

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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Big Pine Key, FL 33043



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

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

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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: 4:50 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

*Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."
✠ Matthew 18:21-22*



The freedom of forgiveness.

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 16, 2023

5:30 pm: +Mary Doris Scheidell
by Steve & Isabel Paul

Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

11:00am: +Jim Burns & Deceased Family Members
by Margaret Burns

Monday, September 18, 2023

9:00am: +Leanna Pacukonas by Kollars Family

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

9:00am: S.I. Living & Deceased members of the
Kollars, Pacukonas & Willour Families

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

9:00am: +America Rivera by Becky Parenty

Thursday, September 21, 2023

9:00am : S.I. Birthdays: Taylor Austin, Beckham
Brindley & Cheri Brindley by John & Pauline Snyder

Friday, September 22, 2023

9:00am : Communion Service

Saturday, September 23, 2023

5:30pm: +James Miller by John & Virginia Quinn

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30am: +Patrick Majewski
by Chuck & Nancy McCrosson

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

This week in our parish:

Monday, September 18, 2023

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

9:00am Mass

Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

Thursday, September 21, 2023

9:00am Mass

Friday, September 22, 2023

9am Communion Service

Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

Saturday, September 23, 2023

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30am Mass

9:45-10:45

K-grade 8 CCD classes in Ministry Center
11am mass

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for September 2023:

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane living conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of lesser importance.

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: Sept. 9-10, 2023

1st Collection: \$ 2,143.00

2nd Collection \$ 575.00 (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

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.

Grandparents'
blessing on
Grandparent's
Day



Our Music Director: Robert “Bobby” T. Briele, Jr.

Bobby has loved music since the day he was born. He feels God has led him step by step to be involved with the Catholic Church through his singing, as a composer of Sacred Music, and now as a Music Director. He graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Composition from the University of Florida. His Master’s Degree is in Composition and Music Ministry. As a composer, he would like to expand his horizons and learn more about writing Sacred Music.

Some of his compositions have been played at St. Augustine Church Catholic Student Center and the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, Florida, and now here at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Big Pine Key.

He believes that a new kind of Sacred Music will revitalize the Catholic Church in new ways. His desire is to create a style of Sacred Music with both traditional and contemporary characteristics. Bobby has sung with the Schola Cantorum at Little Flower Church, the Miami Chorale, Voices of Miami, the Florida Opera Prima, St. Augustine Music Ministry and is now proud to be a Music Director at St. Peter’s.

We are very grateful to God for having Bobby share his gifts and talents with us, together with his very supportive parents, Ada and Bob, Sr!



Blessing of Animals

**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.



We will pray the Respect Life Rosary in the Church:

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

Sunday, October 1 (Respect Life Sunday) in between Masses:

10:25am to 10:50am in the Church

Sunday, October 15 (in between Masses)

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

FALL FESTIVAL & MARKET

ONE DAY ONLY EVENT

Monday, October 9th

(Federal Holiday)

10:00 - 3:30

Pumpkin
Decorating

Food
Vendors

Family
Fun

Kids Games



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Carving
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Vendors

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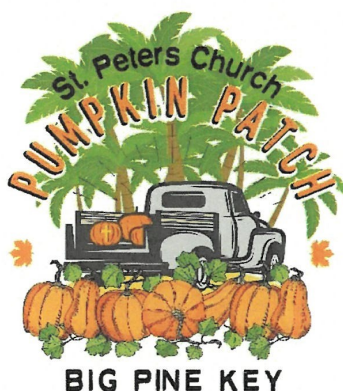
CALLING ALL VENDORS FALL FESTIVAL & MARKET

One Day Only

Monday, October 9th (Federal Holiday)

10:00 - 3:30 (vendor set up at 8am)

ONLY \$20 a spot



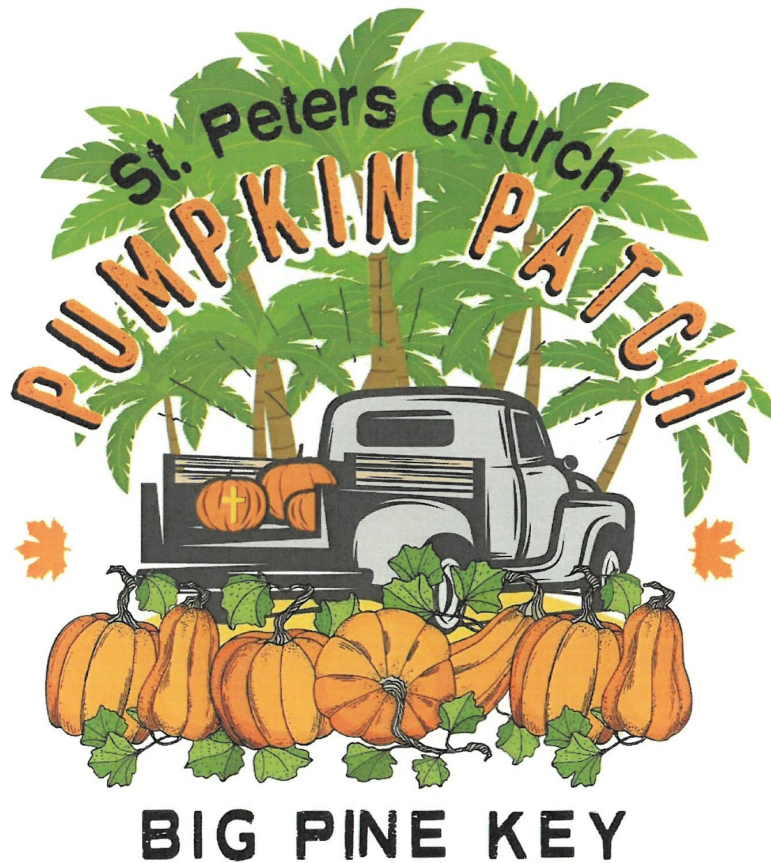
Get all of the traffic heading home after the holiday weekend plus all of the locals looking to celebrate the season!

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
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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

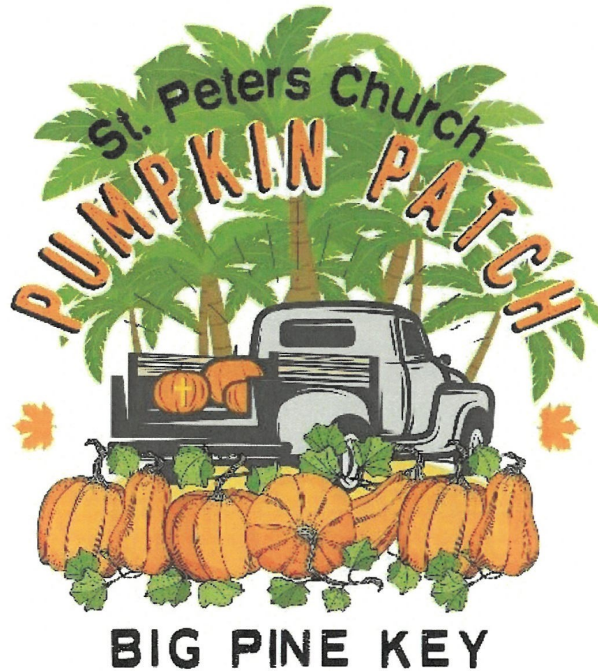
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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

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.

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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 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

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!



Thus weekend we begin 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 and their families.

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

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** 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:



Square Grouper Bar & Grill



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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.



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!

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:

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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.

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- 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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**Our Lady
of
Guadalupe,
Pray for Us.**

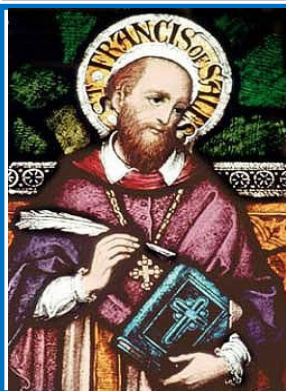


Answer the call!

The Knights need
a few good men.

Become a Knight!

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



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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