

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

DECEMBER 17, 2023 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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 16, 2023

5:30 pm: 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

Monday, December 18, 2023

9:00am: +Jane Enman by Richard DiBonaventura

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

9:00am: +Joseph Livernois by Richard DiBonaventura

Wednesday December 20, 2023

9:00am: S.I. Tina Dingler by Margaret Burns

Thursday, December 21, 2023

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

Friday, December 22, 2023

9:00am: S.I. Lucy Worcester by Kim Francis

Saturday, December 23, 2023

5:30pm: +All her Deceased Relatives and Friends
by Elizabeth Maier

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:30am: +Kenny Haverland by Margaret Burns
11:00am: S.I Burns Family by Margaret Burns
S.I. (Health) Tito & Nita Bigelow by Fr. Jets
5:30pm: S.I. CCD Students, Parents and Teachers
11:00pm : (10:30pm Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long)
+Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa
Cerchio by John Isaksen

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00am: +Robert & Marie Handlow by Kevin Handlow

This week in our parish:

Monday, December 18, 2023

9:00am Mass

Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

Tuesday December 19, 2023

9:00am Mass

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

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

9:00am Mass

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

Thursday, December 21, 2023

9:00am Mass

Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

Friday, December 22, 2023

9am Mass

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

Centering Prayer 3:30pm in the Church

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Knights Christmas Trees for sale 9am-6pm

5:30pm vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24, 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.



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections:

Donations: Holy Day Dec. 7-8:

1 collection: \$1,186.00

Donations received: Dec.9-10, 2023

1st Collection: \$ 3,805.00

**2nd Collection: \$ 888.00 (Retirement
Fund for Religious)**

Direct Debit: \$ 815.00 (Weekly)

Poinsettia Donations \$515.00

**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 Sibucio & family,
Donna and Darrell Dye, Riley Faith,
Michael Buchard, Janet Maxwell, Molly Mescal,
Joe Gregoria, Carl Crouch, Frank Sergi, Ava,
Barbara Barzen, Tito Bigelow, Katharine Lawrence.

**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.

Second Sunday of
Advent—lighting
two candles



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 & Nell Krueger
Michael & Ceclia Gomez- Figueira
Bud & June Tewes
Bruce Maxwell
America Rivera
George Madden
Deceased Members of the McCrosson &
Deane Families

Sherkio & Marich Families
Carol & Melanie Elfers
Robert Depicciotto, Lety Orodio
& Uncle Danny Triulzi
Daniel Rosasco
Flora & Daniel Garcia
Tomas & Margot Estrada
John & Jean Paul
May Ann Guild
Lill Zimmerman
Mike Mooney
Millie Benedetto Houln
Altobelli Family Members
Virginia & Robert Davies





Thank you to those of you who bought Jesse Tree Girts and gave us cash donations. The families will be picking up their gifts this weekend. 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



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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

PROMISE TO
PROTECT



PLEDGE TO
HEAL

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

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.



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!!



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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of
Guadalupe,
Pray for Us.**

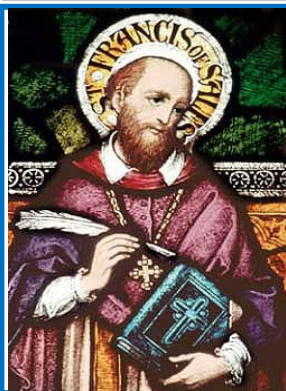


Answer the call!

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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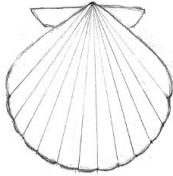
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