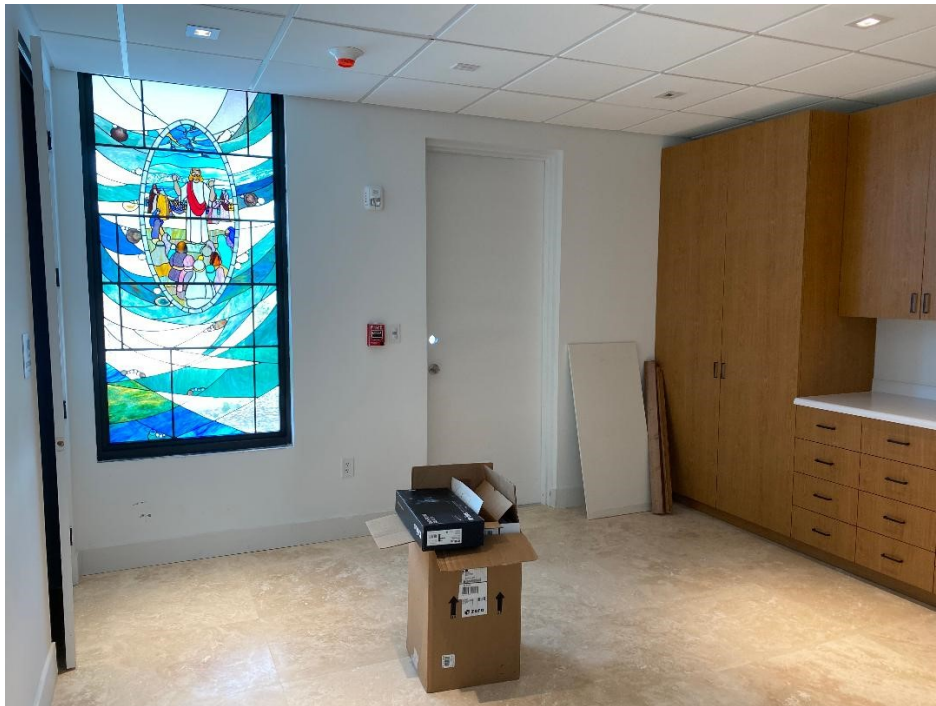
August Wedding Anniversaries







Sacristies inside
the church



Parish Offices





Parish Hall and kitchen





Rectory





The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Gospel Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 22, 2021

Sunday Gospel: John 6:60-69

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus wanted to share the gift of himself with others through the Eucharist, but it seemed scary to many people. They walked away even after following him for years. He wondered if his friend, Peter, and the other Apostles would leave too, but they knew that only Jesus had the words of life.

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

In Church

Watch as people approach the altar to receive Holy Communion. They are walking towards Jesus!

Question of the Week

How did Jesus feel when he asked the Apostles if they would leave too? What helped them believe that Jesus was God?



Family Prayer

Jesus, help us to believe in you even when it is difficult to understand what you have planned for us. Amen.

CCD teachers needed for this Fall

We will begin our in-person CCD classes in **October** 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 this 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@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 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@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."

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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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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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- 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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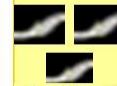
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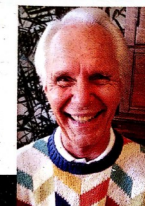
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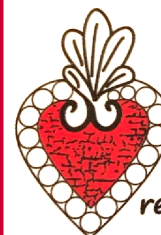
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