

# St. Peter Catholic Church

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

[www.stpeterbpk.org](http://www.stpeterbpk.org)

## SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

### 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **PARISH STAFF:**

##### Parochial Administrator :

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Vincent Padron

#### **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)

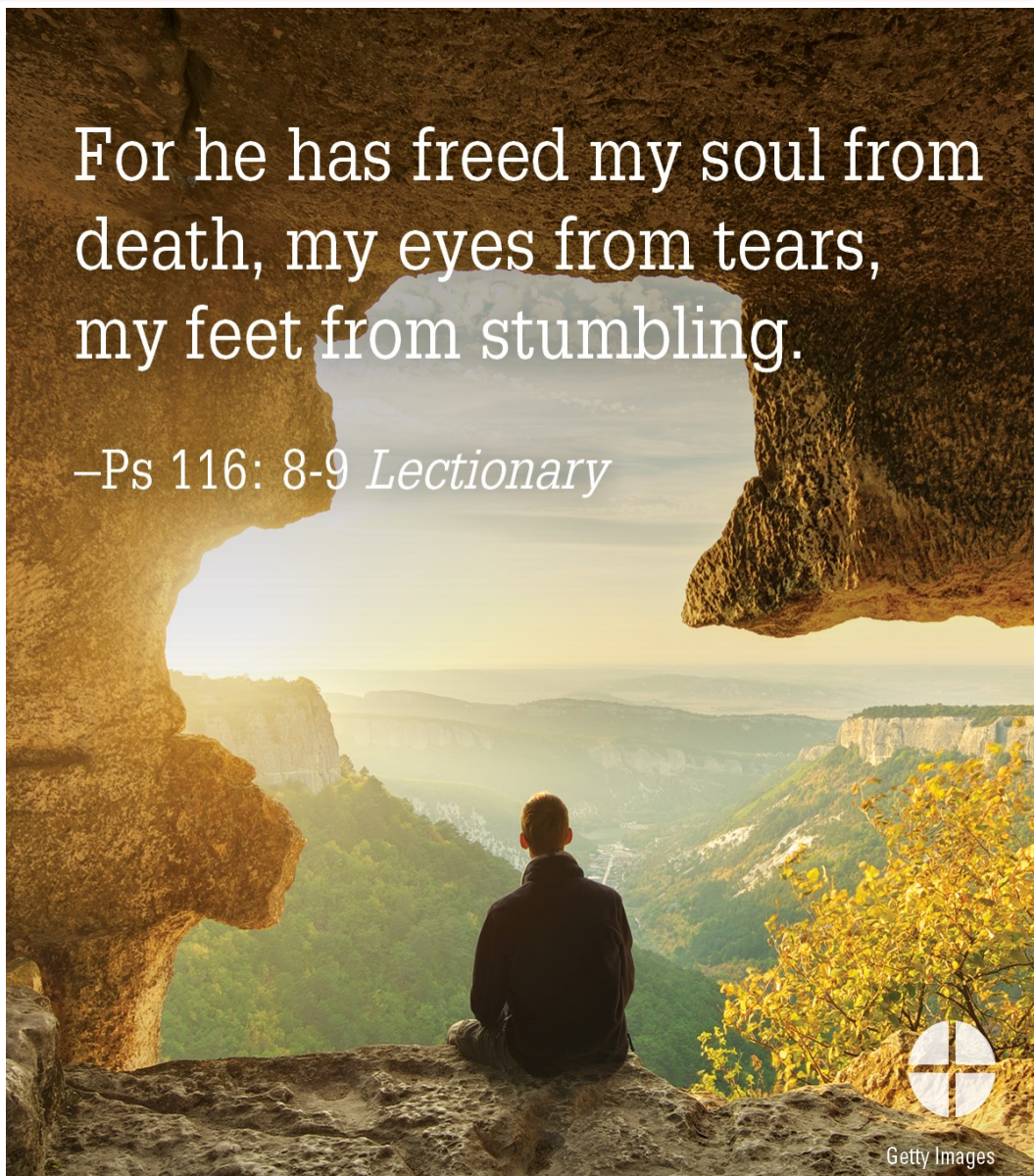
**BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and WEDDINGS** (by appointment)

Contact Nancy or Connie in the parish office

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

For he has freed my soul from  
death, my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.

—Ps 116: 8-9 *Lectionary*



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# 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, September 11, 2021

5:30pm: +Herve Thomas by Susan Tackett

### Sunday, September 12, 2021

8:30am: +Eileen Walters by Araceli Mohn

11:00am: +Margaret Schmid by Chris Burns

### Monday, September 13, 2021

9:00am No Mass — no Communion Service

### Tuesday, September 14, 2021

9:00am: No Mass—no Communion Service

### Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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

### Thursday, September 16, 2021

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

### Friday, September 17, 2021

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

### Saturday, September 18, 2021

5:30pm:

### Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:30am:

11:00am: +Roberta Lasala by Ann & Peter Stella

**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



# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Hispanic Heritage Month Begins!

September 15-October 15, 2021

### Hispanic/Latino Presence in the USA EARLY HISTORY

*By Alejandro Aguilera-Titus and Fr. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ, courtesy of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church*

**People with roots in** Latin American countries have lived in the United States from its very beginnings. However, their presence on the national scene was practically invisible. The 1970 Census was the first time Hispanics were counted and recognized as a distinct population. The very term Hispanic was chosen by the U.S. Government to name a growing population that was not a racial or an ethnic group, but a people with roots in more than twenty-three Latin American countries and Spain, sharing a common cultural heritage and language. The term Latino emerged in the 80s as a self-given name, particularly in urban settings. This broadening of identity as Hispanics/Latinos was encouraged by robust immigration from

Latin America during the '80s and '90s. Yet today, most Hispanics/Latinos still identify with their nation of origin, for example, and prefer to call themselves Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans, Puerto Ricans, etc.

The roots of the Hispanic/Latino presence in the U.S. go back to colonial times when most of the country's southern flank was under Spanish rule. The first Mass celebrated in what is now the U.S. took place in 1569 in St. Augustine, Florida, under Spanish auspices. The Hispanic/Latino presence took on a whole new dimension in the 1840s with the annexation of half of Mexico's territory to the United States as a result of the Mexican-American War. The new border crossed entire populations from big and small towns, as the



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## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mexican-American presence was born in what is now the American West and Southwest. In 1898 the Spanish-American War led to the annexation of Puerto Rico, adding its population to the growing number of U.S. citizens of Hispanic/Latino descent.

The second part of the twentieth century saw a new wave of Hispanic/Latino immigrants come to the United States from Mexico, Central America and South America. In the early 1940s the U.S. and Mexico established the “Bracero Program.” This program brought thousands of Mexican nationals to work in agriculture. The demand for workers also brought a significant number of Puerto Ricans to the Northeast region. The ’60s saw a massive immigration of Cuban refugees as a result of the Cuban Revolution. The ’70s and ’80s witnessed significant immigration from Central America due to civil wars ravaging places like El Salvador and Guatemala. During the ’90s many Latin American countries experienced a severe economic crisis. Growing fear of unemployment and high inflation rates forced nationals from practically every Latin American nation to migrate north in search for better economic opportunities. Immigration from Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru was particularly high during those years.

*—This article is an excerpt from “Chapter Two: Hispanic/Latino Presence in the USA and the Church.”*







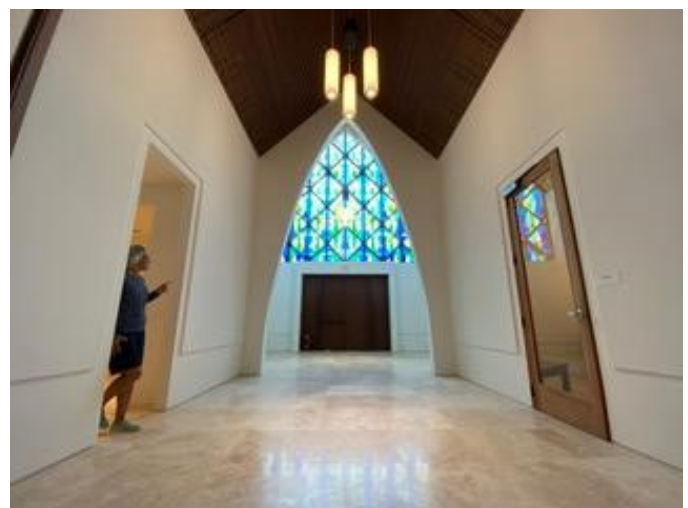
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Blessings

















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### ***Collections for the Weekend:***

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

Parish Office closed this past week—totals for donations will be posted next week for weekends of Sept. 4-5 and 11-12.

**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:***

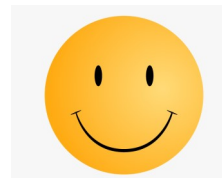
We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:

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, Katie Rocha, Pat DiBonaventura.

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.

# The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 12, 2021**

**Sunday Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**

## Family Corner

### About the Gospel

Jesus tells his friends that he will die and rise again. He explains that it may be difficult for them to believe the things he tells them. Jesus gave everything for us, and he wants us to love him and trust him with our whole hearts.

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) to read this Sunday's Scripture.

### In Church

When you profess the Creed at Mass, think about the words *I believe*.

### Question of the Week

What does Jesus mean when he says we must take up our cross and follow him?



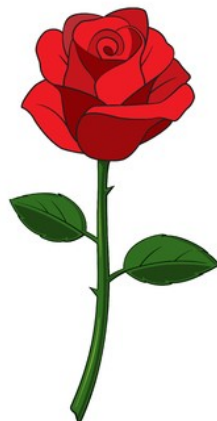
### Family Prayer

Jesus, teach us to believe in you and trust in you completely, even when it seems difficult. Amen.

### We remember her with love:

Bunny Giamatti, who was a long time parishioner, died recently.

If you would like to offer your condolences to her daughter Debbie Giamatti, her address is:  
1857 Narcissus Ave,  
Big Pine Key, FL 33043



### 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





Registration is now open for our Kindergarten through 8th Grade CCD (Religious Education) program which begins in October.

Please register early so we know how many supplies to

order. Classes will be held in the Ministry Center. Rosalinda Hally, our new Coordinator of Religious Education will notify parents of registered students with the details.



On Sunday, September 19th at the 11am Mass, we will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday**. We invite children in grades K-8 to bring their school backpacks for a special **Backpack Blessing** Event. Children will come forward for a special moment of prayer and blessing from Father Jets. CCD teachers will also be present to receive a blessing as we prepare for the new 2021-2022 Religious Education year.

### CCD teachers needed for this Fall

We will begin our in-person CCD classes in **October** and are looking for one more teacher and several 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.

**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](mailto:jack@stpeterbpk.org).**



# NOTICE!!!

The final layer of asphalt will be laid on our parking lot next week, so there will be no access to the property from Monday - Friday of next week.

There will be no Communion Service, no Masses, No Food Bank and no access to the office through Friday.

## Calling for More Ushers

*We are looking for more ushers to serve at Mass in the new Church.*

*The Usher Ministry will hold training. 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](mailto: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, as well as our clients & volunteers too. As a result, 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](mailto: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."



## 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.*

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**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](https://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)!



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Remembering your church in your Estate Plans ensures the financial health of your faith family. Your planned gift to our endowment will provide your parish with financial support after your passing. For more information on what and how to give, 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.



*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34)*

*To be Christian stewards, we must lose our own lives for the sake of discipleship in Christ and allow the Lord to rule our lives.*







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- Information and referrals
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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](http://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](mailto:Ellen@stpeterbpc.org)

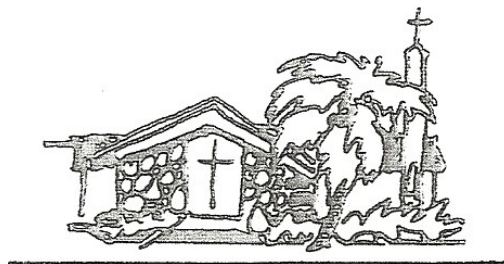
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*Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,*

*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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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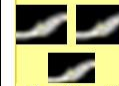
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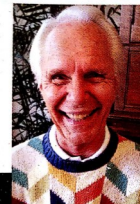
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