

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy
Big Pine Key, FL 33043



305-872-2537

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

www.stpeterbpk.org

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

Nancy McCrosson
nancy@stpeterbpk.org

Director of Music Ministry:

Jack Loudon
Jack@stpeterbpk.org

Administrative Assistants:

Connie Hauk
connie@stpeterbpk.org

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Deborah@stpeterbpk.org

Maintenance Supervisor

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 Church
(or by appointment)

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

Contact Nancy or Debbie in the
parish office

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



Poinsettias decorating the church have been donated :

In Memory of Bobby & Wilma Birch
by Rileigh Stevens

In Memory of Frank & Nell Krueger
by Kathleen Henry

In Memory of Lee Jansen by Diane Neault

In Memory of Pete Kruzel & Family
by Karis & Mike Kruzel

In Honor of Bruno & Lettie Kruzel
by Mike & Karis Kruzel

In Memory of Schulz & Weis Family Members
by Carol Schulz

In Honor of Lynn Weatherly by Mike & Karis

In Memory of Julia Gonzales by Ginni Gaster

In Memory of Julia South Bob & Clara
Thompson & Carroll Family
by Norma & Jim Thompson

In Memory of Hortense Crumely by Lisa Ford

In Honor of the Ford Family by Lisa Ford

In Memory of Domingo Rivera by Nancy Lopez

In Honor of America Rivera by Nancy Lopez

In Memory of Kelly by the Quirks

In Memory of Daniel T. Rosasco by Peter Rosasco

In Honor of Fr. Jets by Peter Rosasco

In Memory of Flora & Daniel Garcia
by Peter Rosasco

In Honor of St. Peter's Parish Family
by Peter Rosasco

In Memory of Joseph & Eunice Beaton and
Elizabeth Beaton by Gary Beaton

In Memory of Fred & Marilee Pellegrini by
Pamela-Geoff & Alfredino Families

In Memory of Dom & Connie Yascavage by
Dominic & Pam, Ron, David & Cindy & Families

In Memory of Harold & Verona Ebel
by Connie Hauk

In Memory of Andrea McCarthy by Connie Hauk

In Memory of Robert J. Hancock by Pam, Chris,
Cole, Graycen, Cassie, Brayan, Apollo

Memory of Robert J. Stangler by Pam, Chris,
Cole, Graycen, Cassie, Brayan, Apollo

In Memory of Francis Crumely by Lisa Ford

In Honor of the Ford Family by Lisa Ford

In Memory of Patricia Skalbeck Sexton (Patty
Dyson) by Mark & Susan Berenz

In Memory of Bob & Gen Davies by Kim Roney

In Memory of the Scheidell Family
by William John & Mary Doris Scheidell

In Memory of the Jenkins Family
by William John & Mary Doris Scheidell

In Honor of William John Scheidell by
Mary Doris Scheidell

In Memory of Anthony McCarthy
by his mother Linda McCarthy

In Memory of Dorothy & Wallace Moore
by Teresa Valdez

In Honor of Fr. Wm. J. Axe D.SST
by Teresa Valdez

In Memory of the Mallorys & Castillos
by Roberta Castillo

In Memory of Valeen Silvy by Nova Silvy

In Memory of Thomas & Margot Estrada
by Isabel & Steve Paul

In Memory of Pat Parenty by Becky Parenty

In Memory of Unita Eggert by Becky Parenty

In Memory of Theresa Walters by Peggy Zoppy

In Memory of the Majeske Family
by Catherine (Majeske)Baugh

In Memory of Ed Baugh by Michele White

In Memory of Dick Anderson
by Patrick & Erin Hart

In Memory of Veronica Sheehy
by Patrick & Erin Hart

**Poinsettias decorating the church
donated...**

In Memory of MaryAnne, Grace, & Wayne
Lahey by Donna

In Memory of Katherine Fasano
by Carolyn Fasano

In Memory of Joe & Alberta Trendle & in Honor
of their 12 children by Betsy Shew

In Memory of Phil Embry
by Linda, Shannon & Ali Embry

In Memory of Frank & Nell Krueger by
Kathleen Henry

In Honor of the Deceased Members of the
McCrosson & Deane Families
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. McCrosson

In Memory of Betty Folse Bennett by
Jack & Lisa Lewis

In Memory of Rita Vinet Holzenthal by
Jack & Lisa Lewis

In Memory of Adrienne Miller Gunther by
Jack & Lisa Lewis

In Memory of Judith Mara by Martin Mara
In Memory of the Hanifan Family by
Mary Ann Nelson

In Memory of Thom O'Donnell by
Don & Mary Ann Nelson

In Memory of their parents
by Grace and Richard Mikowski



Jesse Tree:

**Thank you for your generous
response to our Jesse Tree
project!**

**You have made
Christmas happier for needy
families in our community!**

**If you purchased an Advent
poinsettia, in honor of , or in
memory of a loved one, you may
pick it up, if you would like to have
it, after Masses next weekend.**

**They will be available in the
Narthex of the church.**

Thank you for your support!

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, January 1, 2022 (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

5:30pm Vigil Parishioners, Friends & Benefactors of
St. Peter Parish
S.I. Burns & Mescal Families

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:30am: +Ruth Heffelfinger by Trina Armant
11:00am: +Louise Mangeri by Sal & Joanne Barone

Monday, January 3, 2022

9:00am: Parishioners, Friends & Benefactors of
St. Peter Parish

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

9:00am: S.I. Burns & Mescal Families
by Margaret & Jim Burns

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

9:00am: S.I. Paul Ledford by Lisa & Jack Lewis

Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00am S.I. Kate Peper by Lisa & Jack Lewis

Friday, January 8, 2022

9:00am: +Mrs. Marilla Martin by Fr. Jets

Saturday, January 8, 2022

5:30pm Vigil: S.I. Susan Sutch by Vivian Brummer

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:30am: +Stella Nudi by Dee & Larry Johnson
11:00am: +Bruce Maxwell by Janet Maxwell

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



Lighting the Christmas
candle



The Christmas Eve
children's pageant





Thank you to all the
CCD teachers, parents
and especially the
students for
Participating in the
Annual Christmas
Pageant. Blessings to
all in the New Year!
Religious Education
Classes will resume on
Sunday, January 9 at
9:30am.







You can listen using any free podcast app on your smartphone or tablet or via your browser at ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear.

Join us for Day 1 on January 1st, 2022!

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2022.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to **three scripture readings**
- a **reflection** from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and **guided prayer** to help you **hear God's voice in his Word**.

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure *Bible Timeline*® learning system, **a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History** developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

Virtus: If seasonal parishioners who are Virtus certified with their "back home" parish are volunteering at St. Peters, they can have their Virtus accounts mirrored with both Dioceses/Churches. This also works in reverse if our full time parishioners want to volunteer in another location. If this pertains to you, email helpdesk@virtus.org or call Virtus National at 1-888-847-8879 and have your account mirrored with the Archdiocese of Miami, St. Peter Church, Big Pine Key.

Your parish contact for all things related to the Virtus (Protecting God's Children and Vulnerable Adults) program is Ellen Age: Ellen@stpeterbpk.org



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the Weekend:

Donations received:

Christmas Masses:

1st collection: \$7,020.00

2nd collection: \$1,634.00 (Rebuild)

December 26 weekend :

1st collection: \$3,467.00

2nd collection: \$ 326.00 (Rebuild)

Direct Debit: \$ 565.00

**Reminder: please pick up your 2022
Collection Envelopes**

**Interested in Direct Debit?
Call Nancy in the Office**

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:

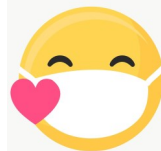
Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Bill Carver, Lani Dugger, John Mescal, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, Frank Fasano, Pat and Connie Medina, Belle Medina-Ricasio, Beth Rodman, Bill Van Ryn, Flo Boyle, Mary and William Scheidell, Mike Graham, Tiffany Howard, Jim Oettle, Kate Menser Hughey, Marilyn Nichols, Mark Stump, Pat McCullah, Lance Hill, Randy Reinhart, Patrick Mescal, Mickey McEnaney, Fr. Peter Scott, Maria Wirshing, 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, Eliseo Pombo, Bill Rudy, Carmella Russo, Larry Johnson, Nathaniel Burgess, Penny Holum, Scott Bush., Sean Piniero

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 .

To maximize our seating and still keep us safe, we are suspending social distancing in the pews but require everyone to wear masks inside the Church. We will maintain social distancing and optional masks in the Parish Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation."



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.



St. Peter Community Food Bank

Wednesdays from 9:30am—11:30am

We are now located on the Southeast corner of the property.

Dear Peterites:

THANK YOU for your kind and generous donations of food and cash!

Together we are working to provide hope and a positive impact on the lives of the needy in our community.

Most needed items are canned goods i.e. tuna & chicken, Vienna sausage, hearty soups, canned meats—Chef Boyardee products, (flip top cans appreciated), canned vegetables and fruit.

A heartfelt thank you— the Food Bank All Volunteer Staff

St. Peter Catholic Church is a 501(c)(3) corporation

Your Parish contact person for all things related to the Food Bank is Director,
Mary Quirk: azquirk@gmail.com

305-849-1879

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.



You can have an everlasting influence on the lives of families in our parish. Please contact Sabrina Paul-Noel, at the Office of Planned Giving for more information.

305-762-1112



"...they prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

(Matthew 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold—we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense—represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh—is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.





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



Square Grouper Bar & Grill



Milagro Restaurant & Bar

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)

Credit card purchases can be made in the Parish Office during working hours only.

Wish List

If you are interested in volunteering your time at St. Peter Church, we will be posting a wish list of projects we need help with.

To start, we are looking for persons who would like to do light gardening. If this is you, please call Debbie in the office at 305-872-2537.

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@stpeterbpbk.org) to sign up. Thank you.

Fr. Paul and his brother Mike are hoping to be able to come down here for **two months** (NOT two weeks—that was a typo) this winter again. They have put this ad in the Key West Citizen.....If you know of a place, please let them know. Thank you!

"Two Grand Rapids, MI. brothers, senior citizens, looking for an affordable Lower Keys, FL accommodation for January & February or February & March 2022
Excellent renters; superb references, Contact Fr. Paul at
616-481-0697 or pam1029@yahoo.com"



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.

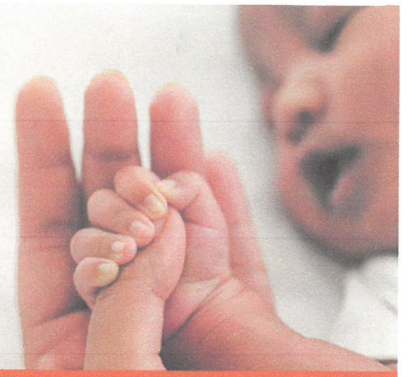


Thank you on behalf of the Missions for saving cancelled stamps, eyeglasses, tabs from pop top cans and rosaries—broken or whole.

We have plenty of the pill bottles and are suspending collecting them for the time being. Thank you for your generosity!

Donna Dye, a parishioner. Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister will see that they get where they are

PRAY FOR DOBBS



Case Name: *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*

U.S. Supreme Court Docket Number: 19-1392

U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments Date: December 1, 2021

Significance: Whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional.

Hashtag: #PrayforDobbs #EmpowerWomenPromoteLife #LifeIsAHumanRight

Website: www.prayfordobbs.com

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health

BACKGROUND:

Mississippi's Gestational Age Act protects the health and wellbeing of pregnant mothers, the life and dignity of unborn children, and the integrity of the medical profession by limiting abortions after 15 weeks gestational age except in medical emergencies or for severe fetal abnormality. By 15 weeks, a baby has a heartbeat, can move and kick, can sense movement outside the mother's womb, has eyes and eyelids that are beginning to open, can hiccup, and can hear her or his mother's heartbeat. The people of Mississippi understand that life is a human right and every life deserves to be protected. So, they chose to pass a law to protect unborn children and their mothers. Mississippi's law is consistent with what more than 90% of countries worldwide already do. In fact, the United States is an extreme outlier in abortion law and policy, being one of only four countries, including China and North Korea, that allows the abortion of a child any time during a woman's pregnancy.



Shortly after Mississippi's law was enacted in 2018, the only abortion clinic in Mississippi challenged the law. On May 17, 2021, the Supreme Court granted review of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The specific question the Court will answer is whether a state may enact limits on abortion before viability, *i.e.*, when the baby is capable of living outside her mother's womb. The Supreme Court will consider the correctness of its previous rulings in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which severely limit the ability of states to protect their interests in unborn life and maternal health. Notably, the State of Mississippi explains in its brief that neither the right to an abortion nor a viability line have any basis in constitutional text or history, and that the medical research into fetal development over the last half century establishes that states have a compelling interest in protecting unborn life at 15 weeks.

More than 80 friend-of-the-court briefs were filed with the Supreme Court in support of the Mississippi law—exceeding the amicus brief filings in an average case multiple times over and resulting in the most amicus briefs ever filed in support of a pro-life law.

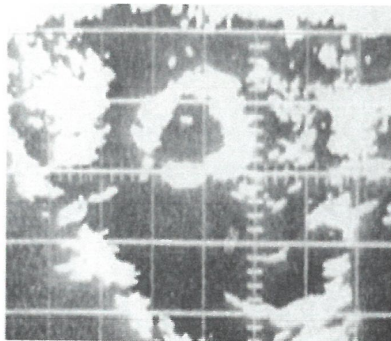
THE BOTTOM LINE:

The U.S. Supreme Court should affirm that life is a human right and uphold Mississippi's law.

Timeline of Mississippi's 15-Week Law Protecting Life and Women's Health

January-March 2018	Mississippi legislature introduces, debates, and passes 15-week law (HB 1510)
March 19, 2018	Mississippi Governor Bryant signs HB 1510; Mississippi's lone abortion clinic immediately sues to block enforcement
March 20, 2018	Federal district court in Mississippi temporarily blocks law
November 20, 2018	Federal district court rules that Mississippi law is unconstitutional
March 2019	Attorneys file amicus brief in Fifth Circuit on behalf of Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant in support of the 15-week law
December 13, 2019	Fifth Circuit upholds lower court ruling
June 15, 2020	Mississippi petitions Supreme Court to review case
May 17, 2021	Supreme Court grants review
December 1, 2021	Oral arguments to be heard
June 2022	Opinion expected

Fifteen-week ultrasounds around 1973 when *Roe* was decided and today:



Amici Curiae Brief for the American College of Pediatricians and the Association of American Physicians & Surgeons, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

Baby on first page: iStock.com/Mongkolchon Akesin. Model used for illustrative purposes only.

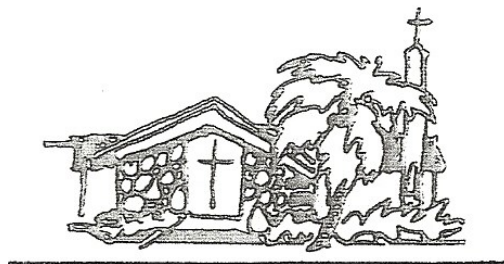
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Dear Peterites and Friends of St. Peter's,

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