St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

31300 Overseas Hwy Big Pine Key, FI 33043



305-872-2537

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

www.stpeterbpk.org

DECEMBER 10, 2023 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

Nancy McCrosson nancy@stpeterbpk.org

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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, December 9, 2023

5:30 pm: +Deacon Jack Pierce

by Richard & Barbara Shenk

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:30am: +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank &

Theresa Cerchio by John Isaksen

11:00am: +Verona Ebel (Birthday) by Connie Hauk

Monday, December 11, 2023

9:00am: +John Finneran by Roberta Castillo

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:00am: +Gerald Paguin by Richard DiBonaventura

Wednesday December 13, 2023

9:00am: + Bob Harrell by Roberta Castillo

Thursday, December 14, 2023

9:00am:: +Ronald Dutka by Richard DiBonaventura

Friday, December 15, 2023

9:00am: S.I. Jimmy Oettle by his friends at St. Peters

Saturday, December 16, 2023

5:30pm: S.I. Burns & Mescal Families

by Margaret Burns

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:30am: +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa

Cerchio by John Isaksen

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

by Margaret Burns

This week in our parish:

Monday, December 11, 2023

9:00am Mass

Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

Tuesday December 12, 2023

9:00am Mass

Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm 9:30-10:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

9:00am Mass

Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am
Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

Thursday, December 14, 2023

9:00am Mass

Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

Friday, December 15, 2023

9am Mass

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

Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

5:30pm vigil Mass

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm 8:30am Mass

> CCD Classes 9:45-10:45 11:00 am mass

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for December 2023: For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Collections:

Donations received: Dec.2-3, 2023

1st Collection: \$ 3,464.00

2nd Collection: \$ 771.00 (Summer Blues)

Direct Debit: \$ 715.00 (Weekly)

Poinsettia Donations \$610.00

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 Sibucao & family, Donna and Darrell Dye, Riley Faith, Michael Buchard, Janet Maxwell, Molly Mescal, Joe Gregoria, Carl Crouch, Frank Sergi, Ava, Barbara Barzen

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.



A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR



eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist



Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Study Series for Eucharistic Revival

Dear St. Peter Parishioners,

The National Eucharistic Revival is happening in our parish! I would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the *Jesus and the Eucharist* study series. This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

This 7-session weekly study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us.

Please join us on **Wednesdays, from January 31st to March 13th, 2024, 6 - 8 p.m.** at the Parish Hall.

To learn more please visit <u>eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist</u> or email our parish study lead **Mark Berenz** at <u>mberenz58@yahoo.com</u>. To register please email **Lisa Lewis** at <u>lisalewis1645@att.net</u>. Pre-registration is required. Hurry, seats may be limited!

Hospitality will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Fr. Jets Medina









First Sunday of Advent—lighting the first candle







Thank you to parishioners who donated money for the Poinsettias decorating our church; They have been donated in honor of:

Jaime & Ana Gonzalez

Faith & August Kern Briele

Estela Fuentes & Teodora Echeverria

Ann & Thomas Devace

Tom & Betty Bennett

Verona, Harold & Gary Ebel

Alicia Bird

Mr. & Mrs. William P. Mannix

Kay Mannix

Alexander & Stephan Zotos

Mr & Mrs. Ernest Nolan

Mr & Mrs. Frank DiBonaventura

Unita Eggert

Pat Parenty

Ismael & Bertha Lopez

Louis & Julia Gonzales

Nicki & Deanna Will

McKoy, Smith & Passlavsky Family

James & Scott Shew

Elizabeth "Betty" Beaton

Jim, Mary & Robert Johnson

Joel Beaton

Jerry & Rita Butterfield

Keith & Rose McCrone

Robert Harrell

Frank & Nel Krueger

Michael & Ceclia Gomez-Figueira

Bud & June Tewes

Bruce Maxwell





Respect Life Ministry would like to thank our parishioners for the success of the Socktober drive for the Wesley House during October. 953 pair of socks were collected for children in Foster care as well as for other organizations in our community.

This weekend we are sorting the Jesse Tree gifts after the 11:00am Mass. 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. Thank you to those of you who gave us cash donations too. We use those donations to purchase the gifts on the tags from the tree that were not taken.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas happier

for needy families in our community!

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

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.

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 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

2023-2024 Advent & Christmas Season Schedule

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Starting Dec. 5, 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

Mon. Jan. 1, 9:00 a.m. Mass of Mary, Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on Monday)



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)



FUNDRAISING MINISTRY ANNOUNCING

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

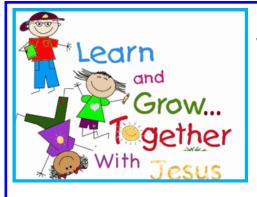
{cash, check-payable to St. Peter Church or by credit card}.

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.



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.

CCD students are preparing for the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant now. They meet in the Ministry Center and walk over to the church during class.

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

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



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



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!

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

We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for:





Square Grouper Bar & 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.

OWNE TOOK

St. Peter Catholic Church Website

St. Peter Church website at http://www.stpeterbpk.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 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!!



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.

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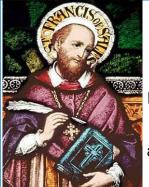
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Have no fear for what tomorrow may bring. The same loving God who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside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

St. Francis DeSales



Robert Sanchez

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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!

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Become a Knight!

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



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