

# St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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

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## OCTOBER 22, 2023

## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH STAFF:

#### Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

#### Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

Nancy McCrosson  
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Connie Hauk  
[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

And he said to them, Whose is this image and superscription?

They say to him, Caesar's. Then said he to them, Render therefore to Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:20-21



Pope Francis has declared Friday, October 27th a World Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

# 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 21, 2023

**5:30 pm:** +Matthew P. Deane by John & Virginia Quinn

### Sunday, October 22, 2023

**8:30am:** S.I. Frank Sergi by Chuck & Nancy McCrosson

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

### Monday, October 23, 2023 (Communion Service)

**9:00am:** S.I. Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Peter  
Church

### Tuesday, October 24, 2023

**9:00am:** S.I. Pope Francis & Synod Delegates to the  
Synod on Synodality

### Wednesday October 25, 2023

**9:00am:** S.I. World Peace—especially in the Holy Land  
and Ukraine

### Thursday, October 26, 2023

**9:00am :** S.I. Donna & Darrell Dye by Connie Hauk

### Friday, October 27, 2023

**9:00am :** Communion Service

**Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in the Holy Land  
and Ukraine .**

### Saturday, October 28, 2023

**5:30pm:** +Joanne Maltby by Richard & Barbara Shenk

### Sunday, October 29, 2023

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

**11:00am:** S.I. Religious Education Program Students  
& Families

## This week in our parish:

### Monday, October 23, 2023

9:00am Communion Service  
Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

### Tuesday, October 24, 2023

9:00am Mass  
Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

### Wednesday, October 25, 2023

9:00am Mass  
Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am  
Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

### Thursday, October 26, 2023

9:00am Mass  
Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm

### Friday, October 27, 2023

### **Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine.**

9am Communion Service  
Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm  
Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

### Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:00am  
Pumpkin Patch open 10am-6:30pm  
5:30pm vigil Mass

### Sunday, October 29, 2023

8:30am Mass  
9:45-10:45  
K-grade 8 CCD classes in Ministry Center  
11am Children's 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

### **Collections:**

**Donations received: October 14-15, 2023**

**1st Collection: \$ 2,812.00**

**2nd Collection \$ 559.00 (Summer Blues)**

**Direct Debit: \$ 715.00 (weekly)**

**Once monthly Blue Building Fund  
Envelopes for October \$323.00**

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

**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

On Saturday, October 28th, at  
5:00pm—before the 5:30 Mass.

Please check out the Respect Life  
display in the Narthex and help  
yourself to the prayer cards and  
other resources there.

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.

**November 1 is All Saints Day—  
A Holy Day of Obligation**

The Vigil Mass will be Tuesday,  
October 31 at 5:30pm. You are  
welcome to come to Mass in your  
Halloween costumes!

The Holy Day Mass will be at 9:00am  
Wednesday, November 1



**November 2 is All Souls Day** Our **All Souls Novena** will be  
from November 2-November 10. If you would like to enroll  
loved ones in our Novena, please fill out one of the  
envelopes available in the back of the church and return it by  
November 1 to the office or in the weekend collection.

The envelopes will remain on the altar  
November 2 through November 10th.

**Why do Catholics venerate  
relics of saints?**

- to honor the saints, NOT worship them like God
- by honoring their memories, bodies and belongings, we give thanks to God for the saints' holy "witness" or good examples
- saints "intercede" for us; they help us pray to God for what we need (ex. child from Brazil healed from pancreatic disorder in 2013 through the intercession of Bl. Carlo Acutis)
- in the presence of relics we recall the saints' holy lives and we pray for the grace to achieve what they've achieved — to be with God in Heaven!





Can you help??

**Fr. Paul Milanowski and his brother Mike** are looking for an affordable place to rent for the months of

January and February here in the lower Keys, as they hope to escape the chilly Michigan weather for a month or two this winter.

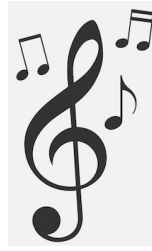
You may remember Fr. Paul from the 4 months he spent filling in for Fr. Jets last winter when Fr. Jets was on Sabbatical in Rome.

**If you can help, please call our St. Peter office at 305-872-2537**



Thanks to the organizers of the Zombie Bike Ride on Big Pine Key October 21 at 5pm (starting at the Bike Shop).

They are donating the proceeds to our St. Peter Food Pantry. We thank them for their generosity!



## **Singers and musicians wanted.**

Be a part of a Christmas concert presented by the Lower Keys Community Choir & Keys Chamber Orchestra. Singers and select experienced orchestral musicians needed. Rehearsals begin October 22 on Big Pine Key. Performances are December 5, 6 & 7.

For information contact  
[keyschamberorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:keyschamberorchestra@gmail.com)



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!



## **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.

K-Gr. 8 CCD classes  
Sundays from 9:45-10:45 in the  
Ministry Center

For more information about the Religious Education Program, please contact Rosalinda Hally at [rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org)



**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.

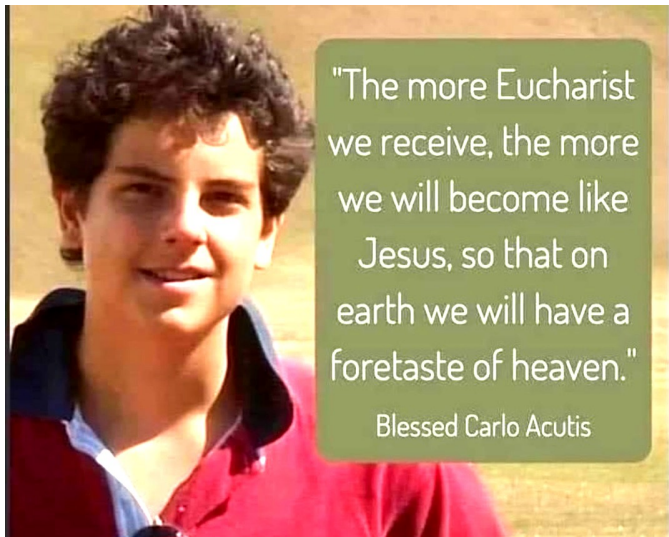
If you play an instrument, come join us and take this choir to the next level.

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

**COME JOIN  
THE CHOIR**



**YOU WONT  
REGRET IT!**



"The more Eucharist  
we receive, the more  
we will become like  
Jesus, so that on  
earth we will have a  
foretaste of heaven."  
Blessed Carlo Acutis



Here is the link for the website of the Eucharistic Miracles that Bl. Carlo Acutis designed and created: <http://www.miracolieucaistici.org/en/Liste/download.html>

Last Sunday, October 15th, during CCD, the classes were treated to a film about the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Fr. Jets reviewed the film with them and then displayed a 3rd class relic of Acutis which the students and other parishioners and parents had a chance to venerate. Carlo Acutis was a young Italian boy who died at the age of 15 in 2006. His interests included computer programming, film editing, website creation, editing and layout of comics, and volunteering for those most in need—children and the elderly. But he had a bigger love for the Holy Eucharist. He created a catalog of numerous Eucharistic miracles which have occurred around the world.

"Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us"

October  
Anniversary Blessings



We're so *Thankful* for you!

Winn-Dixie

Get all your Thanksgiving groceries with the best bag!  
When you buy this \$2.99 reusable Community Bag at our designated Winn-Dixie during the month of **November**, it sends us \$1 to benefit our community.

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Community Bag Program



Loaves & Fishes



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

An update on your Food Pantry Activity:

**Dear Parishioners: Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

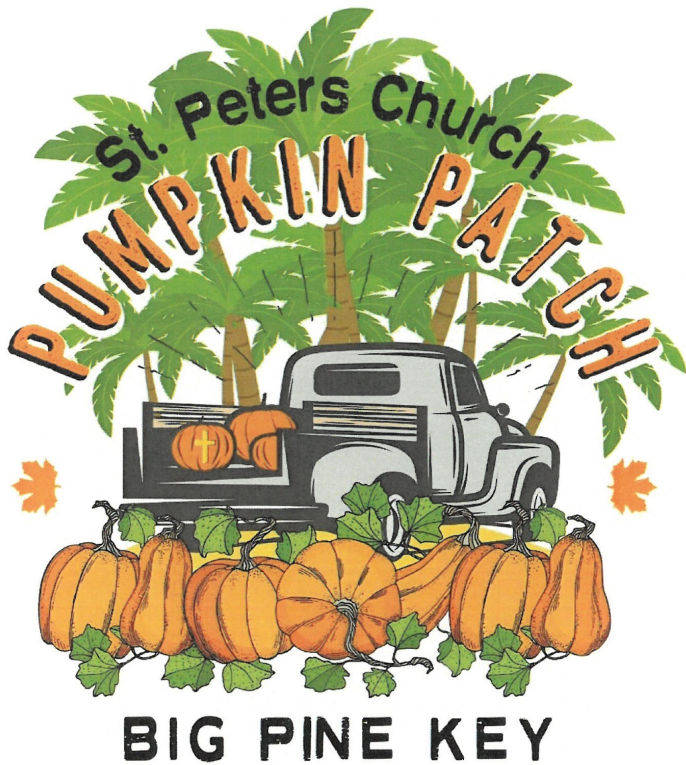
We continue to assist many people in the community enduring difficult times and needing food. **The Thanksgiving holiday is fast approaching, and we are starting to collect food items. Most needed for Thanksgiving are:** canned or instant potatoes, gravy, dressing mix, pie crust, canned goods such as green beans, peas, corn, sweet potatoes, pie filling, cranberry sauce. We are grateful for any food or monetary donations. We have a generous donation of turkeys from a resort in Key West. Thank you for caring and helping us bring **HOPE & JOY** into the lives of many people! Please leave your donations on the Food Pantry cart by the entrance to the Church before/after Mass.

Please bring your food items **no later than November 12th.**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

***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**



**October 9th Fall Festival report:**

**Fall Festival: 35 Vendors \$540.00**  
(non-profit organizations were not charged a vendor fee)

**Pumpkin Patch on Fall Festival Day:**

**Non-Pumpkin Sales: \$616.11**  
**Pumpkin Sales Fall Festival Day: \$1,630.00**  
(the percentage due the Youth Group will be determined after the gross receipts for the entire month are tabulated—the percentage due the Youth Group will be determined then)

Open daily through October 31

**10am--6:30pm**

**We are in need of volunteers to Patch Sit**  
**or read to visiting school students**

**To volunteer, please call Sheila at 305-340-7902**

Proceeds support St. Peter's Youth Group



**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 [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)

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(1-800-962-2873)

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**Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Peter Routsis-Arroyo  
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**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:

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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.

**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!**



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

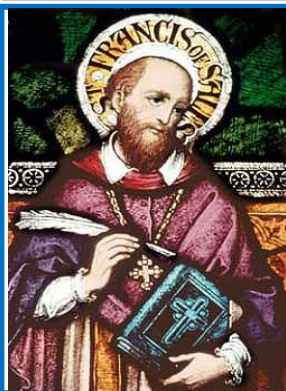


**Answer the call!**

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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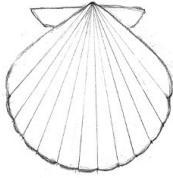
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