

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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Big Pine Key, FL 33043



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

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH STAFF:

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Connie Hauk
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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, February 24, 2024

5:30 pm: :+Thomas Evans
by Mike & Marcy Matlosz

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:30am: +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa
Cerchio by John Isaksen
11:00am: +Jack & Wilda Richardson
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Esposito

Monday, February 26, 2024

9:00am: S.I. Rev. John Paul Lewis by Kathy Pierce

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:00am: +Wesley Cole by Richard Di Bonaventura

Wednesday February 28, 2024

9:00am: S.I. Rev. Brian Bueltner by Kathy Pierce

Thursday, February 29, 2024

9:00am: + Deacon Bill Rich by a freind

Friday, March 1, 2024:

9:00am: +Deacon Bill Rich by a friend

Saturday, March 2, 2024

5:30pm: +Ernest & Doris Nolan
by Richard DiBonavenetura

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:30am: +Elizabeth Beaton by Gary Beaton
11:00am: +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa
Cerchio by John Isaksen

This week in our parish:

Monday, February 26, 2024

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:00am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30-10:30 am

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

9:00am Mass

Divine Mercy Novena after 9am Mass
Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

6pm 5th Eucharistic Revival Session—Parish Hall

Thursday, February 29, 2024

9:00am Mass

6pm Choir Practice in the Church

Friday, March 1, 2024

9am Mass

Stations of the Cross 4:15 in the Church
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5-7pm

Saturday, March 2, 2024

5:30pm vigil Mass

Sunday, March 3, 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 Ill:

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.



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Collections:

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 14—\$1,962.00

Donations received: Feb. 17-18, 2024

1st Collection: \$ 5,510.00

2nd Collection: \$ 915.00 (Summer Blues)

Direct Debit: \$ 815.00 (Weekly)

Direct Debit \$2,410.00 (Monthly)

**Direct Debit Summer Blues (Monthly)
\$535.00**

**Once monthly regular Building Fund
February \$503.00**

**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,
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 Sibucan & 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, Jaime Gonzalea, Kathleen Henry,
Mike Matlosz, Nancy Herrera

**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.

PARISH FUNDRAISING NEWS...

PRESIDENTS' DAY TOTALS-{Plus weekdays after event & pending sales Sunday after 8:30 & 11:00am Masses}

Our Presidents' Day Fundraiser was a great success thanks to all our dedicated volunteers. **Awesomeness!**

VENDOR PARKING = \$380.00

BAKE SALE = \$483.00

50/50 TICKETS SOLD = \$327.00

{ \$163.50 to the winner + \$163.50 to the church }

Winner donated back to church. **Awesomeness!**

FURNITURE SALES = \$6,271.00

EVENT TO DATE TOTAL REALIZED

AFTER EXPENSES = \$7,461.00

Thank you for your financial support, volunteer help and donations received...**Awesomeness!**



Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers
for they shall be called Children of God.”*

*In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the
people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their
leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and
perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks.
Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.*

*O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering,
heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly
Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her
blessed mantle of protection over Ukraine. Amen.*

Prayer for Peace in Israel and Palestine

*Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in
Palestine and Israel. We pray for the innocent children who are suffering so much.
We pray especially for those who have died, the hostages, those who are grieving, the injured and
those now without food, shelter or medical supplies.
Strengthen and support the work of all relief organizations.
We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace.
May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.
Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen*

February
Anniversaries:



Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Lenten regulations: *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





KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRY



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.





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2024 ABCD

ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

If you have not given to this year's ABCD campaign, please, put your love into action today! Every day, every dollar makes a difference in the lives of those in need! Your support of the ABCD enables us to provide essential programs and support to individuals and families above and beyond what happens in our parish. Together, let us continue to give generously, knowing that our efforts have a lasting impact.

To donate online: www.isupportabcd.org
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	Sheila Madden	Antonio Vilarodrigue
	Daniel Ford	Sue Myers	Sara Bielich
	Rosalinda Hally	Jorge Ramos	
	Mary Ann Henderson	Carol Schulz	
	Vicente Lopez	Lurana Snow	



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

CCD Classes resume this Sunday, February 25th at 9:45am. Children's Mass will be this Sunday as well 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 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



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



The second Sunday 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.

Super Bowl weekend— students from the Religious Education program were collecting donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring after all Masses. Thank you to all volunteers and thank you for your generous response!!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Collected: \$1,098.00

183 food items for our St Peter Food Pantry!



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.

Thank you!!

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!





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.

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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

Thank you!



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Guadalupe,
Pray for Us.**

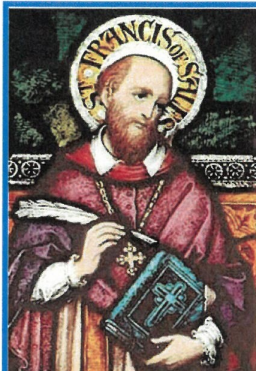


Answer the call!

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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