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# November 26, 2023

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

#### PARISH STAFF:

#### Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

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Administrative Assistants:

Connie Hauk 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



# 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 25, 2023

5:30 pm: 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

+<u>Monday, November 27, 2023</u> 9:00am: +Fr. Jim Vick (Birthday) by Margaret Burns

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:00am: S.I. Lauren & Casey Williams by Jack & Lisa Lewis +Jim Vanholten by Marla Nesbit

Wednesday November 29, 2023 9:00am: + William Spinny by Richard DiBonaventura

Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:00am: +Mary Doris Scheidell by Roberta Castillo

Friday, December 1, 2023 9:00am: +Anne Mescal & Deceased family members by Margaret Burns

Saturday, December 2, 2023 5:30pm: +Katherine Aguero by Mike and Marcy Matlosz

Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:30am: +Carl Maier, Horace Hoffman and Henry & Shirley Sitron by Ellizabeth Maier

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

## This week in our parish:

Monday, November 27, 2023 9:00am Mass

Tuesday November 28, 2023 9:00amMass

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:00am Mass Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:00am Mass

Friday, December 1, 2023

9am Mass

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

Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

Saturday, December 2, 2023 Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

5:30pm vigil Mass

Sunday, December 3, 2023 Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm 8:30am Mass

CCD Classes 9:45-10:45 11:00 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.



## Collections:

#### Donations received: Nov. 18-19, 2023

1st Collection: \$ 2nd Collection: \$

Direct Debit:

Amounts for Nov. 18-19 and November 25-26will be reported next week, as Nancy, our bookkeeper was on vacation this past week.

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 Sibucao & family, Donna and Darrell Dye, Riley Faith, 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.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In thanksgiving to God for your faith and for sharing of your time, talent and treasures with our parish, let us celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus with a **Parish Christmas Party!** on **Friday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.** 

We hope you are in town and could join us. **Reservation is required** due to limited seats in the parish hall. Please find below the **reservation schedule**:

- For Ministry Leaders and Ministry Members, reservation begins on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023.
- For Registered Parishioners including their family members living in their household, reservation begins on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023.
- For Non-Registered Parishioners, reservation begins on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023. For Parish Guests and Visitors, reservation begins on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023.

Please contact **Ms. Debbie Krieger** in the parish office **via phone** *only* **at 305-872-2537**, **Mon-Fri, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m**. to put you on the list and confirm your reservation asap. No email or text reservations please.

It will be *A Not-So-Silent Night of Christmas Celebrations!* Please wear your jolly holiday attire if you have one, but not required. There will be **music** for everyone who would like to **dance and sing!** There will be a **free fancy photo booth** for souvenir shots, and **50/50 raffle**. There will be a **cash bar**, but **dinner and desserts will be free!** But, if you like, we will welcome your donation.

Hope to see you there, and let's have some fun to celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus!

God bless you all,

Father Jets Medina

November



blessings







## It's Jesse Tree time again!



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

Our Jesse tree is up. 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.

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, <u>re-attach the ornament</u> 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 for needy families in our community!

<u>How the Jesse Tree got its name:</u> 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

# CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

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COLUMBL CE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO

Beginning on Friday, 11-24 @ Noon

All Trees BLESSED by Fr. Jets

St. Peter's Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, FL 33043

## Daily Hours:

M-F: Noon-6pm

Saturdays: 9am-6pm

Sundays: 9am~6pm

Fresh Cut Fraser Fir from North Carolina

Tree Sizes: 6~7ft., 7~8ft.., 8~9ft.

Merry Christmas & Thank you for your patronage.

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## 2023-2024 Advent & Christmas Season Schedule

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church 31300 Overseas Hwy, Big Pine Key, FL 33043 Tel. 305-872-2537

#### Starting Nov. 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays Holy Hour of Adoration

(Holy Day of Obligation) Thur. Dec. 7, 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of The Immaculate Conception Fri. Dec. 8, 9:00 a.m. Mass of The Immaculate Conception





Tues. Dec. 19, 9:30 a.m. Advent Confessions with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (after the 9 a.m. Mass) Wed. Dec. 20, 6 p.m. Advent Confessions with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

 Sat. Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent Sun. Dec 24, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent Sun. Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m. Christmas Children's Pageant Mass
 Sun. Dec. 24, 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass — preluded by a 30-minute Christmas Carols Sing-Along with the Choir at 10:30 p.m.
 Mon. Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m. ONLY Christmas Day Mass

Sat. Dec. 30, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of The Holy Family Sun. Dec. 31, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Mass of The Holy Family



(Holy Day of Obligation) Sun. Dec. 31, 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God\_ Mon. Jan. 1, 9:00 a.m. Mass of Mary, Mother of God

Sat. Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of The Epiphany of the Lord Sun. Jan. 7, 8:30 & 11 a.m. Mass of The Epiphany of the Lord



Mon. Jan. 8, 9 a.m. Mass of The Baptism of the Lord (Christmas Season ends)



Knights of Columbus unloading their Christmas Trees, and Fr. Jets blessing the Knights and the trees. Choose your tree today—when they are gone, they are gone!!





## NEW THIS YEAR ADVENT FUNDRAISER {to benefit Regular/Operating Acct.}

## St. Peter the Fisherman Glass Christmas Ball

One of a kind design—limited supply only- a beautiful glass Christmas ball with St. Peter Church pictured around. Truly an exceptional keep-sake to treasure or gift this Christmas.

FOR SALE—\$20.00 each. {see sample ornament in Narthex} Packaged securely in a clear acrylic fitted box for ease of shipping and or storing.

On Sale beginning 1st Sunday of Advent 12/03 after 8:30am Mass {see Nancy} or in the Parish Office M-F 9:30am-3:30pm

{cash, check-payable to St. Peter Church or by credit card}.

*Want to reserve one?* - *Call the parish office and purchase over the phone with your credit card. Once SOLD, then we are able to hold your ornament for your pick-up.* 

GLASS BALL-MADE IN THE USA-MANUFACTURED & PACKAGED IN BPK, Thank you for supporting locals!

- We thank Sheila Madden for her fundraising idea.
  - We thank Rosalinda Hally for her use of photo.
- We thank Joanne Deithorn for graphic assistance.
- We thank Stocking Factory, LLC in BPK for production.
  - Fundraising Ministry thanks you for your support!
- Regular/Operating Account thanks Fundraising Ministry! Any questions please call Nancy in the Parish Office, thank you.

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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 <u>rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org</u>

K-Gr. 8 CCD classes Sundays from 9:45-10:45 in the Ministry Center. No class November 26— Thanksgiving Break



## St. Peter Community Food Pantry Open Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am

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.

We are always in need of canned meats, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables.

Pop top cans preferred.

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 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 WONT 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

## 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 305-872-2537 Parish Office

## 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 <u>helpdesk@virtus.org</u> 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: <u>Ellen@stpeterbpk.org</u>



#### 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



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

King of glory, Lord of the heavens, Jesus Christ, our eternal Lord, we thank you for bringing us safely through this *hurricane* season.

By your intercessions as our great high priest, you have set our minds at ease and brought us to a time of rejoicing and eager anticipation as we move into a holiday season.

Keep us mindful of those who experienced losses in other places and are in need of our prayers as they reestablish and rebuild.

Keep us ever faithful to your reign as King of our hearts, our minds, and our spirits, that we might always give thanks and find in you our tower and strength;

to you be all honor and glory, with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

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



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.



St. Peter Catholic Church Website

St. Peter Church website at <a href="http://www.stpeterbpk.org">http://www.stpeterbpk.org</a>

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 Building Fund on the website now!



**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.* 



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!!

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#### **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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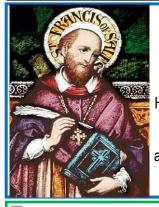
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Have no fear for what tomorrow may bring. The same loving God who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

St. Francis DeSales

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## **ADVERTISE WITH US!**

Contact Nancy in the Parish Office {305}872-2537

Or Email <u>nancy@stpeterbpk.org</u>



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



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