

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

25TH 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

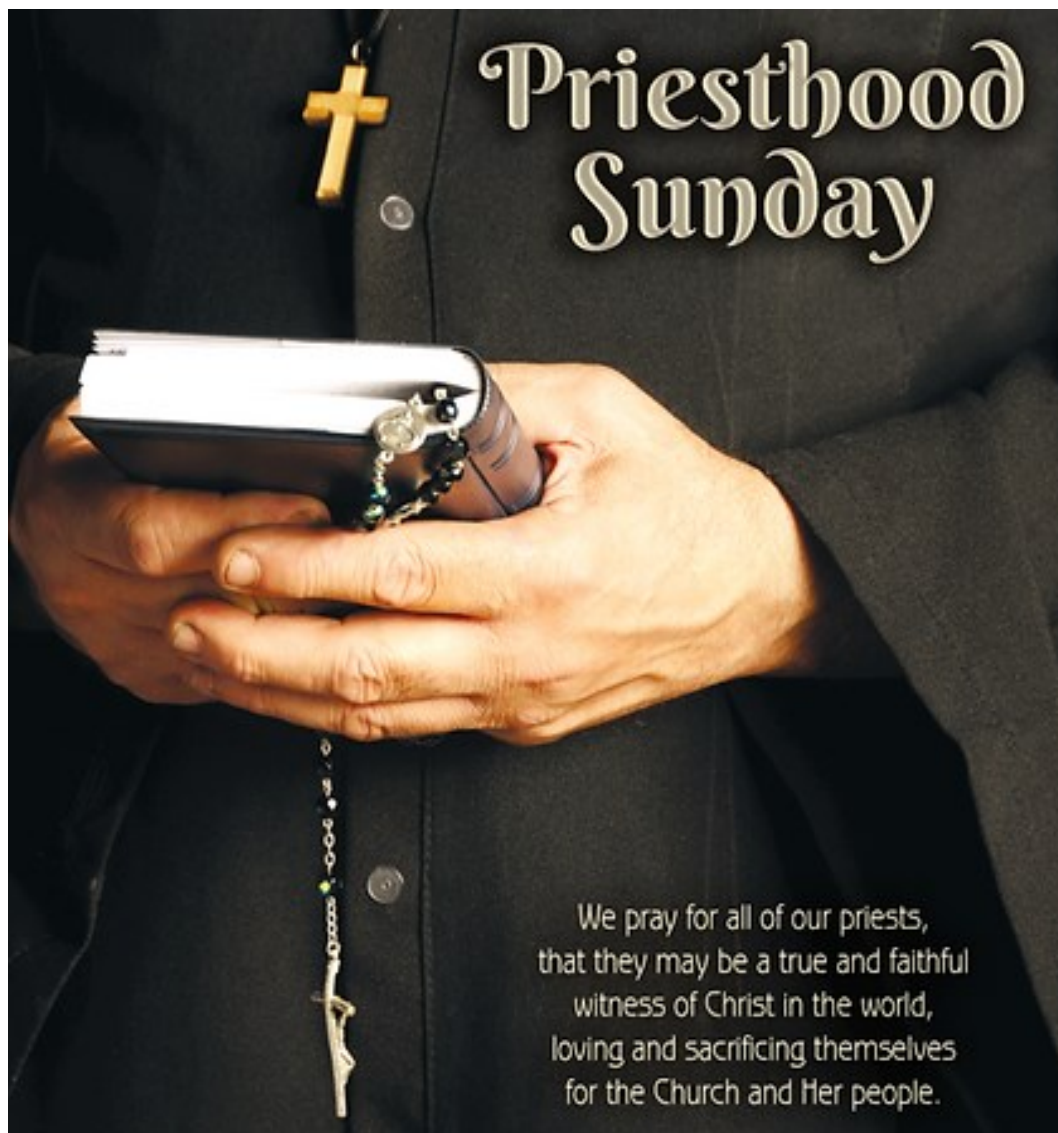
Holy Day Mass 9 am

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 23, 2023

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

Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

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

Monday, September 25, 2023

9:00am: +America Rivera by Connie Hauk

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

9:00am: +John Finneran by Connie Hauk

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:00am: S.I. Howard Bleich by Connie Hauk

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9:00am : S.I Canice Kobus (Birthday) by Connie Hauk

Friday, September 29, 2023

9:00am : Communion Service

Saturday, September 30, 2023

5:30pm: +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

This week in our parish:

Monday, September 25, 2023

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:00am Mass

Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9:00am Mass

Friday, September 29, 2023

9am Communion Service

Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

Saturday, September 30, 2023

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 1, 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. 16-17, 2023

1st Collection: \$ 1,670.00

2nd Collection \$ 246.00 (Summer Blues)

Direct Debit: \$ 715.00 (weekly)

**Once monthly Blue Building Fund
Envelopes \$ 353.00**

**Thank you to those of you
who regularly mail your donations to us,
and Thank You to those of you who elect-
ed 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.



Last weekend, Fr. Jets shared with us his relic of the True Cross, and all of us, at the weekend Masses, got to see and venerate this amazing holy relic.



Last Thursday, Sept. 14, the universal Catholic Church celebrated The Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross — that is, *the physical wood* of the Cross of Jesus. When the Emperor Constantine became a Christian on the year 312, his mother, also a Christian, St. Helen, went to Israel to search for the Cross on which Jesus died. Three crosses were found near Calvary and of the three, one healed a woman who was dying and that one was identified as the cross of Christ. Constantine built a large basilica over the spot where Calvary and the tomb of Jesus were located (they are only about 15 or 20 feet from one another). The basilica was finished on September 13, 335 and the next day the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross was celebrated for the first time and has been celebrated every year thereafter. Later the Cross had fallen into the hands of the Persians. Emperor Heraclius recovered this precious relic and brought it back to Jerusalem in the year 629.

Fr Jets:

“One of the greatest gifts I received after my ordination to the priesthood was from another priest, a mentor close to my heart ,who died a few months after my ordination. The gift was a relic... and the tiny relic was from the true Cross of Jesus. And it’s with us here today. I’m happy to share it with you along with its Certificate of Authenticity...”

This weekend we celebrate Priesthood Sunday—a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Today we thank, pray for, and support our priests—especially our Pastor, Fr. Jets Medina. Many priests have touched our lives. We thank them for saying yes to following in Jesus’ footsteps and caring for the people of God.



We welcome Fr. Jim Vick who is helping us out while Fr. Jets is in Miami at the Diocesan Priests Convocation and Retreat. Fr. Jim is a former parishioner who, when he lived here, was a Dentist working with Dr. William Tycoliz in Summerland Key. That is, when he wasn't busy "volunteering" for Fr. Tony's projects. One of the projects was to chip coral rock for the altar, and another, to write and direct our first Outdoor Stations of the Cross here at St. Peter's. He decided to return to his home state of Tennessee, and studied at Conception College Seminary in Missouri and the University of St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary, and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Knoxville, Tennessee in 1999. His first assignment was as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and School in Chattanooga, Tenn. He is presently the Pastor of St. Bridget's Church in Dayton, Tennessee. He has been Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry, Chattanooga Deanery since 1999. He is also the Grants Chair for St. Mary's Legacy Foundation and on the Board of the Pope Francis Trust Fund for the Poor. He teaches Bible Study classes at St. Bridget's and loves to go hiking in his spare time.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need
to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

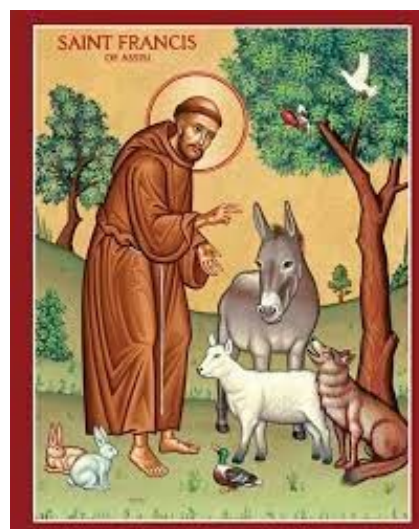
September Anniversary Blessings



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 at least a week ahead, 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!



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.

OCTOBER 2023



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



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.

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, stu-
dents and their families.

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



**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 WON'T
REGRET IT!**



CCD Parents and Catechists' Blessings on Catechetical Sunday at 11am Mass Sept. 17



CCD Student Blessings at 11am Mass on Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 17



FALL FESTIVAL & MARKET

ONE DAY ONLY EVENT

Monday, October 9th

(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

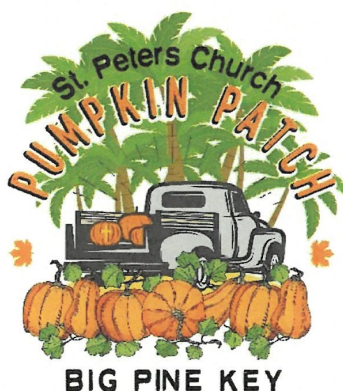
CALLING ALL VENDORS FALL FESTIVAL & MARKET

One Day Only

Monday, October 9th (Federal Holiday)

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

ONLY \$20 a spot



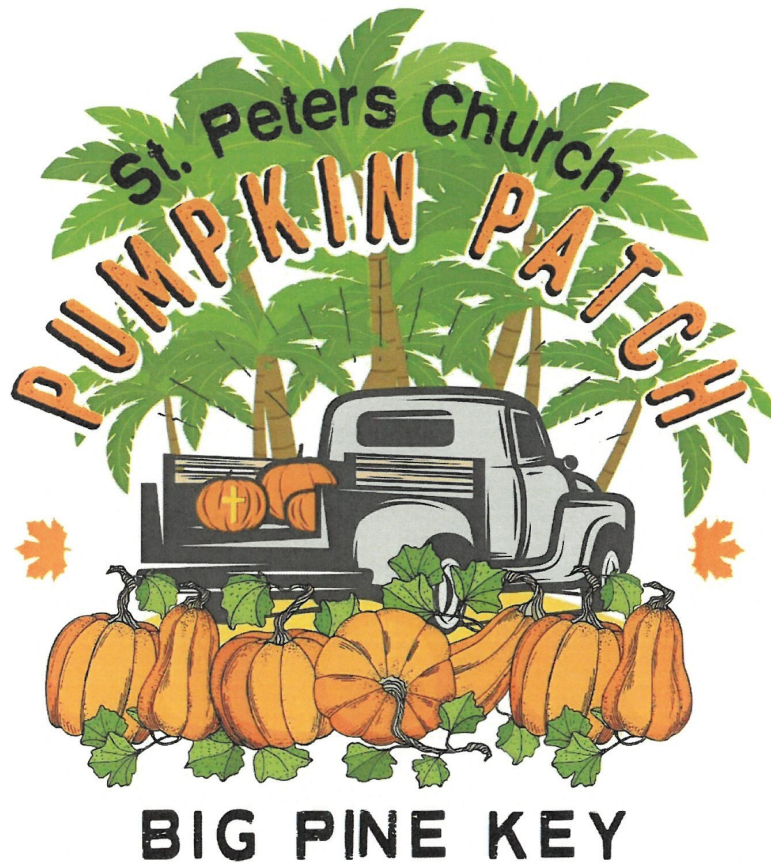
Get all of the traffic heading home after the holiday weekend plus all of the locals looking to celebrate the season!

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

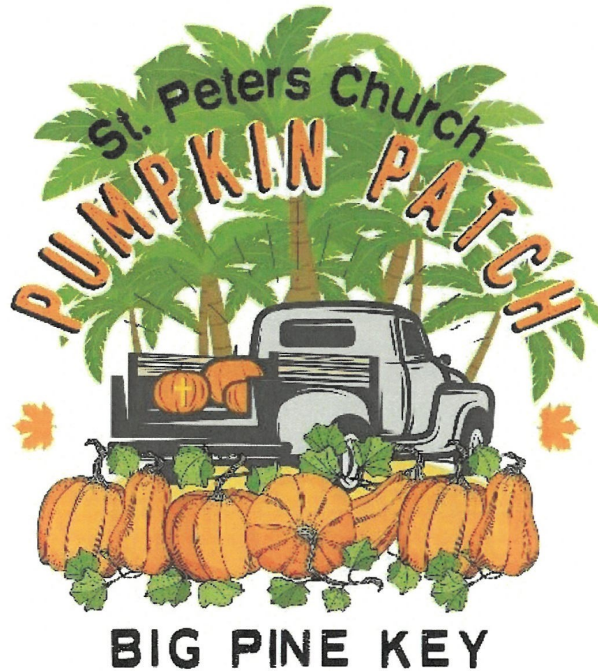
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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

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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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 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!

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



Milagro Restaurant & Bar



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,

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

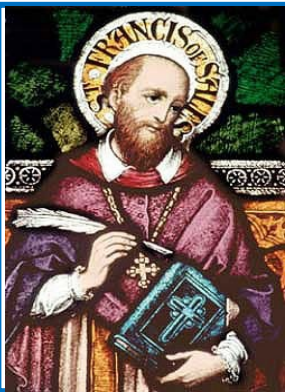


Answer the call!

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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