

# St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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

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## OCTOBER 8, 2023

## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH STAFF:

#### Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

#### Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

Nancy McCrosson  
[nancy@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:nancy@stpeterbpk.org)

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[connie@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:connie@stpeterbpk.org)

Debbie Krieger  
[Deborah@stpeterbpk.org](mailto: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



"The Stone that  
the builders  
rejected has  
become the  
cornerstone."

# 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, October 7, 2023

**5:30 pm:** +Mary Doris Scheidell by Carol Schulz

### Sunday, October 8, 2023

**8:30am:** +Rick McCusker (5th Anniversary of Death) by  
Michelle McCusker

+America & Domingo Rivera by Nancy & Vicente Lopez

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

### Monday, October 9, 2023

**9:00am:** S.I. Fr. Tony Mullane by St. Peter Parishioners

### Tuesday, October 10, 2023

**9:00am:** +Anne Mescal & Deceased Family Members  
by Margaret Burns

### Wednesday October 11, 2023

**9:00am:** +Louis J. Huard, Sr. by John & Pauline Snyder

### Thursday, October 12, 2023

**9:00am :** +Theresa Millard by Rita Orzel

### Friday, October 13, 2023

**9:00am :** Communion Service

### Saturday, October 14, 2023

**5:30pm:** S.I. Burns & Mescal Families  
by Margaret Burns

### Sunday, October 15, 2023

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

**11:00am:** +June O. McCann by Rosalinda Hally

## This week in our parish:

### Monday, October 9, 2023

9:00am Mass

Fall Festival & Market 10am-3:30pm

Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

### Tuesday, October 10, 2023

9:00am Mass

Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

### Wednesday, October 11, 2023

9:00am Mass

Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

### Thursday, October 12, 2023

9:00am Mass

Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

### Friday, October 13, 2023

9am Communion Service

Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

### Saturday, October 14, 2023

8:00am

Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

5:30pm vigil Mass

### Sunday, October 15, 2023

8:30am Mass

9:45-10:45

K-grade 8 CCD classes in Ministry Center

11am mass

Pumpkin Patch Open 10am-6:30pm

### 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.



*Thank You*

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,  
TALENT AND TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP

### **Collections:**

**Donations received: Sept. 30-Oct.1, 2023**

**1st Collection: \$ 2, 192.00**

**2nd Collection \$ 1,187.00 (Summer Blues)**

**Direct Debit: \$ 715.00 (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:

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 Sibucio & family, Donna and Darrell Dye, Riley Faith, Linda McCarthy, Michael Buchard, Janet Maxwell, Molly Mescal, Joe Gregoria, Carl Crouch.

**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.



OCTOBER 2023



We will pray the Rosary for Life

Sunday, October 15

( in between Masses)

10:30am to 10:55am in the  
Church

It's SOCKTOBER!

And we need YOUR help.

Let's help the

**Wesley House Family Services**

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.





## **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 and their families.

For more information about the Religious Education Program, please contact

Rosalinda Hally at

[rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org)

### **No classes this weekend (Columbus Day Weekend)**

next week, K-Gr. 6 CCD classes will resume— on Sundays from

9:45-10:45 in the  
Ministry Center



**The Knights of  
Columbus will be  
participating in  
Eden Pines'**

**Halloween Trick or Treat  
Evening this year. They would  
be grateful for any donations  
of individually wrapped  
candies (not chocolate please)  
that they can distribute. There  
is a container in the Narthex of  
the Church for your donations.**

**Thank you for your  
generosity!**

**Do you sing in  
the shower??**



**Sing while listening  
to the radio??**

**If you like to sing, why not sing to the Lord!**

"Singing is like Praying Twice" St. Augustine

Come Join us and be a part of the "St Peter the Fisherman Choir". We rehearse once a week at 4:00pm on Saturdays. No age requirement other than be ready to sing with joy to the Lord.

If you play an instrument, come join us and take this choir to the next level.

Please come see me after mass or call me at 786-587-0649, Bobby

**COME JOIN  
THE CHOIR**



**YOU WONT  
REGRET IT!**

# FALL FESTIVAL & MARKET

**\*ONE DAY ONLY EVENT\***

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**(Federal Holiday)**

**10:00 - 3:30**

Pumpkin  
Decorating

Food  
Vendors

Family  
Fun

Kids Games



**BIG PINE KEY**

Carving  
Contest

Apple  
Cider

Craft  
Vendors

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Proceeds are to support the Youth Group

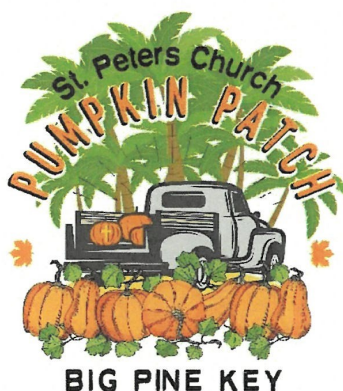
# CALLING ALL VENDORS FALL FESTIVAL & MARKET

**\*One Day Only\***

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> (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!**

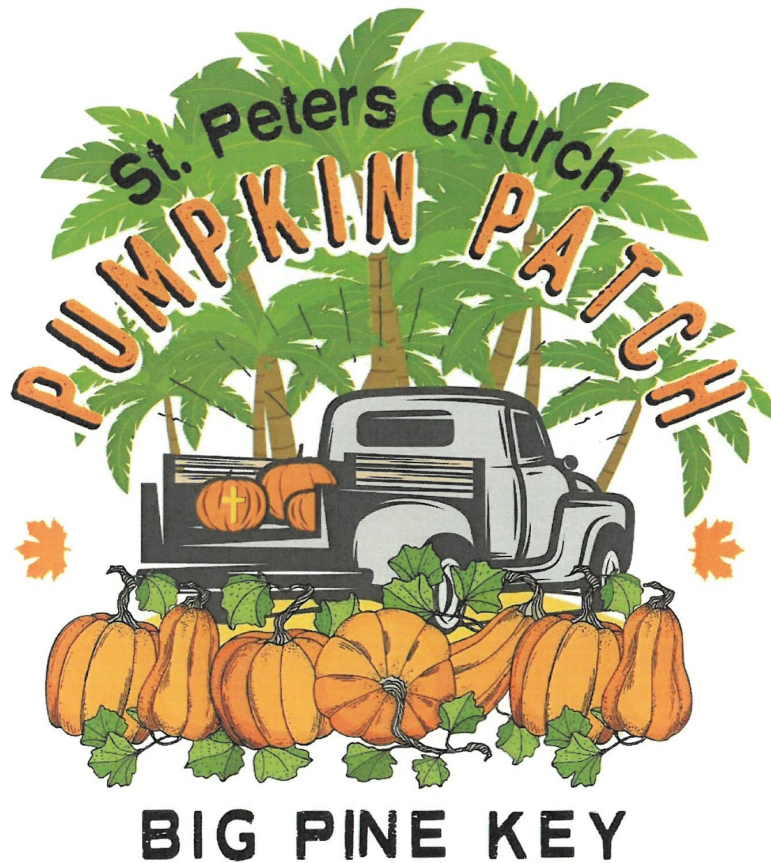
**We welcome all vendors: food, crafts, non-profits, yard sale, etc**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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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### **Virtus: (Protecting God's Children and Vulnerable Adults)**

If seasonal parishioners who are Virtus certified with their "back home" parish are volunteering at St. Peter's, 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](mailto: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](mailto:Ellen@stpeterbpk.org)

### **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 **[nancy@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:nancy@stpeterbpk.org)** for a request form and parking guidelines for one 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.*

*God bless, Fr. Jets*



### **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.**

**We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for:**



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**Jolly Mon Pub & Grill**



**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  
<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 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,

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**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.

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- 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](mailto:nancy@stpeterbpk.org)

**Thank you!**



## October Birthday Blessings





**Blessing of Pets  
Sunday, October 1  
(in anticipation of  
St. Francis' Feast  
Day October 4)**











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of  
Guadalupe,  
Pray for Us.**

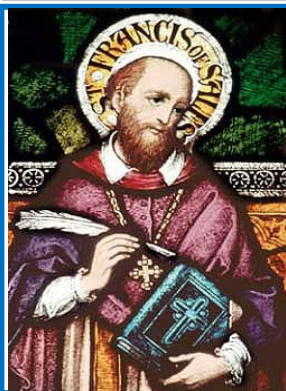


**Answer the call!**

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a few good men.

**Become a Knight!**

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



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.  
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it. Be at peace, then, and put aside  
all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

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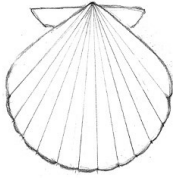
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