St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy Big Pine Key, Fl 33043



305-872-2537 Office: 9:30am-3:30pm Mon.-Fri. www.stpeterbpk.org

OCTOBER 1, 2023 26th 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

Debbie Krieger Deborah@stpeterbpk.org

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

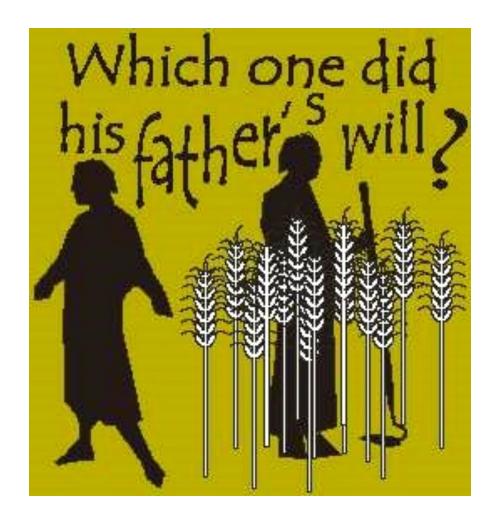
CONFESSIONS:

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, September 30, 2023

5:30 pm: +Mary Doris Scheidell by Clara Harrell

Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

11:00am: S.I. Margaret Burns (Birthday) by Angelina & Kevin Burns

Monday, October 2, 2023 9:00am: +John Finneran by Becky Parenty

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 9:00am: +Jeanette Czekaj by Carol Schulz

Wednesday October 4, 2023 9:00am: +Joseph Vinh Nguyen by Fr. Jets

Thursday, October 5, 2023 9:00am : +Mrs. Lois O'Hala by Fr. Jets

Friday, October 6, 2023 9:00am : Communion Service

Saturday, October 7, 2023 5:30pm: +Mary Doris Scheidell by Carol Schulz

Sunday, October 8, 2023 8:30am: +Rick McCusker (5th Anniversary of Death) by Michelle McCusker +America Rivera by Nancy & Vicente Lopez

11:00am: +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa Cerchio by John Isaksen

This week in our parish:

<u>Monday, October 2, 2023</u> 9:00am Mass Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm

> Tuesday, October 3, 2023 9:00amMass

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

9:00am Mass Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am Parish Meeting 6pm in the Hall

> Thursday, October 5, 2023 9:00am Mass

Friday, October 6, 2023

9am Communion Service Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

Saturday, October 7, 2023

8:00am Pumpkins Arrive 1pm Pumpkin Patch open until 6:30pm

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 8, 2023 8:30am Mass

9:45-10:45 K-grade 8 CCD classes in Ministry Center 11am mass

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for October 2023: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

<u>Visit our</u>

Christian Book Exchange!!



TAKE A BOOK Browse the

books <u>on</u> the cart 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 cart. Thank you for your generosity.



Collections:

STEWARDSHIP

Donations received: Sept. 23-24, 2023

1st Collection: \$ 3,001.00 (We appreciate these monthly tithings received!)

2nd Collection \$ 609.00 (Summer Blues)

Direct Debit: \$715.00 (weekly) Direct Debit Monthly \$2,380.00 Direct Debit (Summer Blues) \$535.00

Additional Once monthly Blue Building Fund Envelopes \$ 293.00

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:

Rachel Miles, Bill Carver, 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, Katie Rocha, Carmella Russo, Nathaniel Burgess, Penny Holum, Scott Bush, 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, Tim Age, Fr. Darin Robert, Maria Sims, Nancy Lopez, Rosemary Farrell, Tyler Pappadakis, Howard Bleich, Marissa Sibucao & family, Donna and Darrell Dye, Riley Faith, Linda McCarthy, Michael Buchard, Janet Maxwell, Molly Mescal, Joe Gregoria

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.

Monday, October 2 is the Feast of Guardian Angels

Guardian Angel Prayer

ANGEL OF GOD, my Guardian dear, To whom His love commits me here, Ever this day [or night] be at my side, To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen



A Meditation on the Feast of Guardian Angels by Pope St. John XXIII

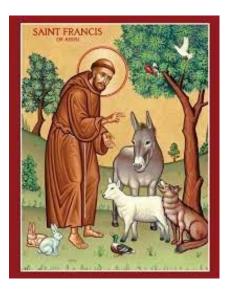
According to the teaching of the Roman catechism, we must remember how admirable was the intention of divine Providence in entrusting to the angels the mission of watching over all mankind, and over individual human beings, lest they should fall victims to the grave dangers which they encounter. In this earthly life, when children have to make their way along a path beset with obstacles and snares, their fathers take care to call upon the help of those who can look after them and come to their aid in adversity. In the same way our Father in heaven has charged his angels to come to our assistance during our earthly journey which leads us to our blessed fatherland, so that, protected by the angels' help and care, we may avoid the snares upon our path, subdue our passions and, under this angelic guidance, follow always the straight and sure road which leads to Paradise...

Everyone of us is entrusted to the care of an angel.

That is why we must have a lively and profound devotion to our own Guardian Angel, and why we should often and trustfully repeat the dear prayer we were taught in the days of our childhood.

May we never fail in this devotion to the angels! During our earthly pilgrimage we may often run the risk of having to face the natural elements in turmoil, or the wrath of men who may seek to do us harm. But our Guardian Angel is always present. Let us never forget him and always remember to pray to him.

Original quote translated from *Discorsi, Messaggi, Colloqui del Santo Padre Giovanni XXIII*, della Poliglotta Vaticana, Vol II: 1959-1960, p. 762.



<u>Blessing of Animals</u> Sunday, October 1 by the Pavilion after the 11am Mass

Although the Feast of St. Francis is on Wednesday, October 4, we will bless animals on Sunday the 1st.
All types of animals are welcome please make sure they are on a leash or in a crate or cage.



The Knights of Columbus will meet this Monday, October 2, in the Parish Ministry Center at 7pm.



All parishioners are invited to our Parish Meeting, Wednesday, October 4 at 6pm in the Parish Hall

We are trying something new to entice more participation in our parish family. There will be brief reports from each ministry as to their current events; an update from the pastor; followed by an opportunity for input from parishioners, and ending with refreshments and fellowship.

In order to expedite issues from parishioners, we ask that you submit to Fr. Jets ahead of time, the nature of your comments and your contact information. Please email him at

frjets@stpeterbpk.org.

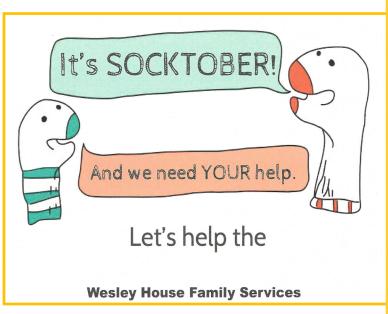
We look forward to another fruitful year at St. Peter's!



<u>We will pray the Respect Life Rosary</u> <u>in the Church:</u>

Saturday, September 30 from 5:00 to 5:25 (before 5:30 Mass)

<u>Sunday, October 1</u> (Respect Life Sunday) in between Masses: 10:25am to 10:50am in the Church



St. Peter's Pro-Life Ministry would like to help the Wesley House Family Services with their Socktober Drive by collecting new socks, (either boys or girls socks) sizes Toddler to Teens. Between now and October 31, if you would like to participate, purchase socks, bring them here to the Church, and place them in the basket with the Socktober flier.

Wesley House Family Services is a nationally accredited not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting and nurturing children and strengthening families with services spanning Monroe County, Florida.



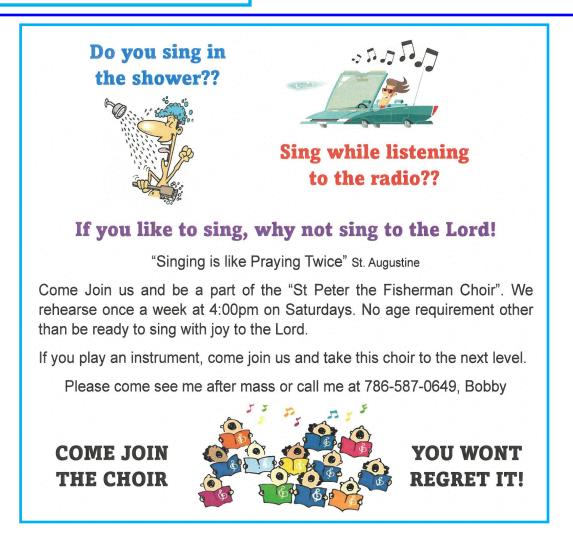
Last weekend we began the 2023-2024 Religious Education Program. We thank you, the parents, for entrusting your children to our program. Please know that we have been praying for you and your children as we embark on this new year. We are so very thankful for the teachers who have committed to share the good news of God's love for us.

We have 2 major Sacraments to celebrate this

year. Mrs. Colleen Earnshaw is preparing 7 students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Ms. Bethann McKay is preparing 6 students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Jesus in the Eucharist. Please continue to pray for this ministry and for our wonderful teachers, students

K-Gr. 6 CCD classes are held on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 in the Ministry Center and their families.

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





Proceeds are to support the Youth Group

CALLING ALL VENDORS FALL FESTIVAL & MARKET

One Day Only Monday, October 9th (Federal Holiday) 10:00 - 3:30 (vendor set up at 8am) ONLY \$20 a spot



Get all of the traffic heading home after the holiday weekend plus all of the locals looking to celebrate the season!

We welcome all vendors: food, crafts, non-profits, yard sale, etc

For a spot, contact Nancy McCrosson in the Parish Office at 305-872-2537.

St. Peter's Church 31300 Overseas Highway Big Pine Key

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Opening Saturday, October 7th at 1pm

Daily Hours 10am – 6:30pm

We now take credit cards!!

We are always looking for volunteers to patch sit or read to the children.

Contact Shelia at 305-340-7902

31300 Overseas Highway Big Pine Key

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, October 7th 8am- 12pm (or until truck is empty)



Please help bring back one of the season's favorite events!

We need help unloading the pumpkins. Many hands make light work!

We will have water and hot dogs and chips for the helpers. Bring a group!

Please contact Chris at 305-395-1566 with any questions.

31300 Overseas Highway Big Pine Key

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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.

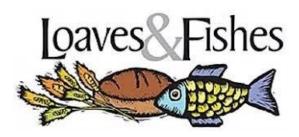
If this pertains to you, email <u>helpdesk@virtus.org</u> or call Virtus National at 1-888-847-8879 and have your account mirrored with the Archdiocese of Miami, St. Peter Church, Big Pine Key.

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI HOTLINE NUMBERS Statewide (DCF) Abuse Hotline

1-800-962-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) **Archdiocesan Abuse Hotline**

1-866-802-2873 Victim Assistance Coordinator Peter Routsis-Arroyo 1-866-802-2873



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!

ST PETER THE FISHERMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 2023 HURRICANE PARKING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners and Friends in the Community, As the 2023 hurricane season commences, we pray that God will protect us all. St. Peter parish is pleased to announce the opening of our Hurricane Parking Program.

A blessing in disguise by Hurricane Irma of September 2017, we thank God for our newly built church with some elevated parking spaces. As we provided with the 2022 Hurricane Season, the elevated parking spaces were used by vehicles of our community First Responders, our Community Food Pantry Volunteers, and essential Parish Staff and Volunteers of St. Peter Church to help mobilize recovery efforts when needed.

It remains our promise to Trauma Star Air Ambulance and imperative to ensure our driveways and accesses are free of vehicles for Monroe County Fire Rescue and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department to timely and safely navigate to our St. Peter field designated Landing Zone.

In the event this 2023 Hurricane year offers unused designated parking lot spots, it is our intent to extend this St. Peter Hurricane Parking Program to other essential members of our Big Pine community who remain here during evacuations to help in recovery efforts, such as lead workers of our local groceries, drug stores, hardware stores, utility offices and BPK churches.

The Manager or Pastor of each entity may themselves email our Property Manager, Nancy McCrosson at <u>nancy@stpeterbpk.org</u> for a request form and parking guidelines for <u>one</u> emergency parking spot for the Manager or Pastor or their designated essential employee.

We hope and pray that we are spared this hurricane season but be assured that St. Peter parish will be here to help our community when needed. St. Peter, pray for us.



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.

God bless, Fr. Jets

We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for:





Broil Steakhouse

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.



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 <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!

Advertise in our Bulletin!

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

Dear Parishioners,

Are you interested in advertising your business and promoting your company with a trusted resource that Parish families use every day?

Your Ad will include:

Full size business card spot. A digital business ad displayed on the Parishes Online - www.stpeterbpk.org with a direct link to your website.

An annual price of \$600.00 per calendar year.

Not a "Business Owner"? As a parishioner, support this vital church fundraiser, become a "Friend of St. Peter Church," buy an annual full size business card square displaying your family name.

Your advertisement supports the in-parish office publication of our weekly **bulletin.** The bulletin is *the most* trusted resource that Parishioners use when they need services, targeting a responsible and responsive family market.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING WORKS!

- You have a captive audience your church Community
- A reliable source of referrals or word of mouth advertising

 Potential customers will see your business name every week, building awareness

- Affordable local, targeted community advertising
- Shows your support for your community, in turn parishioners will support you
- Your business seen as a trusted source by parish families
- Church bulletin advertising is a key component to an effective marketing strategy
- 97% of Catholic Church bulletins taken home every single week

• 85% of church bulletins are kept and referred to during the week keeping your name and phone number right at hand.

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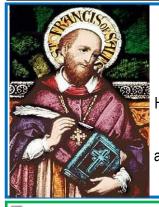
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Have no fear for what tomorrow may bring. The same loving God who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside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

St. Francis DeSales

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ADVERTISE WITH US!

Contact Nancy in the Parish Office {305}872-2537

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



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us.



Answer the call! The Knights need a few good men. Become a Knight!

Ask a Knight or call Dan Ford for information: 931-206-9487



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Our new mobile unit is now serving Key Largo, Marathon, and Big Pine!



Call for an appointment or visit

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