

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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

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AUGUST 13, 2023

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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: 4:50 pm to 5:20 pm
in the Church (or by appointment)

BAPTISMS, FUNERALS and WEDDINGS Please contact the office for more information.

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, August 12, 2023

5:30 pm: +Andrea Gleason by Joel Gleason

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:30am: +Genevieve C. Isaksen & Frank & Theresa
Cerchio by John Isaksen

11:00am: S.I. Annette Miller by Connie Hauk

Monday, August 14, 2023

9:00am: +Eliseo Pombo by His Friends & Family

6:00pm **Vigil for the Holy Day**
S.I. Donna & Darrell Dye by Connie Hauk

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 **Holy Day of Obligation** **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am: +Rodger Shafer by Lisa & Jack Lewis

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

9:00am: +Bob Harrell by Steve & Isabell Paul
S.I. Jack & Cindy Campbell (50th Wedding Anniv.)
by Margaret Burns

Thursday, August 17, 2023

9:00am : +Jim Burns & Deceased Family Members
by Margaret Burns

Friday, August 18, 2023

9:00am : Communion Service

Saturday, August 19, 2023

5:30pm: +Mary Doris Scheidell by Charlotte & Bill Rudy

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:30am: +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa
Cerchio by John Isaksen

11:00am: +Casper Orzel by Rita Orzel

This week in our parish:

Monday,

August 14, 2023

9:00am Mass

6pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Day

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Holy Day of Obligation,

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

9:00am Mass

Food Bank open 9:30-11:30am

Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:00am Mass

Friday, August 11, 2023

9am Communion Service

Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

Saturday, August 12, 2023

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:30am Mass

11am mass

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention

for August 2023:

For World Youth Day

We pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Visit our

Christian Book Exchange!!



TAKE A BOOK Browse the books on the cart 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 cart. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections:

Donations received: August 5-6, 2023

Due to multiple vacation schedules, the financial report for donations received on August 5 –6 and August 12-13 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

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:

Rachel Miles, Bill Carver, John Mescal, John Snyder, Javier Herrera, Ann Fisher, Pat and Connie Medina, Belle Medina-Ricasio, Beth Rodman, Flo Boyle, William Scheidell, Mike Graham, Tiffany Howard, Jim Oettle, Kate Menser Hughey, Marilyn Nichols, Mark Stump, Randy Reinhart, Fr. Peter Scott, Maria Wirshing, Ruth Fidler, Nita Bigelow, Olga Nunez, Br. Bud Luks, Dolores Gibson, John Spencer, Cornelia Meyers, Colleen Burns, Ted Kruzel, Larry Dorry, Katie Rocha, 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, Rosemary Farrell, Tyler Pappadakis, Howard Bleich, Marissa Sibucio & family, Donna and Darrell Dye, Riley Faith, Linda McCarthy, Janet Maxwell, Molly Mescal.

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.

Called to Serve Moms in Need



Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "*in haste*" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.¹ How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a

My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

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¹ Lori, Most Reverend William E. 2022. Homily for the Opening Mass of the 2022 National Prayer Vigil for Life. Delivered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. January 20, 2022. <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/archbishop-william-e-lori-opening-mass-2022-national-prayer-vigil-life>.

August Birthday
Blessings



Baptism of Parker Kulka



Reflections on World Youth Day from our pilgrims:



Kelly Threadgill: “My experience at World Youth Day in Lisbon was one of the best experiences I’ve ever been through. The highs of the pilgrimage included being able to see the Pope, experiencing the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with a million other Catholics from around the world, and being able to see us all united in one place for the Lord. Some lows would have been the extreme heat we experienced some days and the long travel days in the airports, but that was alright in the end. I’m so happy that I was able to go on this pilgrimage and meet so many others who share the same faith as me. It is something that I will never forget!”

Nate Frank: “I had an overall good experience. I would say the best part was when I got to see Pope Francis up close. We also visited Fatima and got to see the locations of the Marian Apparition and where the photograph of Jacinta, Lucia and Francisco was taken. I got to see a beautiful sunrise on the final day. Unfortunately, the worst part was probably the overnight portion. There were way too many people to be comfortable, and they kept playing loud music even after midnight, which made it very hard to sleep. The theme song in general, was just annoying.”

Alessandra Hally: “My trip was full of highs and lows, but mostly highs, which were endless. First was spending time with my Mom; we made memories together that will last a lifetime. I enjoyed seeing the different sights and buildings. Seeing Pope Francis in person—20 ft away was life changing. The food was so much better tasting than in the states too. The hardest part of this Pilgrimage was the Overnight Vigil, sleeping on the ground and having to deal with thousands of others around us. This was challenging because of the 100 degree heat during the day. After the Missioning Mass, we walked back to our hotel when the afternoon heat was setting in. I was not sure if I would make the walk back to the hotel. Overall it was a good experience and taught me to be humble and to be grateful for everything.”

Rowena Frank: “There were definitely a lot of high points to the World Youth Day experience. The best was meeting the pope up close. We waited over 3 hours in the sun to get a place on the path of the popemobile passing by. The reward was that we got to see him up close—I was ecstatic to see him! My other highlight was during Bishop Barron’s “Mercy” catechesis. He held the monstrance and walked around the camp with the bishops and priests following him. To see so many priests from different countries and orders all following the Eucharist was so touching. The most difficult part of the pilgrimage was walking during the heat—especially the walk to the Vigil Mass site. By the time we reached the site I was hot and exhausted! Overall it was an amazing experience and definitely worth going to!”

Rosalinda Hally: “One highlight of the Pilgrimage was seeing Pope Francis in person! Witnessing the enthusiasm of the youth gave me much joy and I can still hear the cheer from the Youth, “Esta es la juventud del Papa”. Other highlights were the days of Catechesis. We heard from Cardinal Sean O’Malley and Bishop Robert Barron, and celebrated Mass with hundreds of Catholics inspiring us with their message to the youth attending, and speaking to the issues in the culture the youth are facing now. Also, meeting young people from all over the world: Australia, Mexico, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Philippines and the USA! We exchanged rosaries that were made by our own Bargar Jackowski. We were also blessed to have 4 priests, 1 Deacon and our own Bishop Delgado accompanying us on this Pilgrimage. Some of the lows were: the walking was intense in the very high temperatures. The walk to the Vigil site was the most grueling for me.”



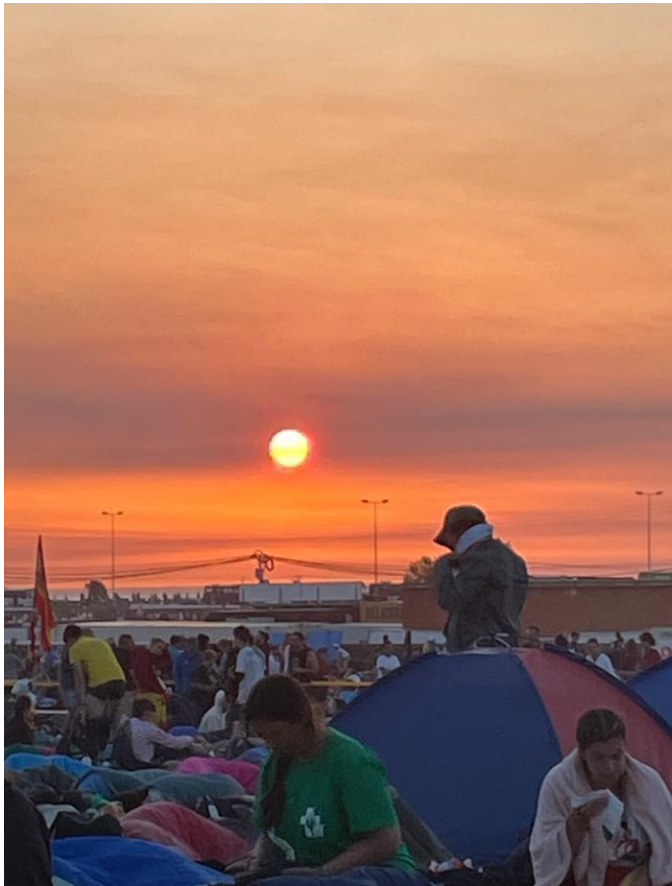
5 parishioners from St. Peter's (Rowena and Nate Frank, Rosalinda and Alessandra Hally and Kelly Threadgill) were part of a delegation of 55 from the Archdiocese of Miami who attended World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal August 1-6, 2023



Kelly got this nice close up of Pope Francis!



Bishop Robert Barron in Eucharistic Procession



Sunrise on Sunday morning



Fatima

Getting ready for camping out on the field for the Vigil Saturday night



Saturday Night on the field



Headed back to the hotel after Sunday Mass





Church in Tomar that was once a convent



Mass in Tomar with Bishop Delgado as Celebrant



Pilgrim walk





Prayer for Protection
from Hurricanes

**God Our Father, Creator and
Lord of the Universe,
you have set the earth on its
foundation and all the elements
of nature obey your command.**

**We humbly beseech you to
keep us safe from all dangers
and calm the storms
that threaten us.**

**May we be secure in your
loving protection and
serve you always
with grateful hearts.**

**We ask this through
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit;
one God
forever and ever. Amen.**



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

**We are in need of canned meats, hearty
soups, canned fruit and vegetables.
Pop top cans preferred.**

Thank you for your generous donations!

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

**Food Pantry Director, Lisa Ford can be reached
through the church office
at 305-872-2537**



**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!

Registration has begun for the 2023-2024 Religious Education Program! Classes begin on Sunday, September 18 at 9:45am.

Registration forms are located in the back of the church.

For more information about the Religious Education Program, please contact Rosalinda Hally at rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org

Back To School Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and
knowledge to guide your people
in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year,
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety,
we implore your mercy.

Protect our students, teachers,
and their families.

Give wisdom to the decision makers,
be they in our schools or in our homes.

Expand the horizons of our minds,
and deepen our commitment to seek
the truth of your ways.

Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need,
particularly those isolated and lonely.

In these days when so much has changed,
help us to trust in the love of your Son, Jesus,
our Divine Teacher, who is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.
Amen.

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

If seasonal parishioners who are Virtus
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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

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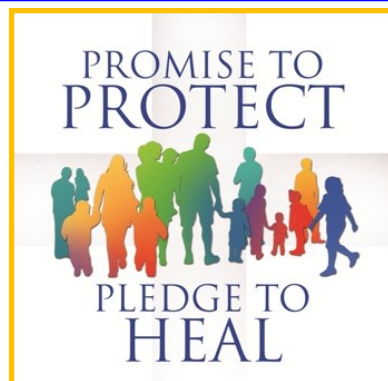
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(cash or check only)*

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



Do you like to sing?

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with us by joining our choir—even if only for the summer. We would love to include you in our choir at any one of our three weekend Masses.

Call the office, or talk to any choir member after Mass.



Calling for More Ushers!

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 to volunteer.



St. Peter Catholic Church Website

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!

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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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**Our Lady
of
Guadalupe,
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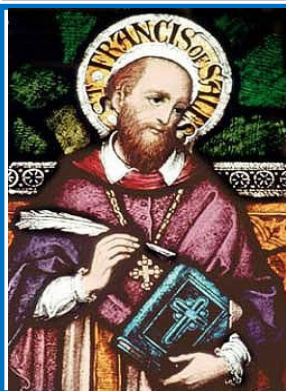


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Become a Knight!

Ask a Knight or call Dan Ford for
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Have no fear for what tomorrow may
bring. The same loving God who
cares for you today will take care of
you tomorrow and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering
or give you unfailing strength to bear
it. Be at peace, then, and put aside
all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

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