

# St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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

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## NOVEMBER 19, 2023

### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### PARISH STAFF:

##### Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

##### Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

Nancy McCrosson  
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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.

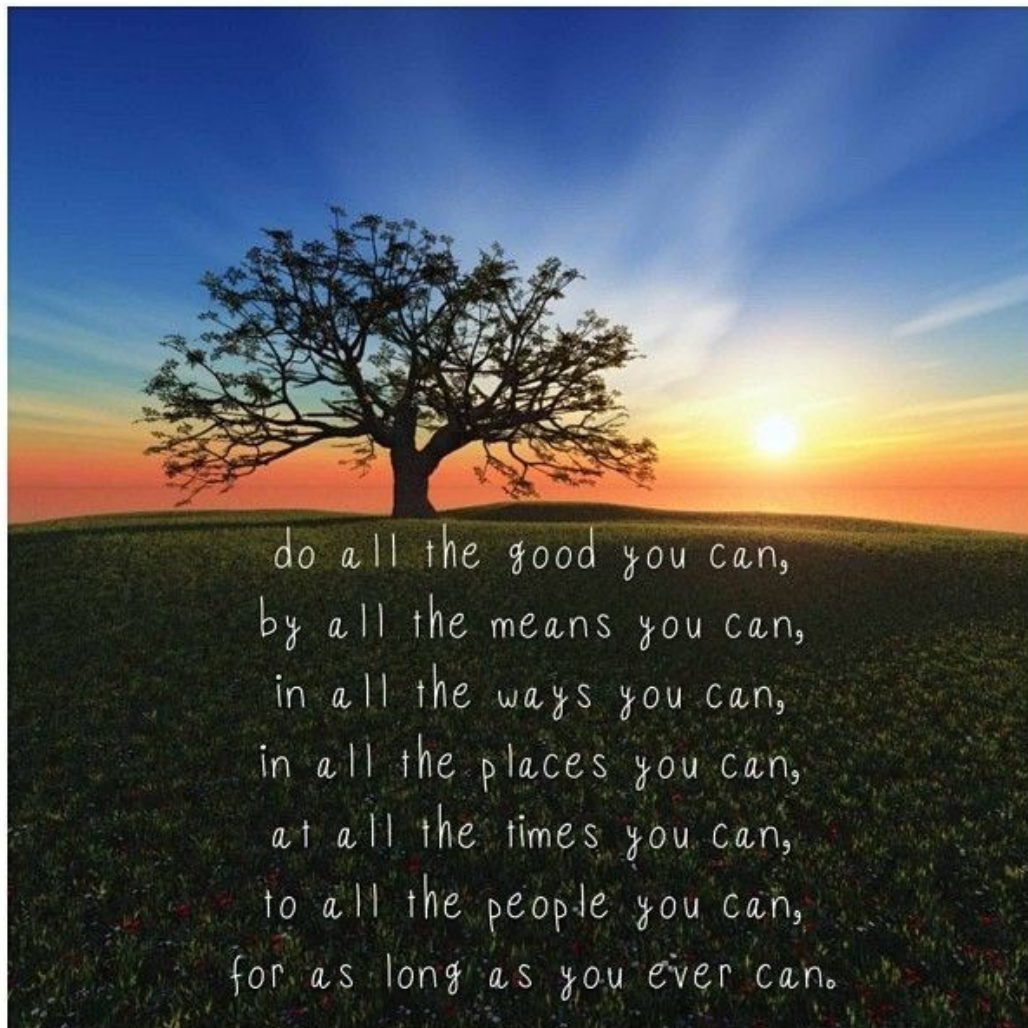
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6 pm  
Holy Day Mass 9 am

#### 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



# 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, November 18, 2023

**5:30 pm:** +Fred Patierno by Marcy & Mike Matlosz  
+Mollie Mallory by Roberta Castillo

### Sunday, November 19, 2023

**8:30am:** +Bertha Orawsky & Sons, Thomas, Russell,  
Joseph & Steven by Elizabeth Maier

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

### Monday, November 20, 2023

**9:00am:** +Jim Burns by Richard DiBonaventura

### Tuesday, November 21, 2023

**9:00am:** +Judy Robinson by Jack & Lisa Lewis

### Wednesday November 22, 2023

**9:00am:** +James Berrigan by Jack & Lisa Lewis

### Thursday, November 23, 2023 **Thanksgiving Day**

**9:00am:** +Jose Castillo by Roberta Castillo

### Friday, November 24, 2023

**9:00am**

### Saturday, November 25, 2023

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

### Sunday, November 26, 2023

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

**11:00am:** +Elida Lopez by Rosalinda Hally

## This week in our parish:

### Monday, November 20, 2023

9:00am Mass

### Tuesday November 21, 2023

9:00am Mass

### Wednesday, November 22, 2023

9:00am Mass

Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

### Thursday, November 23, 2023

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

9:00am Mass

office closed

### Friday, November 24, 2023

9am Mass

office closed

Knights of Columbus Christmas trees  
for sale from noon-6:00 pm

Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

### Saturday, November 25, 2023

Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

5:30pm vigil Mass

### Sunday, November 26, 2023

Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

8:30am Mass

9:45-10:45

No CCD classes—Thanksgiving Break

11 am mass

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for November 2023: For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father as he fulfills his mission. May he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.





*Thank You*

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,  
TALENT AND TREASURE

### **Collections:**

#### **Donations received: Nov. 11-12, 2023**

**1st Collection: \$ 2,576.00**

**2nd Collection: \$ 618.00 (Summer Blues)**

**2nd Collection November 2-3: \$1,006.00  
(typo in last week's bulletin listed this  
amount as .006) (Archdiocese for the  
Military Services)**

**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, Frank Sergi, Ava.

**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.

## **It's almost Jesse Tree time again!**



*If you would like to help with the Jesse Tree, please contact Connie in the office.*

Our Jesse tree will be up by Thanksgiving Day, November 23. We have reached out to School Counselors at Sugarloaf School and Big Pine Academy and asked them to help identify needy families in their schools. These families will fill out forms listing items of clothing and toys that their children would like for Christmas.

Each ornament represents a wish.

Starting on November 23rd, (Thanksgiving Day —Mass 9:00am) if you would like to participate, take an ornament from the table beside the tree and purchase the item on the ornament (please—new gifts only), wrap it, re-attach the ornament and return it to the church by December 9/10. If you find that you cannot fulfill the wish, please return the ornament to the table or the office as soon as possible so that someone else can purchase that item.

We also greatly appreciate cash donations that will be used to purchase gifts that are not chosen from the tree.

We will sort the gifts into families, attach tags, and get them ready for the parents to pick up on December 18th and the 19th. Our Sorting Party will be on Sunday, December 10 after the 11am Mass. If you would like to help that day, please call Connie in the office at 305-872-2537.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas happier

**How the Jesse Tree got its name:** The Tree of Jesse is a depiction in art of the ancestors of Christ, shown in a tree which rises from Jesse of Bethlehem, the father of King David. Our Jesse Tree this year is full of ornaments symbolic of Jesus' ancestors—there is a guide displayed so you can identify each ornament.

The ornaments that list the wishes of our children will be on the table by the tree.





# **CAUTION NOTICE**

**THE GRASS FIELD IS RECEIVING NEW SOD!**

**YOU WILL SEE SAFETY CONES PLACED AROUND THE  
FRESH SOD FOR PROTECTION.**

**THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE SOMETIME TO FINALIZE AS  
THE FIELD CONTINUES TO BE IN USE FOR PUMPKIN  
PATCH; K OF C CHRISTMAS TREE SALES; OVERFLOW  
PARKING AT ALL MASSES AND THE LANDING ZONE  
FOR TRAUMA STAR WITH MULTIPLE EMERGENCY  
VEHICLES.**

**SIGNS, ROPE OR CAUTION TAPE ARE NOT ALLOWED  
DUE TO HELECOPTER CLEARANCE.**

**THANK YOU FOR NOT MOVING THE CONES.**

**THANK YOU TO OUR MAINTENANCE LEAD, CHRIS FOR  
HIS CARE OF ST. PETER CHURCH PROPERTY.**

*Thank you for understanding,*

*Nancy McCrosson*

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

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.

**Distribution for Thanksgiving will be on  
Tuesday from 9:30-11:30am**

**This week, the Food Pantry will be closed on Wednesday, November 22.**

***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**



**Honoring our  
Veterans on  
Veteran's Day**







## **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)

K-Gr. 8 CCD classes

Sundays from 9:45-10:45 in the  
Ministry Center.

No class November 26—  
Thanksgiving Break



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!

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 on Saturdays at 3:30 or 4:00. No age requirement other than to 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!**

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY @ ST. PETER CHURCH**

St. Peter Catholic Church is looking for an  
**additional Maintenance Personnel,**  
as an immediate part-time contract position.

{Offered as a potential full-time regular position with benefits}

For job requirements, position description inquiries or  
to receive an employment application,

contact Property Manager/Bookkeeper, Nancy McCrosson  
in the parish office

M-F 9:30am - 3:30pm

#305-872-2537 or email [nancy@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:nancy@stpeterbpk.org)

### ***Fr. Jets requesting your help...***

*Do you have a property you rent or consider renting annually? Our St. Peter parish family has a member couple who are year-round both active here in ministries, full-time employed locally and have been long term renters with wonderful references. As we are seeing so often, properties are selling and selling fast, losing needed annual rentals.*

*This couple would be a loss to our parish family if needing to relocate out of the Keys if another annual rental home does not become available soon. As further details are confidential, I simply ask that if you have an annual rental property or know of any {i.e., 2/2 home; dry lot fine; at or under \$2,800.00 per month} please speak to me personally and directly with the information.*

*I sincerely thank you,*

*Fr. Jets*

[frjets@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:frjets@stpeterbpk.org) 305-872-2537 Parish Office





Our prayers have  
been answered!!  
Fr. Paul and his  
brother Mike have  
found a place to  
stay and will be visiting us this  
January and February!!



### **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)



### **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.**

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI HOTLINE NUMBERS Statewide (DCF) Abuse Hotline**

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(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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- 97% of Catholic Church bulletins taken home every single week
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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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of  
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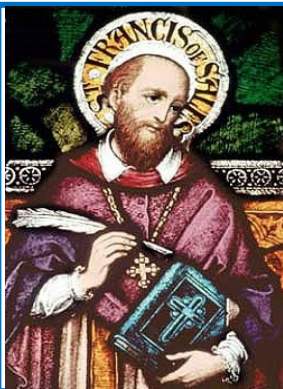


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Ask a Knight or call Dan Ford for  
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bring. The same loving God who  
cares for you today will take care of  
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