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# FEBRUARY 19, 2023

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### PARISH STAFF:

Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

> Nancy McCrosson nancy@stpeterbpk.org

Administrative Assistants:

Connie Hauk connie@stpeterbpk.org

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#### MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm Sunday Masses 8:30 and 11:00am

Daily Masses: 9am Mon-Fri.

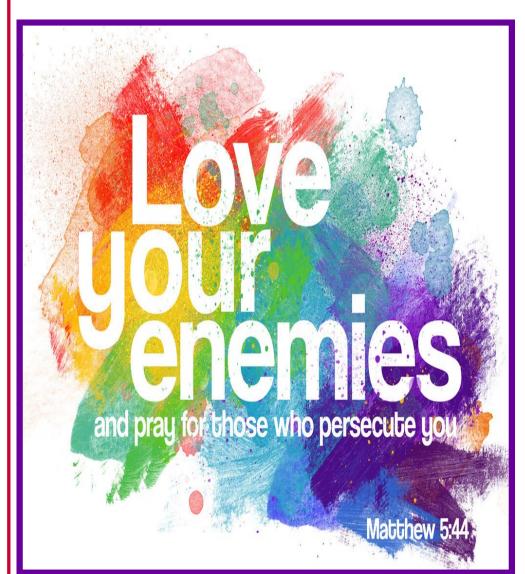
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm Holy Day Mass 9 am

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday: 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm in the Church (or by appointment)

**BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and WEDDINGS** Please call the office for an appointment with Fr. Jets.

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



# 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, February 18, 2023

5:30pm: +Carl Maier, Horace Hoffman, Henry & Shirley Sitron by Elizabeth Maier Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:30am: +James Richards by Joan Fretz & Family

11:00am: +Thomas Basham by Bob & Clara Harrell

Monday, February 20, 2023 9:00am: +Billy Height by Kim Francis Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**9:00am:** S.I. Living & Deceased members of the Gamuza Family by Margaret Burns

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday 9:00am: S.I. Ed Robb by Sue Cummins

6:00pm: +Gary Ebel by Connie Hauk

Thursday, February 23, 2023
9:00am: S.I. Rev. Anthony Ram by Kathy Pierce
Friday, February 24, 2023
9:00am S.I. Maria Sims by Connie Hauk

Saturday, February 25, 2022 5:30pm: +Frank Page by Steve & Joanne Siltman

## Sunday, February 26, 2023

8:30am +Henry & Augustus Fretz by Joan Fretz 11:00am: +Marshall Tissot by Clara & Bob Harrell S.I. CCD Students, Parents & Teachers

#### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for February 2023: for Parishes:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome toward those most in need.

## This week in our parish:

Monday, February 20, 2023 President's Day Sale 8am-2pm 9:00am Mass

#### Tuesday, February 21, 2023

9:00am Mass 9:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30am Faith Sharing—Ministry Center 11:30am & 6:30pm

> Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday 9:00am Mass

Divine Mercy Novena after Mass 10am Bible Study– Ministry Center Food Bank open 9:30-11:30am

6:00pm Mass

Thursday, February 23, 2023 9:00am Mass

#### Friday, February 24, 2023

9:00am Mass Farmer's Market 9am-2pm Stations of the Cross: 4pm in the church Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5:00pm

#### Saturday, February 25, 2023

5:30pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday February 26, 2023

8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass

## <u>We now have a</u>

Christian Book Exchange!!



TAKE A BOOK Browse the books <u>on</u> the table in the back of church.

Take a book and keep it as long as you need. Return the book to the table.

<u>GIVE A BOOK</u> Donate a <u>Christian</u> book to the exchange by putting it into the basket <u>under</u> the table. We would like to review it before putting it on the table. Thank you for your generosity.



#### Donations received: Feb. 11/12, 2023

1st Collection: \$ 5,255.00

2nd Collection \$ 1,288.00 (Summer Blues) Direct Debit \$ 665.00 (weekly)

Blue Building Fund Envelopes\$153.00Rebuild Donation\$100.00

**Thank you** to those of you who regularly mail your donations to us, and **Thank you** to those of you who elected to increase or change to Direct Debit!

## Thank you for your generosity!

## Understanding the "Summer Blues Fund" as a 2nd Collection taken at Masses

Off season and summer time in the Keys is typically associated with the season of warmest weather, longer days and many empty pews in church every week as our seasonal parishioners are back up north.

However, in the parish finance world, the summer months are also associated with low or loss of financial support to adequately cover parish overhead costs, also known as the "Summer time Blues." So, to assure coverage of our property expenses during these summer financially lean months, the 2nd Collection named "Summer Blues Fund "will help with our property overhead financial needs.

Thank you for your continued generosity. For detailed information, see Nancy in the Parish Office.

## Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

We ask your prayers for Parishioners and friends: Guenther Glatt, Rachel Miles, Bill Carver, John Mescal, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, Pat and Connie Medina, Belle Medina-Ricasio, Beth Rodman, Flo Boyle, Mary and William Scheidell, Mike Graham, Tiffany Howard, Jim Oettle, Kate Menser Hughey, Marilyn Nichols, Mark Stump, Lance Hill, Randy Reinhart, Patrick Mescal,

Fr. Peter Scott , Maria Wirshing, Ruth Fidler, Kaylee Mescal, Nita Bigelow, Olga Nunez, Br. Bud Luks, Dolores Gibson, Sarah Peteck , John Spencer, Cornelia Meyers, Colleen Burns, Ted Kruzel, Larry Dorry, Katie Rocha, Bonita Boski, Jim Thompson, Carmella Russo, Nathaniel Burgess, Penny Holum, Scott Bush, Sean Piniero, Larry Johnson, Elaine & Stewart Caplin, Deacon Bill Rich, Roxanne Brown, Terri Roman, Brenda Haskins' mother, Greg Oarsley, the Paans family, the Pontecrovo family Mindy & Tom Carlson, Lani Duggers, Ann Daus, Tim Age, Fr. Darin Robert

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.



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

St. Peter Church website at <u>http://www.stpeterbpk.org</u>



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 Rebuilding Fund on the website now!

## **Amazon Smile:**

From Amazon: "Dear customer, in 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by Feb, 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we've seen we can make a meaningful change—from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in underserved communities, to using our logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

## Calling all Past, Present & Future Altar Servers!!

We have re-established our Altar Server Ministry. We are looking for those who have received First Communion and are at least in the 3rd grade, but there is no maximum age limit. Parents, you are welcome to participate with your son or daughter, if you like. Please contact the parish office.





## St. Peter Community Food Bank

## Wednesdays from 9:30am-11:30am

An update on your Food Bank Activity:

Thank you to our CCD students and their families. The **Souper Bowl of Caring** was a huge success. So many families will benefit from your kindness and generosity! We are also very grateful to the Peterites who consistently donate food, personal care items, Winn-Dixie gift cards and dollars. You are truly changing lives.

A personal Thank You from Mary Quirk: "I want to express my admiration for and gratitude to Magda Trott. Magda has been my mentor, guide and inspiration for what it means to care for others. Magda, as godmother of St. Peter Food Bank, continues to be a vital part of our mission. As a native Cuban, Magda is now helping us to communicate with our Spanishspeaking people and helping them as they adjust to life in their new home. Thank you Magda, for teaching me how to live Jesus' message."

"It is necessary for knowledge to become practice through listening to and receiving the least, the frail and those regarded as rejects by society."

#### **Pope Francis**

This motivates our Food Bank volunteers. We hope the spirit is contagious.

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

## **Grief Support**

If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one, grief support is available.

Contact Mary Quirk at 305-849-1879, or through the church office at 305-872-2537.

Stations of the Cross Friday, February 24 4:00 pm In the Church



Come join us for a traditional reflection of the journey of Jesus on His way to the Cross.

This year, once again, we thank William Scheidell for making all our wooden crosses for Lent! It has been the tradition for many years here at St. Peter's for parishioners to take and wear one of the crosses all during Lent to remind us of the season. At the Easter Vigil Mass when we have the new fire, we throw our crosses into the fire, and those ashes are saved for next year's Ash Wednesday. You can pick up your cross in the Narthex this Ash Wednesday. Respect Life Ministry thanks all who donated diapers to the Diaper Drive last weekend! You were <u>very</u> generous, and many Lower Keys families will benefit from your donations!

## **Calling for More Ushers**

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We are looking for more ushers to serve at Mass. Training will be provided. 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 at 305-872-2537





<u>Lenten regulations</u>: Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics in good health on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics in good health between the ages of 18 and 59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means 1 full meal plus 2 smaller meals and no solid food between meals.

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 22, 9am and 6pm

Lenten Fish Fries by Kof C Fridays, 5-7 pm (February 24, March 3, 17, 24, 31), Parish Hall

> Lobster Dinner March 10, 2023

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30

Divine Mercy Weekly Novena Wednesdays after the 9am Mass (Feb. 15– April 5)

Fridays, February 24, March 3, March 10, March 24, March 31 5pm in the church

Penance Services

*(Confessions)* Tuesday, March 21, after the 9am Mass, and -Wednesday, March 22, 6pm

April 2: Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil, 5:30pm Sunday Masses, 8:30 & 11:00am

April 6: Holy Thursday

(no 9am morning Mass) 12 noon-3pm Church is open for silent prayer 6pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of Feet, and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

April 7: Good Friday Liturgy

(no 9am morning Mass) 3pm, The Passion of the Lord & Adoration of the Cross

> April 8: Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm (no 5:30pm Vigil Mass)

April 9: Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt after 11am Mass



## ABCD—Legacy of Love.

Jesus left a beautiful legacy of love—a unifying love. It is one of the greatest gifts He has given us, and our faith calls us to live out that love by sharing it with others. His love is kind and patient. It is selfless and humble. It is enduring through difficult times and rejoices in the truth.

The love we are called to live is not found in career success or material things, but rather is centered on helping others. Through your support of the ABCD, you help our Catholic Church here in South Florida reach out to those brothers and sisters Jesus speaks about in the Gospel.

We are humbled by your generosity and support of the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD). Your sacrificial generosity truly bears witness to our faith and the essence of being an embodiment of the Church. If you have yet to make your gift, please donate today!

You can obtain a pledge envelope from the parish office or you can make a gift online at www.isupportabcd.org.

Thank you and God bless you!



Want a Busy Location Day to have your own personal Yard Sale?

This Presidents' Day Event spot rent is for Farmers Market {no ready to eat foods}, for Flea Market Vendors, for Pop-Up Shop Vendors, and for persons wanting a location to have a personal Yard Sale.

## **Details**:

You can rent a 10x10 spot and 1 vehicle allowance for \$30.00 per spot on the field, bring your own tables and have your yard sale among the Vendors and Flea Market Vendors here @ St. Peter Church, BPK {02-20-2023}.

#305-872-2537 ask for Nancy for more details. Attaching Flyer! Share your spot with a friend - only \$15.00 ea. for your own personal yard sale.

No application. It is first come basis with entry no earlier than 6am, each vehicle checked in, declares what they are selling for compliance, pay upfront \$30.00 {cash} per 10x10 spot allowing one vehicle. You will be directed, given entry then onto the field.

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Thank you for your generous donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring and thanks to all volunteers!

The totals will be reported in the bulletin next weekend.

For more information: Rosalinda Hally 305-942-9975 rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org

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No CCD classes this Sunday, February, 19th—classes resume <u>next</u> Sunday, February 26th at 9:45 in the Ministry Center. There will be a Children's Mass next week at 11am.

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



Thank you on behalf of the **Missions** for saving cancelled stamps, eyeglasses,

tabs from pop top cans, and rosaries—broken or whole. Donna Dye, a parishioner, Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister, will always see that they get where they are most needed. We are temporarily suspending collection of pill bottles—we will ask for them again in the future. Thank You!

## Virtus: (Protecting God's Children and Vulnerable Adults)

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 <u>helpdesk@virtus.org</u> 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



Jesus said to St. Faustina, "....whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day (**The Feast of Divine Mercy**) will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment." That's a great promise! So, lets prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy (The Sunday after Easter) by praying the nine-week Divine Mercy Novena. We began on Wednesday, February 15th, immediately following 9am Mass in the church, and continue each Wednesday morning for nine weeks. Hope to see you

there! Informational pamphlets and Novena guides are available in the back of the church.



Congratulations to the Knights' Super Bowl Pool Winners:

1st Quarter: Madelyn Reni

2nd Quarter: Kevin Donoghue

3rd Quarter: Justin Nels

4th Quarter: Ron Greeley

The Knight's "Dollars for Scholars" Scholarship Fund thanks all who bought squares!



# Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinners

February 24, March 3, 17, 24

## 5-7pm in the Parish Hall

<u>Menu:</u> grilled or fried Mahi fries, coleslaw & cornbread

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## It is time to renew our existing Bulletin advertisers and sign-up new ones.

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If you would like to participate, now is a wonderful time to do so! Contact Nancy McCrosson in the Parish Office M-F 9:30am-3:30pm at 305-872-2537 or email nancy@stpeterbpk.org

#### **Thank you!**



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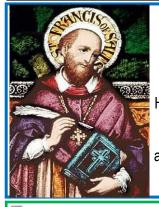
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