

St. Peter Catholic Church

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASSSES:

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

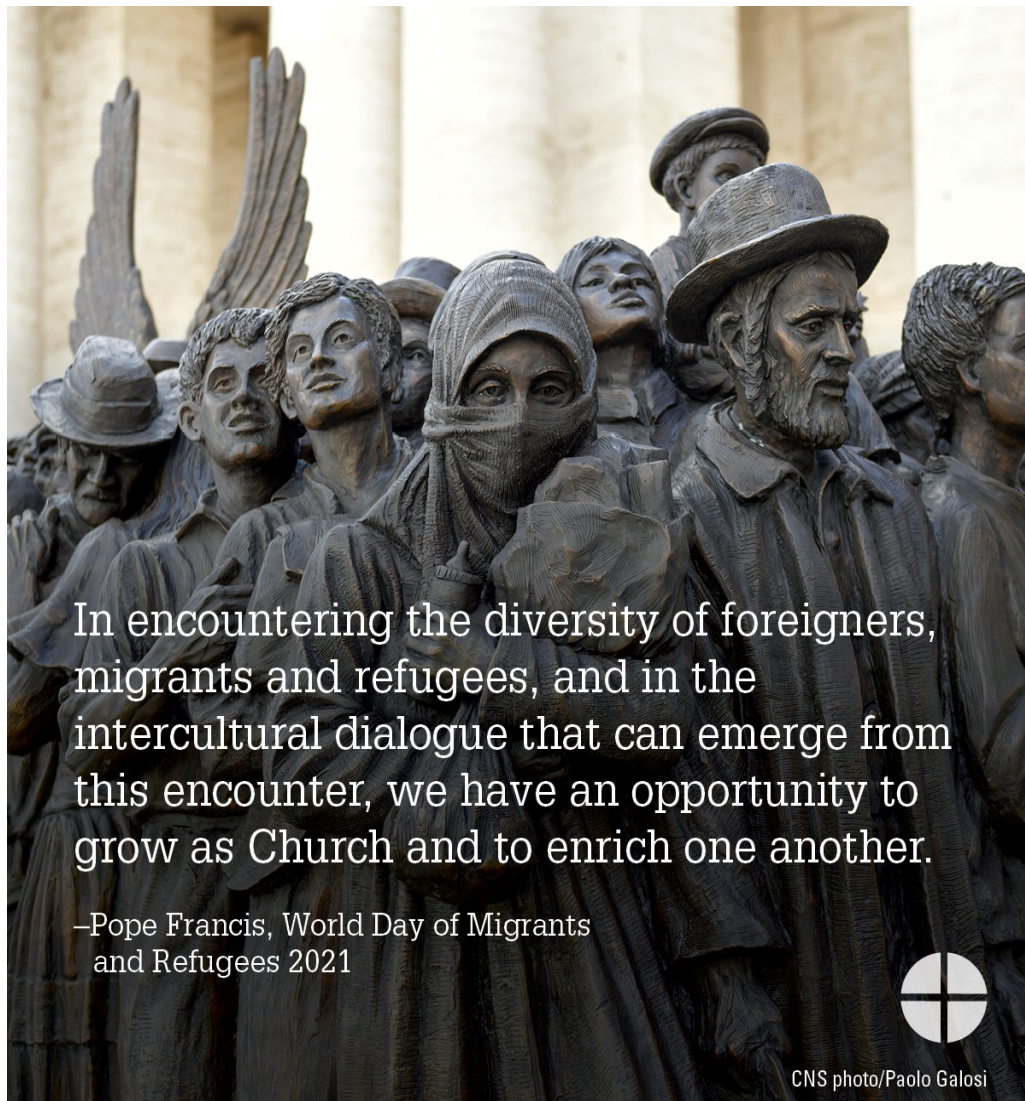
CONFESSIONS:

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



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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Today we celebrate World Day for Migrants and Refugees!

We pray for migrants, refugees, and all other strangers in our midst, that they may find strength in our concern for justice and feel the warmth of our love.

October is Respect Life Month!

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. Call the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233



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BULLETIN

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



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.



Blessing of CCD teachers
and students





Blessing of CCD teachers and students on Catechetical Sunday





September Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Father blesses the
Jude Family as
they move to
their new home
upstate.



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 what 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 25, 2021

5:30pm: All who have helped make our rebuilding possible

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:30am: Fr. Jets and our Parish Family, and for more Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life

11:00am: All our parishioners, benefactors and friends of our parish here at St. Peter the Fisherman Church

Monday, September 27, 2021

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

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9:00am: +Bruce Maxwell by Janet Maxwell

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

9:00am: +Harold Ebel by Connie Hauk

Thursday, September 30, 2021

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

Friday, October 1, 2021

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

Saturday, October 2, 2021

5:30pm: +Burns and Mescal Families
by Margaret & Jim Burns

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8:30am: S.I. Pineiro Family by Margaret & Jim Burns

11:00am:

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: \$2,506.00
2nd \$ 305.00 (Rebuild)
Direct Debit: \$ 590.00 (monthly)

Once Monthly Blue Building Fund
envelopes \$666.00

Direct Debit Monthly: \$2,470.00

Monthly Rebuild \$605.00

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:

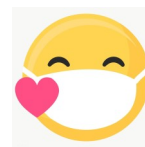
We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends:

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, Jim Burns, Olga Nunez, Chad Barnick, Br. Bud Luks, Dolores Gibson, Sarah Peteck, John Spencer, Cornelia Meyers, Colleen Burns, Ted Kruzell, 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.

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 Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 26, 2021 • Jesus Gathers a Community

Sunday Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What can each of us do today to build the Church we envision?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus mean when he says, "Whoever is not against us is for us"?

Family Prayer

Lord, help us to recognize those who teach us to know you better. Helps us to treat them with love and kindness every day.

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus reminds us that whoever is not against us is for us. This is a good reminder to treat anyone who brings Jesus to us (priests, deacons, teachers) with respect and kindness.

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

In Church

Say thank you to someone at your church who helps you on your faith journey.

Question of the Week

How does your parish priest bring Jesus to you?
How can you bring Jesus to others?



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.*





The Pumpkin Patch needs help with:

- .Unloading Saturday, October 9 at 9am**
- .Patch Sitting—7 days a week Oct 10-31**
- .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



WE'RE BACK!!!

October 10th – October 31st

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 the new 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 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



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!

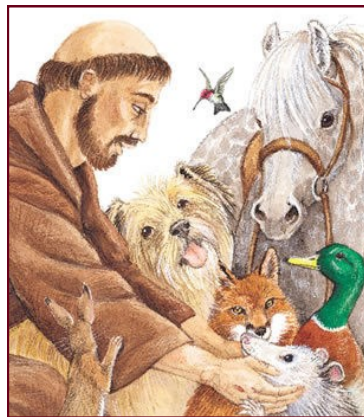
If you feel God is calling you to this Ministry, please call the office.

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."

Next Sunday, October 3, at 12:30 (after the 11:00am Mass) we will have the Annual Blessing of Animals in the Pavilion area as St. Francis' feast day is Monday, October 4th.



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



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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)



With a Charitable Gift Annuity, you receive payments for life! Your gift guarantees fixed payments, a tax deduction and continues to give to your parish when you are called home. 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.



"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:39-41)

Jesus explains to us that we do not hold exclusivity in serving Him. There are many that do things in His name. He challenges the apostle and assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded. Have you ever shared a mission and worked on a project with someone that was different from you? In our parish, are there people who you do not share a mission or project with because they feel different from you?.



Stop Your Taxes from Paying for Abortion!

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for 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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South Dade Pregnancy Help Center

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- 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@stpeterbpc.org

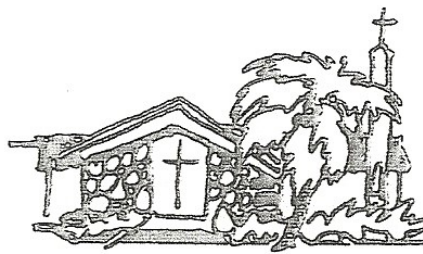
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

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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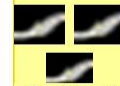
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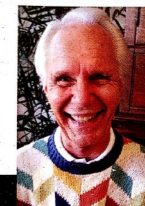
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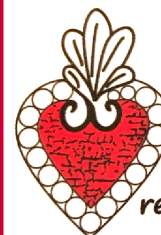
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