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

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor:

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

> Nancy McCrosson <u>nancy@stpeterbpk.org</u>

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



"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him."

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, February 17 2024

5:30 pm: :+Greg & Bernadette James by Mike & Marcy Matlosz

Sunday, February 18 2024

8:30am: +Jim Burns by Margaret Burns +Henry Fretz & Augustus Fretz by Joan Fretz
11:00am: +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa Cerchio by John Isaksen

Monday, February 19, 2024 9:00am: S.I. Deacon Randy Hearn by Kathy Pierce

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 9:00am: +Richard DiBonaventura by Dickie D

Wednesday February 21, 2024 9:00am: S.I. Deacon Zsolt & Eva Nagy Kaldi by Kathy Pierce

Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:00am: + Robert Southard by Richard DiBonaventura

Friday, February 23, 2024: 9:00am: +Marlene Robert by Richard DiBonaventura

Saturday, February 24, 2024
5:30pm: +Thomas Evans by Mike & Marcy Matlosz
Sunday, February 25, 2024
8:30am: +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa Cerchio by John Isaksen

11:00am: +Jacy & Wilda Richardson by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Esposito

This week in our parish:

Monday, February 19, 2024 9:00am Mass

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 9:00am Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30-10:30 am

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:00am Mass Divine Mercy Novena after 9am Mass Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

6pm 4th Eucharistic Revival Session—Parish Hall

Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:00am Mass

6pm Choir Practice in the Church

Friday, February 23, 2024

9am Mass Stations of the Cross 4:15 in the Church

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5-7pm

Saturday, February 24, 2024

5:30pm vigil Mass

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass CCD (Religious Education) classes In the Ministry Center 8:45-9:45am

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for February 2024: For the Terminally III:

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



Collections:

Donations received: Feb. 10-11, 2024 1st Collection: \$ 4,592.00 2nd Collection: \$ 922.00 (Summer Blues) Direct Debit: \$ 815.00 (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, 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, Katharine Lawrence Joe Jennison, Noel Piniero, Michelle White, Ron Neault, Teresa Beltranena Valdez, Alex Burkos, Tom Schoonbeck

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.

Lent & Holy Week Schedule

<u>Lenten regulations:</u> Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics in good health on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics in good health between the ages of 18 and 59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means 1 full meal plus 2 smaller meals and no solid food between meals.

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 14. 2024, 9am & 5pm

Jesus and the Eucharist Group Study

Wednesdays, 6-8pm. Parish Hall , weekly until March 13th only.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, after the 9am Mass (from 9:30-10:30am)

Divine Mercy Weekly Novena Wednesdays, after the 9am Mass (Feb. 7-April 3)

Stations of the Cross All Fridays in Lent, 4:15pm in the Church (Before the Fish Fry!)

Lenten Fish Fry by K of C Fridays, 5-7pm (Feb. 16 & 23, March 1 & 8), Parish Hall

> Lobster Bake Friday, March 15, 5 pm Parish Pavilion

Healing Mass & Penance Services

(Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by Confessions with Adoration) Tuesday, March 19 at 9am and Wednesday, March 20 at 6pm

> March 24: Palm Sunday Saturday Vigil, 5:30pm (March 23) Sunday Masses, 8:30 & 11:00am

March 28: Holy Thursday

(no 9am morning Mass) 12 noon-3pm — the Church is open for silent prayer 6pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of Feet, and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

March 29: Good Friday Liturgy

(no 9am morning Mass) 3pm, The Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross

> March 30: Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm (no 5:30pm Vigil Mass)

March 31: Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt after the 11am Mass



Orthodox Mission in the Keys Relics of the Ancient Christian Church

Akathist for All Saints

Saturday, February 24, 2024

9:30 am @ St. Francis Episcopal Church 1600 Key Deer Blvd, Big Pine Key

Polycarp of Smyrna St. Nicholas Catherine the Great Martyr Ephrem the Syrian John Chrysostom Cyril of Alexandria Innocent of Moscow Tikhon of Moscow Vasily Martysz Nikolai of Zhika John Maximovitch of San Francisco

OrthodoxKeys.org



Want a Busy Location Day to have

your own personal Yard Sale?

Monday, February 19, 2024 Presidents' Day

{8am-2pm} Event spot rent is for Farmers Market, for Flea Market Vendors, for Pop-Up Shop Vendors, Food Trucks {packaged & prepared foods} and for persons wanting a location to have a personal Yard Sale with great exposure.

Details:

You can rent a 10x10 spot and 1 vehicle allowance for \$20.00 per spot on the field, bring your own tables and have your yard sale among the Vendors and Flea Market Vendors here @ St. Peter

Church, BPK {02-19-2024}.

#305-872-2537 ask for Nancy to secure a spot. Share your spot with a friend - for your own personal yard sale.

Selling a Boat, RV, Camper? **\$20.00 per spot**, must stay on site for duration. No application. It is first come basis with entry **no earlier than 6am**, each vehicle checked in, declares what they are selling for compliance, pay upfront \$20.00 {cash/cc} per 10x10 spot allowing one vehicle.

You will be directed, given entry then onto the field.



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- · Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- · Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Friday, FEBRUARY 16TH & 23rd

MARCH 1st & 8th

ST. Peter Catholic Church 31300 Overseas Highway Big Pine Key, FL 33043

5:00 -7:00

\$18.00 for Adults

\$12.00 Children

Sandwich/fries-\$10.00

Mahi (Fried/Grilled, ColeSlaw, Fries, dessert. There will be take-out available.



We regret to inform you that Deacon Bill Rich who served as a Deacon here and directed our Emmaus Retreats for many years, died on January 29th. If you would like to contact his wife, Frannie: Frannie Rich, 605 Universe Blvd. T-700, Juno Beach, FL 33408.

His funeral is March 2 at 11am St. St. Paul of the Cross in North Palm Beach, Florida.



Congratulations to the winners in the Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Pool! The pool is displayed in the Narthex. Winner of the 1st quarter was Bob Pienkowski, 2nd & 3rd quarter winner was Patrick Kelly, and the final score winner was Marty Mara. Thank you to all who participated! The proceeds of the pool are going to the Knights "Dollars for Scholars" Scholarship Program.

Our collection envelope boxes are in the Narthex in alphabetical order for you to pick up!

Singers wanted: The Lower Keys Community Choir in partnership with the Keys Chamber Orchestra will be performing Easter concerts the evenings of March 18, 19 and 21 from Cudjoe to Marathon. Rehearsals are on



Sunday evenings at the Big Pine Methodist Church from 4:40-6:00pm beginning February 4th. All experience levels are welcome—. For information or to join, please email keyschamberorchestra@gmail.com.



ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

This Lent, let us challenge ourselves to make a difference in the lives of others. In addition to giving up something, please also consider giving back through the ABCD. By supporting the ABCD, we can provide assistance to individuals and families who are in need. Let us embrace the spirit of selflessness and compassion this Lent, ensuring that our actions reflect the true meaning of this holy season, by making a gift to the ABCD.

To donate online: <u>www.isupportabcd.org</u> or take an envelope from the pew or the Narthex if you did not receive an envelope in the mail. Thank you for your generous response!

Names of ABCD Donors so far: (If you have donated and do not see your name here, be aware that it takes the Archdiocese about 3 weeks to get the names back to us.) Our goal this year is: \$50,149.00.

| Donors so far are: | Howard Bleich Daniel Ford | Sheila Madden Sue Myers | Antonio Vilarodrigue Larry Reitz |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Rosalinda Hally | Jorge Ramos | |
| | Mary Ann Henderson Vicente Lopez | Carol Schulz Lurana Snow | |

Many thanks to William Scheidell who once again this year has made more than 300 wooden crosses for Lent. They are in the narthex. Please take one and wear it during Lent to remind you of the season. When we have the new fire at the Holy Saturday Mass, bring it back, and we will burn the crosses to use for ashes next year for Ash Wednesday. Thank you William!!



2023-2024 Religious Education Program.

We thank you, the parents, for entrusting your children to our program. Please know that we are always praying for you and your children. 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

No Religious Education classes this Sunday, February 18th. Classes resume Sunday, February 25th at 9:45am. Children's Mass will be held on Sunday, February 25th at the 11am Mass. All families are urged to attend—especially those students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. .

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



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> Last weekend—Super Bowl weekend— students from the Religious Education program were collecting donations for the Souper Bowl of



Caring after Masses. If you didn't get to donate to the Souper Bowl of Caring last weekend, use one of the white envelopes in the pews, add your name, "Souper Bowl of Caring" and your donation, and put it in the collection this weekend. All donations benefit our St. Peter Food Pantry. We will

loaves Fishes

announce the total amount collected next week. Thank you!!

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

The <u>second Sunday</u> of every month is designated as "Loaves and Fishes" weekend. A cart will be set in the

Narthex for your donations that weekend. There are baskets in the narthex for your donations any other weekend. The Pantry clients are in need of dry pastas, canned meats, hearty soups, canned fruits, vegetables and tomato sauce food items. Also needed include personal care items such as laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, body wash and bug spray. We are considerably grateful for any food or cash donations. **Thank you for caring and helping us bring HOPE & JOY into the lives of many people.**

St. Peter Catholic Church is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

Your parish contact for all things related to the Food Pantry is Director, Lisa Ford, through the Church office at 305-872-2537.

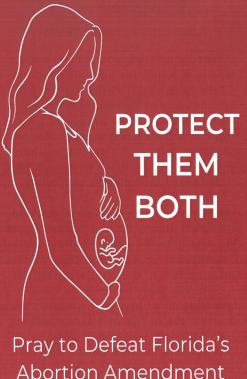
Thank you on behalf of the **Missions** for saving cancelled stamps, eyeglasses, tabs from pop top cans, and rosaries, broken or whole.



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!



Abortion Amendment

FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

WWW.FLACCB.ORG

The political committee behind a proposed constitutional amendment that would legalize abortion up until birth in Florida has surpassed the petition signature requirement for placement on the November 2024 ballot. For ballot placement to be confirmed, the amendment language must be reviewed by the Florida Supreme Court to ensure it is clear and limited to a single subject.

In her brief to the Court, the attorney general urged the justices to reject the proposal, identifying several terms in the amendment language that are not clearly defined and could mislead voters. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB) also filed a legal brief in opposition to the amendment. The FCCB's brief argued that the proposed ballot title is misleading. The title states that the amendment "limits" government interference with abortion when the text of the amendment itself actually prohibits all regulation before viability. The ballot language also fails to advise voters that the amendment would largely prohibit the state's oversight of abortion clinics and provide fair notice of its impact on existing legal protections for women and children.

Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life.

Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children.

May they help us build a civilization of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the unborn, pray for us!

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 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.

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 our church website - 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!



Or Email nancy@stpeterbpk.org

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