

St. Peter Catholic Church

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

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OCTOBER 17, 2021

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR THE 16TH SYNOD OF BISHOPS

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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

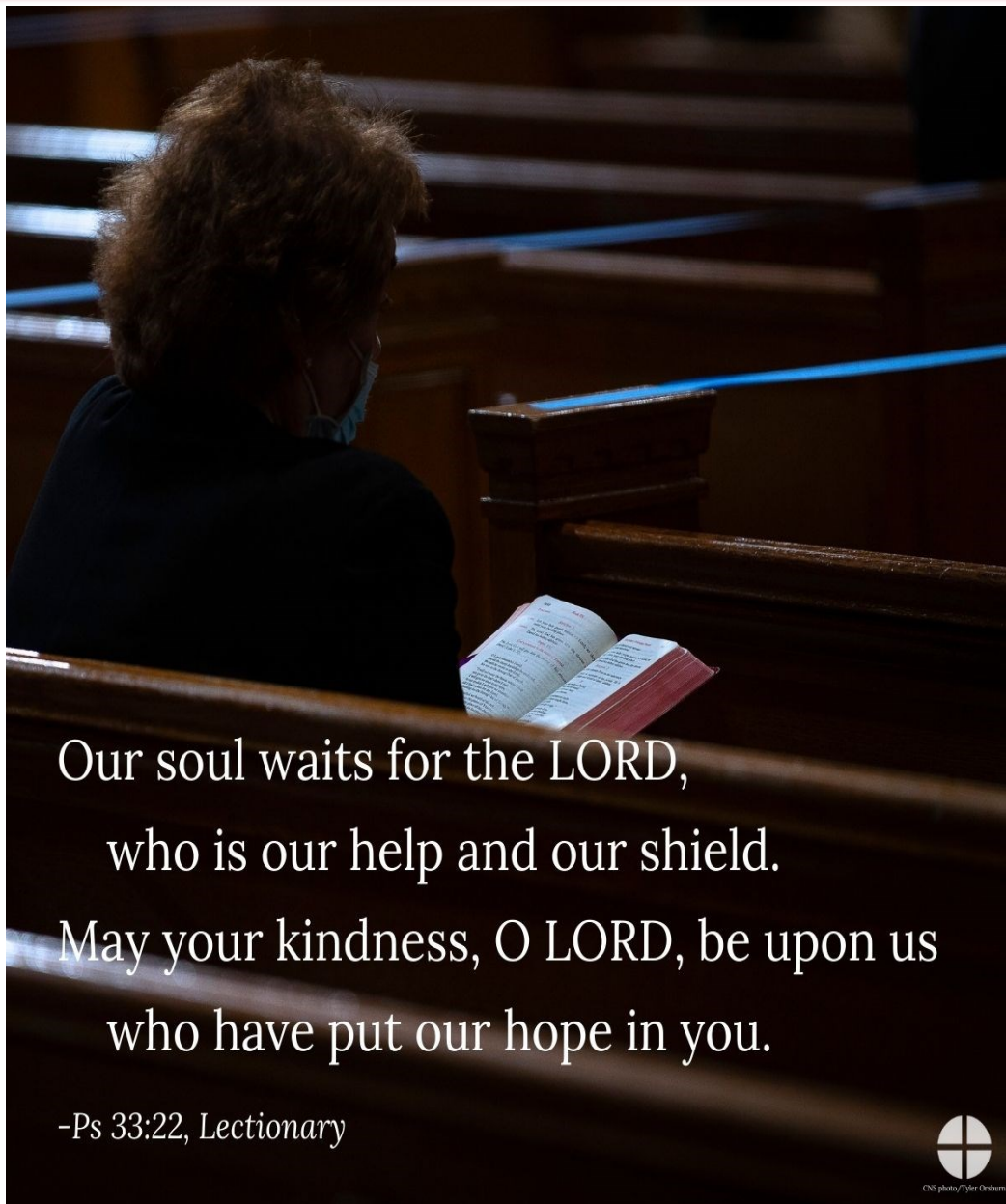
CONFESSIONS:

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



Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

-Ps 33:22, Lectionary



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ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

October 17th, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In April 2021, Pope Francis announced the next General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission." Since its establishment during the Second Vatican Council, the Synod of Bishops has provided a forum for the forward progress of our Church. Recognizing that the Church today must exist "permanently in a state of mission," the Holy Father has stated that the Synod of Bishops "must increasingly become a privileged instrument for listening to the People of God." (Episcopalis Communio) With the convocation of this XVI Synod of Bishops, therefore, the voice of the People of God will be solicited and heard in a new way.

Our Archdiocesan synodal process will commence in communion with the Universal Church this Sunday, October 17, 2021, and close on the feast of Pentecost, June 5, 2022. During this time, every parish and all the People of God are called upon to participate in the consultation process, so that we may "gather the wealth of the experiences" of our local church (Vademecum 31). Not only will we be exploring the themes, challenges, and gifts of the Universal Church as one family "journeying together," but we will also be exploring our own local initiatives in light of the Archdiocese of Miami's 2014-2016 Pastoral Plan, "Disciples in Faith, Missionaries of Hope," and seeking to establish renewed priorities for the upcoming five years.

Saint John Paul II said that "the secret of the success of the Synod, as of every other ecclesial event and initiative, is in fact prayer," and accordingly, I ask that you pray for the Synod here and around the world, "so that it might become an authentic event of grace." I will be taking an active role in this diocesan phase of the Synod and ask the same of each of you. I encourage you to fully participate possible in your own parish consultive session and to provide your voice to the synodal process.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

9401 Biscayne Boulevard,
Miami Shores, Florida 33138



Blessing
of Animals





Blessing of Animals





Blessing the Pumpkin Patch



Unloading the pumpkins





Unloading the pumpkins





October Birthdays





Registration is still open for our Kindergarten through 8th Grade CCD (Religious Education) program which begins in-person classes Sunday, October 31 at 9:30am in the Ministry Center.

Rosalinda Hally, our new Coordinator of Religious Education will keep in contact with parents of registered students.

The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Pfaffum Gospel Weeklies
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 17, 2021 • Jesus Calls Us to Serve

Sunday Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Family Corner

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: Whose lives challenge you to live Gospel values rather than work for social status?

Gospel Question: To what do you commit at Mass when you drink the cup?

About the Gospel

It's easy to think of Jesus as a king. He is above all, but, in today's Gospel, he reminds us that he came to serve, not to be served. He gave his life as a sacrifice to save us. We should also serve if we intend to imitate Jesus.

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

In Church

We get used to sitting in the same pew every week. This week, sit somewhere else to help see things a little differently.

Question of the Week

In what ways can you serve Jesus by serving others?



Family Prayer

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the needs of others and grow in our desire to serve them.

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, October 16, 2021

5:30pm: +Rose Coppola by Mike Coppola

Sunday, October 17, 2021

8:30am: +Tomas Estrada by Isabel Paul

11:00am: +Veronica Sheehy by Erin & Patrick

Monday, October 18, 2021

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

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

Thursday, October 21, 2021

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

Friday, October 22, 2021

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

Saturday, October 23, 2021

5:30pm: +Elizabeth Catherine & Marie Godfrey by Betty Maier

Sunday, October 24, 2021

8:30am: +Apolonia Coppola by Mike Coppola

11:00am: S.I. Burns & Mescal Families 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

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received:

Weekend of October 2/3:

1st Collection: \$2,743.00

2nd Collection: 606.00 (Right to Life)

Direct Debit 590.00

Weekend of October 9-10:

1st Collection: \$ 2,690.00

2nd \$ 885.00 (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!



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:

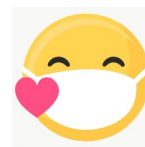
We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:

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, Jim Burns, Olga Nunez, Chad Barnick, Br. Bud Luks, Dolores Gibson, Sarah Peteck, John Spencer, Cornelia Meyers, Colleen Burns, Ted Kruzel, Larry Dorry, Fr. Darin Roberts, Katie Rocha, Pat DiBonaventura, Bonita Boski, Jim Thompson.

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 .

Now that we are in our new church, we will all be wearing masks whether we are vaccinated or not. We will also be continuing social distancing in the church and the Parish Hall. Please help us keep the most vulnerable among us safe.



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.



The Pumpkin Patch needs help with:

.Patch Sitting—7 days a week through October 31
.Donations of baked goods for bake sale

.Help with Story Hour

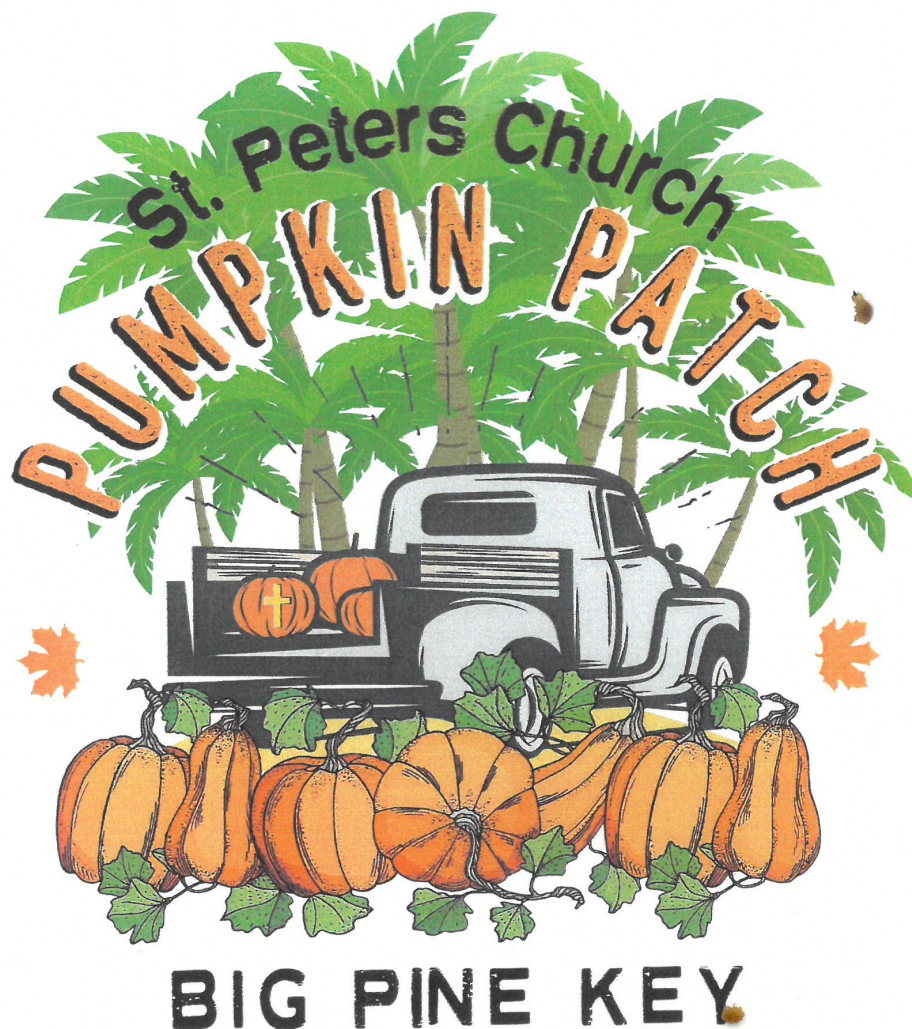
(local school groups will be coming)

Please call Donna Lahey at 305-393-3352

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

*O God, Master of this passing world,
 hear the humble voices of your children.
 The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.
 You are still the Master of land and sea.
 We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control;
 the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
 can awake from its seeming lethargy,
 overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
 and spread chaos and disaster.
 During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.
 Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid
 and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.
 O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,
 we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf,
 so that spared from the calamities common to this area
 and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
 to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.*





WE'RE BACK!!!

October 10th – October 31st

To Benefit St. Peter's Youth Group

Monday to Saturday 10am – Dusk

Sundays 9:30 – Dusk

Join us every Sunday 9:30-12:30 for Pumpkin Patch
pictures and BAKE SALE!

**Many thanks to Big Pine's own
Amy Tripp Designs for this new Patch logo!**

**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!



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.



Calling for More Ushers

We are looking for more ushers to serve at Mass. The Usher Ministry will hold trainings. 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 9:30am—Noon only

We've moved!! Our new location is on the Southeast corner of the property.

Dear Peterites:

THANK YOU for your generosity and continued support!

Your kindness has enabled us to continue helping many people with necessary 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, —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."



We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the
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Square Grouper

Milagro

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)



Are you planning your estate but not sure how to do it? Please contact Sabrina Paul-Noel, VP of Planned Giving at 305-762-1112 to receive your copy of our Wills Guide. For more information, 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.



"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy?

If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". The change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.



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.**

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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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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

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

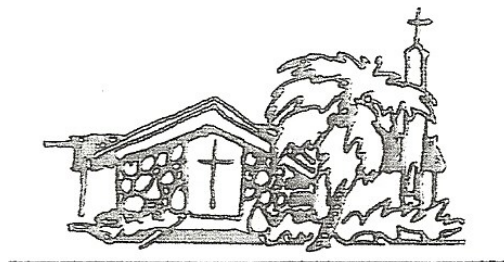
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

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.

{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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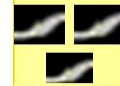
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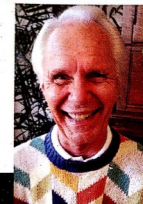
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