# St. Peter Catholic Church

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www.stpeterbpk.org

## **SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

## 25TH 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

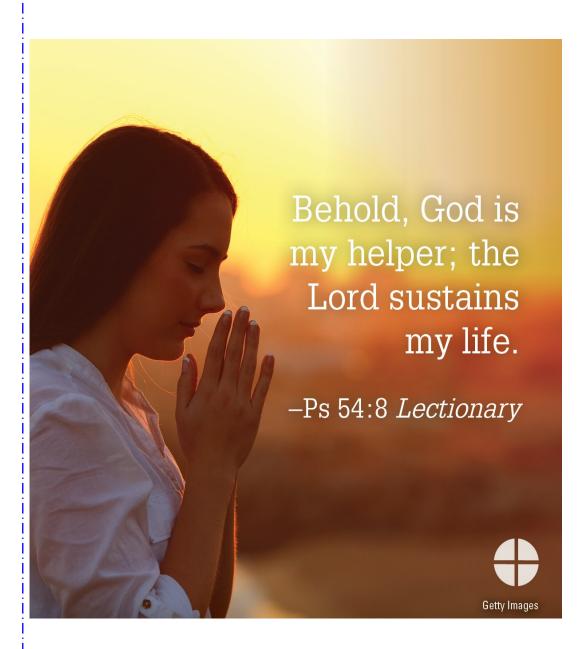
#### **CONFESSIONS:**

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



## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **National Migration Week**

September 20-26, 2021

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20-26, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year' WDMR is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us" (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity."

In solidarity with the Vatican, National Migration Week will use the same theme as WDMR – "Towards an ever wider we' – but will emphasize the particular ways in which this theme and its application to the migration question is important for the Catholic Church in the United States. Please be sure to visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrant's webpage in advance of the celebration to access resources that will be developed for this event (https://tinyurl.com/NationalMigrationWeek2021).

Should you have any thoughts as to how we can more effectively celebrate National Migration Week, or to suggest resources that will be useful for your local community, please reach out to Todd Scribner at *Tscribner@usccb.org*.



## 2021 National Migration Week Prayer



Loving Father,

We thank you for the gift of children

And for the joy and love that they bring into our lives.

Protect with your fatherly care all children who face hardship.

In particular, we pray for unaccompanied migrant children who are alone,

For migrant children separated from parents who have been placed in detention,

For those who have lost loved ones due to violence,

And for those who are trapped in situations of exploitation.

Open all of our hearts to immigrant and refugee children in need.

Show us how we can protect and comfort them.

Give us the wisdom to know how we can help.

Give us courage to defend them

against those who would harm them.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God forever and ever.

Amen.





## **Show Me My Neighbor**

Lord of all Love,
As I step out the door, show me my neighbor.
As I read the news, show me my neighbor.
As I pray, show me my neighbor.
On my left, on my right
perhaps turning to me right now,
show me my neighbor.

Where my eyes have passed before and then turned away, show me my neighbor.

Where my ears have heard cries that I have ignored, show me my neighbor.

As they share a story that is different from my story, help me to listen as if it were my own.

Show me my neighbor.

And then let me love them
in their joy and in their distress
that their delight may be mine
and their pain be mine too.
Let me love them
as completely and mercifully as you love me.
In true solidarity
singing our songs together until a new song emerges,
let me love them.

I look up now Lord, Show me my neighbor.

Amen

## 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.



Saturday, September 18, 2021

5:30pm: +Valeria McCusker by Michelle McCusker

Sunday, September 19, 2021

**8:30am:** S.I. Pat DiBonaventura by the Burns Family **11:00am**: +Roberta Lasala by Ann & Peter Stella

#### Monday, September 20, 2021

**9:00am** No Mass — no Communion Service (moving sacristy to new church)

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

**9:00am:** No Mass—no Communion Service (moving sacristy to new church)

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

**9:00am:** No Mass — no Communion Service (moving sacristy to new church)

Thursday, September 23, 2021

**9:00am** No Mass—No Communion Service (moving sacristy to new church)

Friday, September 24, 2021

**9:00am** No Mass —no Communion Service (moving sacristy to new church)

Saturday, September 25, 2021

5:30pm: Dedication Weekend intentions

Sunday, September 26, 20218:30am: Dedication Weekend

11:00am: Dedication Weekend

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:

## September 5:

1st Collection: \$1,866.00

2nd \$ 612.00 (Catholic

University of America)

Direct Debit: 590.00

## September 12:

1st Collection: \$2,350.00

2nd Collection: \$\frac{1}{2}726.00 (Rebuild) Direct Debit: \$\frac{1}{2}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 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'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 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.

This week yet, we are mask optional for those who are fully vaccinated—and we to observe social distancing in the pavilion. Next week, when we are in the new church, we will all be wearing masks whether or not we are vaccinated, and we will be observing social distancing.

## **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.

## 9-11 Tribute:

## 8:30 Mass





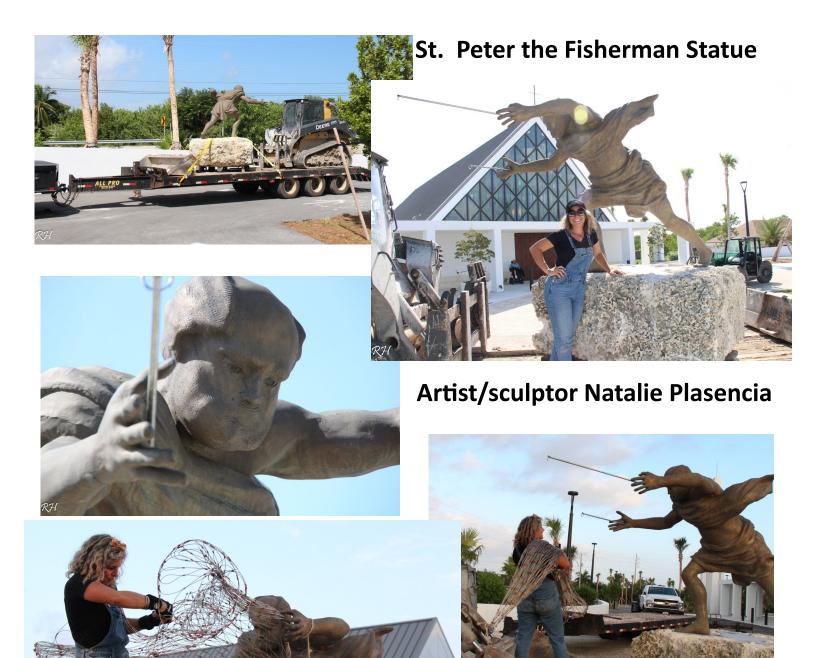


5:30pm Mass





11:00am Mass







# The Gospel for All Ages Family Catechesis



Family Corner

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 19, 2021 • The Greatest Serve Others

Sunday Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

## **Weekly Discussion Questions**

For the Parish Bulletin

**Life Question:** How do you make others feel welcome?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus teach by his

welcoming a child?

## **Family Prayer**

Lord, help us to see you when we see people in need.

### **About the Gospel**

Jesus explains that he will suffer and die, but the disciples are too afraid of what he is saying to question him about it. Instead, they focus on which one of them is the most important. Jesus tells them that if they want to be great, they must be humble and serve others.

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

#### In Church

Say a special prayer for someone who is in need.

## Question of the Week

How can you serve others and help them with the difficulties they are experiencing?



## **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.





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

<u>Please register early</u> 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.



This Sunday, September 19th, at the 11am Mass, we will celebrate

Catechetical Sunday. We have invited 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.

## 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

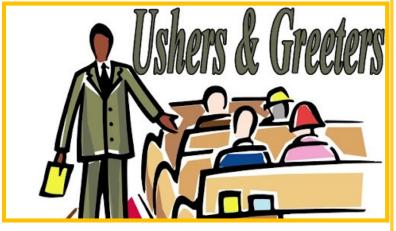
assembly, as well as to add its unique contribution of harmony and the various sounds of the instruments. All of the efforts of the many people who make up our music ministry are oriented toward the goal of raising hearts and minds to God through active participation in music and song. To this end, we 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.

<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.



## **Calling for More Ushers**

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

The Usher Ministry will hold a 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) 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: <u>canned</u> 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."



# We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for the KiKi's Sandbar







## Square Group-

## 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)



There are many wonderful ways to pass on love and financial support to your parish and Catholic family even after you are gone. 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.



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35)

Jesus sums up how, as Christian stewards, we must be leaders and serve as an example by serving others.



# 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?

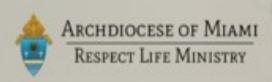
Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

## TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!







## 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)

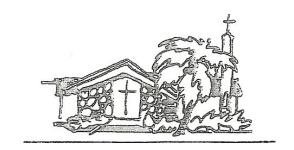
305.273.8507 to schedule appointment

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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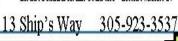
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