# St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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Office: 9:30am-3:30pm Mon.-Fri.

www.stpeterbpk.org

# MARCH 19, 2023

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### **PARISH STAFF:**

Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

Nancy McCrosson nancy@stpeterbpk.org

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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

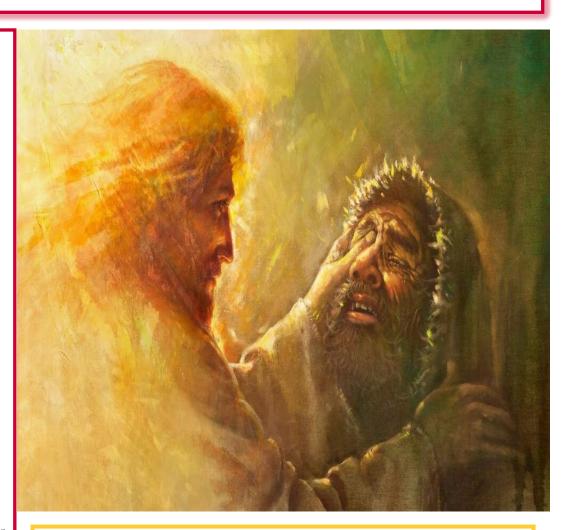
#### **CONFESSIONS:**

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



John 9:1-41 Jesus heals the man blind from birth.

# 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, March 18, 2023

S:30pm: +Bob Miksad by Mike & Marcy Matlosz

**Sunday, March 19, 2023** 

8:30am: +Madelaine Elizabeth Deane

by Connie Hauk

11:00am: +Nicholas Florian by Kim Francis

Monday, March 20, 2023

9:00am: S.I. Olga Conrady by Sue Cummins

11:00am: +Deceased Members of the Sanchez Family

by Kevin Donoghue

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

9:00am: +Fr. Seamus Ward by Amy Peper

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:00am: +LaVerne Robertson by Sandra Carolan

Thursday, March 23, 2023

9:00am: +Louis Brennan by Sandra Carolan

+Walter W, Burinski by Amy Peper

Friday, March 24, 2023

9:00am:

#### Saturday, March 25, 2022

5:30pm: +Gabriel Hernandez by Nancy Herrera

Sunday, March 26, 2023

8:30am + Margot Estrada by Isabel & Steve Paul

11:00am: +William Height by Kim Francis

S.I. CCD Students, Teachers & Families

# <u>For March 2023:</u> for Victims of Abuse:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church: may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## This week in our parish:

Monday, March 20, 2023 9:00am Mass

#### Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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

#### Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:00am Mass
Divine Mercy Novena after Mass
Food Bank open 9:30-11:30am
10am Bible Study— Ministry Center

Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:00am Mass

#### Friday, March 24, 2023

9:00am Mass
Produce Vendor 9am-2pm
Stations of the Cross: 4pm in the church
Fish Fry 5-7pm

#### Saturday, March 26, 2023

5:30pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday March 27, 2023

8:30am Mass

# We now have a 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.

GIVE A BOOK Donate a Christian book to the exchange by putting it into the basket under the table. We would like to review it before putting it on the table.

Thank you for your generosity.



**Collections:** 

Donations received: March 11/12, 2023

1st Collection: \$ 3,321.00

2nd Collection \$ 947.00 (Summer Blues

Fund)

Direct Debit \$ 665.00 (weekly)

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, Maria Sims, Nancy Lopez, Hubert Krieger.

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 <a href="http://www.stpeterbpk.org">http://www.stpeterbpk.org</a>



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!



Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 11am Mass. They are asking for donations of individually-wrapped candies (not chocolate), plastic eggs, prizes and cash donations. There is a bin in the back of the church for your donations. The event is for all kids from the Community as well as our parishioners. We have it on good authority that the Easter Bunny is planning to be here again for photo opportunities with parents and kids.

The Knights are hoping for a great turnout again this year!!

## **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.



# St. Peter Community Food Bank Wednesdays from 9:30am—11:30am

"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

The Food Bank remains very busy with new people coming for help each week.

Any donations of food, personal care items or laundry supplies are greatly appreciated. Our supplies from Feeding South Florida have been very limited for weeks. It has been necessary to buy supplementary goods.

Needless to say, monetary donations will help us to continue our mission.

I would like to thank our dedicated volunteers. I am so proud of their kindness and commitment to serving this special community of God's children.

#### It Takes A Village:

- 1. Wesley House requested donations of diapers.
  - 2. Maria Sims, Right to Life Ministry organized the drive.
  - 3. St. Peter Food Bank collected and stored the diapers.
  - 4. Monroe Co. Sheriff's Office, Lt. Quintero, delivered the diapers to Wesley House.
  - 5. This is how a caring community operates.

#### Well done, everyone!

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

# Stations of the Cross All Fridays in Lent 4:00 pm In the Church



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

Enhance your Lenten devotion.

# <u>Calling all Past, Present & Future</u> 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.



## **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 Bake March 10, 2023 5pm

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30am

#### **Divine Mercy Weekly Novena**

Wednesdays after the 9am Mass (Feb. 15– April 5)

#### **Stations of the Cross**

All Fridays in Lent—4pm 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



## Wesley House Family Services

A special thank you to St. Peter Catholic Church for donating, and our board member and MCSO Lieutenant, Lissette Quintero, for picking up diapers donated for our upcoming Healthy families Baby Shower!





RCIA candidates: Douglas Diederich with his sponsor, Sue Myers, and Laurie Lupton with her sponsor, Brandon Lupton and their son Jack, as Fr. Paul takes them through the RCIA Rite of Continuing Conversion.

## St. Peter Catholic Church



# Education Fund Scholarship Program

# Return Applications Rosalinda in the Parish Office



The St. Peter Catholic Church Education Fund mission is to help members of the parish pursue their educational goals. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. The funds are earmarked for tuition. Funding is limited and unfortunately, some candidates may receive less than the amount requested or may be denied a scholarship and invited to reapply the following year.

The requirements for applicants are as follows:

- A completed application .
- · Participation in Parish Ministries.
- $\triangle$  2.5 grade point average while attending high school, university, college, or vocational school, whichever is applicable.
- · An official transcript from the educational institution they are attending.
- Evidence of the efforts made to obtain funding from other sources, including but not limited to parents.

For more information, contact Rosalinda Hally at rosalinda@stpeterbk.org

#### Names of Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD) donors:

(If you do not see your name here, be aware that it takes the Archdiocese about 3 weeks to get the names back to us.)

#### Thank you donors for your generosity!

**Our goal this year is \$46, 728.00** 

Our Total so far is \$29,445.00 so we have \$17,283.00 to reach our goal.



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# Hallow's Lent Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge for 2023: Imitation of Christ



Help spread the word and share

https://hallow.com/pray40/



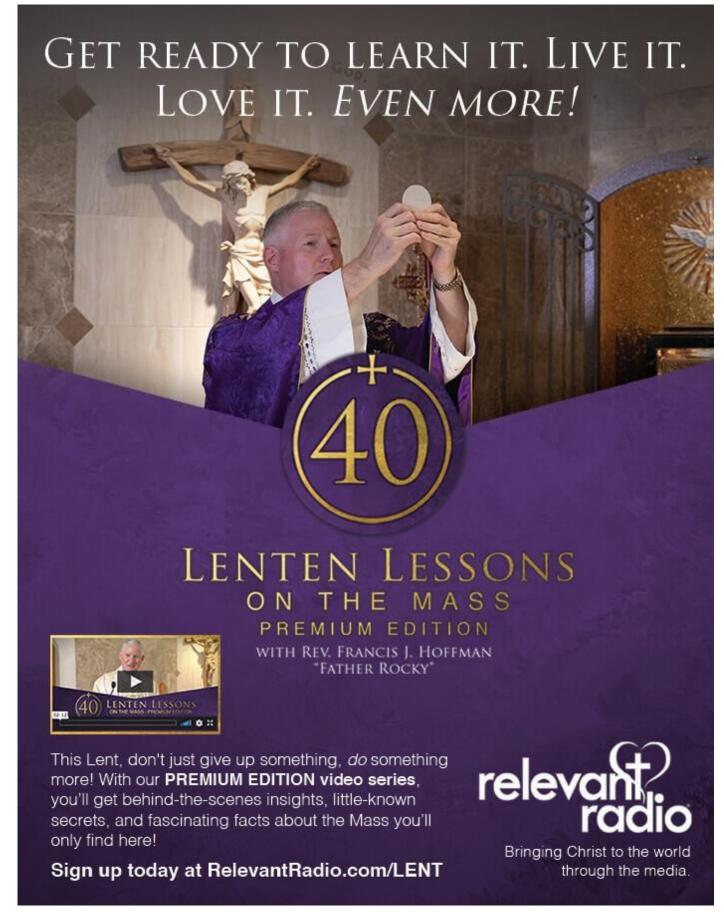
# **Religious Education**

students for
Reconciliation during Lent.
Fr. Paul will hear
student confessions on
Sunday, April 2.

There will be no Religious
Education classes this
Sunday, March 19—Monroe
County Schools are on
Spring Break this week.
Classes resume March 26.
On March 26 the Children's
Mass will be at 11am.
Parents and children are
encouraged to
attend Mass together.

Please keep our First
Communicant, Aiden
Stettner, and his parents
and teacher in your prayers
as he continues
preparations for
First Eucharist in May.

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



Join Relevant Radio and Fr. Rocky for Lenten Lessons on the Mass



## **Lobster Bake**











Congratulations to Cooper Bruce Graham who was Baptized by Fr. Paul on Tuesday, March 14.

Cooper is shown here with his Grandmother & sponsor, Sue Cummins, his mother Emily Sue Graham, his sisters Amelia and Regan, Fr. Paul, his father Wesley Graham, and Maria King.



From Fr. Paul—-a note of apology for last Sunday:

"About 8:00am, emails and phone calls went out to all the groups, ministries and leaders of the parish that Sunday Masses were cancelled due to the lack of water and the locking of all the restrooms.



The other Churches on Big Pine Key had all cancelled their Services, encouraging us to do likewise.

No sooner had the word gone out, than parishioners and visitors began arriving for the 8:30am Liturgy. Neither we, nor the absence of water and restrooms could stop them from desiring to celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Nor had the staff any time to re-email and re-call all those who had been called, to let them know the Church would be open to celebrate the 8:30am and 11:00am Divine Liturgies after all.

Please accept our apologies. We are sorry for last Sunday's mix-up.

The Gospel of John for the day was all about Jacob's well, water, the lack of a cup, the promise of living water to all who come to believe in the Church, the Messiah who spoke to the woman at the well. Coincidence? I'm not one to believe in mere coincidence.

Fr. Paul Milanowski

## **Hiring Now:**

# Organist/Music Coordinator St. Peter Catholic Church

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#### Email interest to:

Nancy McCrosson,
Property Manager/Bookkeeper



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!

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(cash or check only)

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

# 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 <a href="mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org">helpdesk@virtus.org</a> 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.



We have 5 parishioners
going to World Youth Day
in Lisbon, Portugal in July.
The painting displayed in the
Narthex, by Richard Threadgill,
when sold,
will help with their expenses.



Knights of Columbus
Lenten Fish Dinners
March 3, 17, 24, 31
5-7pm in the Parish Hall
\$15.00

### Menu:

grilled or fried Mahi fries, coleslaw, cornbread & dessert.

Takeout available



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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 <a href="mailto:nancy@stpeterbpk.org">nancy@stpeterbpk.org</a>

Thank you!



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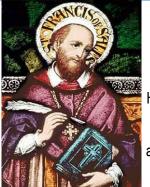
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Or Email <u>nancy@stpeterbpk.org</u>



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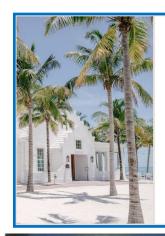
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