

St. Peter Catholic Church

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

23RD 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

He has done all things
well. He makes the
deaf hear and the
mute speak.

—Mk 7:37 *Lectionary*



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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy Labor Day!

Monday, September 6, 2021

In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. We pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Patriot Day

Saturday, September 11, 2021

A PEOPLE CHANGED BY 9/11

"The years have gone by, but the memories remain for all who were involved in that one single day and its aftermath that changed the lives of so many and of our nation."

-Monsignor Robert J. Romano

We remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace.



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BULLETIN

Labor Day Prayer:

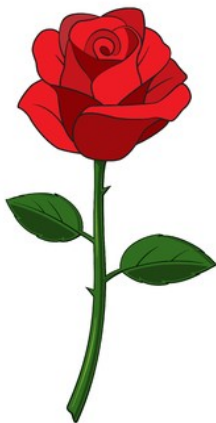
God our Creator,
we are the work of your hands,
guide us in our work,
that we may do it, not for self alone,
but for the common good.
Make us alert to injustice,
ready to stand in solidarity,
that there may be dignity for all
in labor and in labor's reward.

Book of Common Prayer

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



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.



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

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 4, 2021

5:30pm: S.I. Manuel Gamuza by Margaret & Jim Burns

Sunday, September 5, 2021

8:30am: S.I. Margaret Schmid
by Kevin & Angelina Burns

11:00am: +Francis & Helen Swiacki
by Laurita & Bill Miller

Monday, September 6, 2021

9:00am No Mass—No Communion service

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

9:00am: No Mass—No Communion service

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

9:00am: No Mass—No Communion service

Thursday, September 9, 2021

9:00am No Mass—No Communion service

Friday, September 10, 2021

9:00am No Mass—No Communion service

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

**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: \$2,162.00

2nd Collection \$ 400.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 590.00 (weekly)

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!



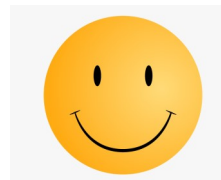
Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

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.

The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 5, 2021

Sunday Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus did many wonderful miracles! In Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a man who could not hear and could not speak well. Jesus touched him and healed him. Jesus loves us so much. He takes care of all our needs.

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

In Church

Right before the Gospel is proclaimed, notice how everyone crosses their forehead (to remember God's word), their lips (to proclaim it) and their hearts (to love and feel what we learn in the Gospel).

Question of the Week

How can you use your voice to tell others about Jesus?



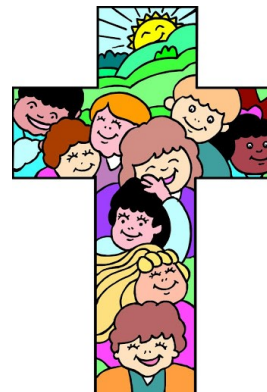
Family Prayer

Lord, help us to hear the Gospel, understand it, and tell others the Good News of Jesus. Amen.



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

**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.



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@stpeterbpc.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@stpeterbpc.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.

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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)



Your Parish depends on YOU! Remembering the good works of the Church in your Estate Plans helps ensure the Church carries on after your passing. 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.



"Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love Him?" (James 2:5)

Discrimination and prejudice are evils in our society. To be Christian disciples and good stewards, we must understand the kingdom of God is open to ALL who love Him.





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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

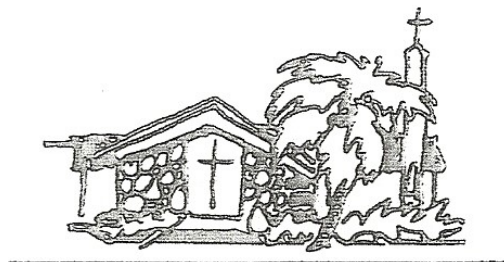
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

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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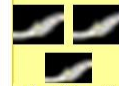
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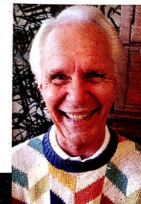
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