

# St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

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## APRIL 21, 2024

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH STAFF:

#### Pastor:

Rev. Fr. Jesus "Jets" Medina

#### Property Manager/Bookkeeper:

Nancy McCrosson  
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Debbie Krieger  
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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, April 20, 2024

**5:30pm:**+Deceased Relatives and Friends by  
Richard & Barbara Shenk

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

**8:30am:** +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa  
Cerchio by John Isaksen

**11:00am:** +Lt. Pat Medina by  
Religious Education Families

### Monday, April 22, 2024

**9:00am:** +Ida Vanderpool by Amy Peper

### Tuesday, April 23, 2024

+Ken Greiner by the Greiner Family

### Wednesday, April 24, 2024

**9:00am:** +Lt. Pat Medina by Amy Peper

### Thursday, April 25, 2024

**9:00am:** +Ken Greiner by the Greiner Family

### Friday, April 26, 2024:

**9:00am** Communion Service

S.I. Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends  
of St. Peter Church

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

**5:30 Mass:** +Patricia Farrell  
by Mary Ellen & Buddy Norris

### Sunday April 28, 2024

**8:30am:** +Genevieve Isaksen & +Frank & Theresa  
Cerchio by John Isaksen

**11:00am:** +Douglas E. Paul by Steve & Isabell Paul

## This week in our parish:

### Monday, April 22, 2024

9:00am Mass

### Tuesday, April 23, 2024

9:00am Mass

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

**11:30am-1:00pm**

**Faith Sharing—The Chosen — Ministry Center**

**6:30pm-8:00pm**

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### Wednesday, April 24, 2024

9:00am Mass

Food Pantry open 9:30-11:30am

### Thursday, April 25, 2024

9:00am Mass

### Friday, April 26, 2024

9:00am Communion Service

3:30pm Centering Prayer in the Church

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

5:30 pm vigil Mass

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30 Mass

9:45-10:45 CCD Classes—Ministry Center

11:00 Mass

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for April 2024:

#### For the Role of Women

**Let us pray that the dignity and worth of  
women be recognized in every culture, and  
for an end to the discrimination they face  
in various parts of the world.**



*Thank You*

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,  
TALENT AND TREASURE

**Collections:**

**Donations received: April 13-14, 2024**

**1st Collection: \$ 3,574.00**

**2nd Collection: \$1,266 .48 (Summer Blues)**

**Direct Debit (weekly) \$840.00**

**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, 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 Sibucac & 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 Gonzales, Kathleen Henry, Mike Matlosz, Nancy Herrera, Pam Leffers, Matty Frank, Kris Campos, Doris Fraley

**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.

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March, 2024

Dear Friends,

The 2024 St. Peter Church Sponsorship Campaign is underway and remains open through June 1, 2024.

To fund the annual fiscal plan and budget, we are soliciting a onetime donation for 2024. Please send your tax-deductible sponsorship check payable to St. Peter Catholic Church and join us in the work we do by becoming a 2024 St. Peter Church Sponsor at the following levels:

Platinum Sponsor	\$2,000.00
Gold Sponsor	\$1,000.00
Silver Sponsor	\$500.00
Bronze Sponsor	\$300.00

For each level, your individual name, business name or simply your choice to remain as anonymous appears on our website, social media sites, weekly church bulletin and sign on property.

If you have specific questions about how your donation is being used, or you want further information on how to continue your support, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We thank you in advance for your sponsorship.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy McCrosson'.

Nancy McCrosson, Property Manager / Bookkeeper  
For: Rev. Jesus "Fr. Jets" Medina, Pastor

**Our 2024 St. Peter Church Sponsor Campaign  
is Open through June 1, 2024!**

Thank You

**\$\$\$\$ Food Donation: Kathy & Dusty Rhodes**  
**\$2,000.00 Barbara & Richard Shenk—NEW!**  
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Thank You

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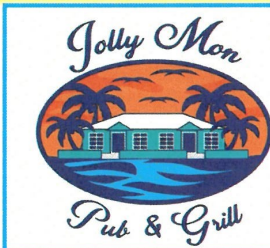
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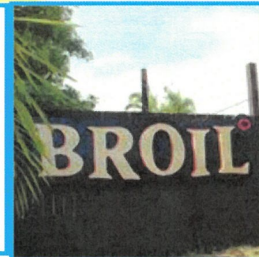
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*A percentage of the \$25.00 goes to our Religious Education Fund and helps finance our Religious Ed. and Scholarship Programs.*

*Gift Certificates can be purchased through the office during office hours, M-F 9:30am-3pm,, cash, checks or credit card accepted.*

**We Thank You For Purchasing Gift Certificates  
& Supporting St. Peter Church Religious Education!**



**St. Peter**  
**Community Food Pantry**

**Open Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am**

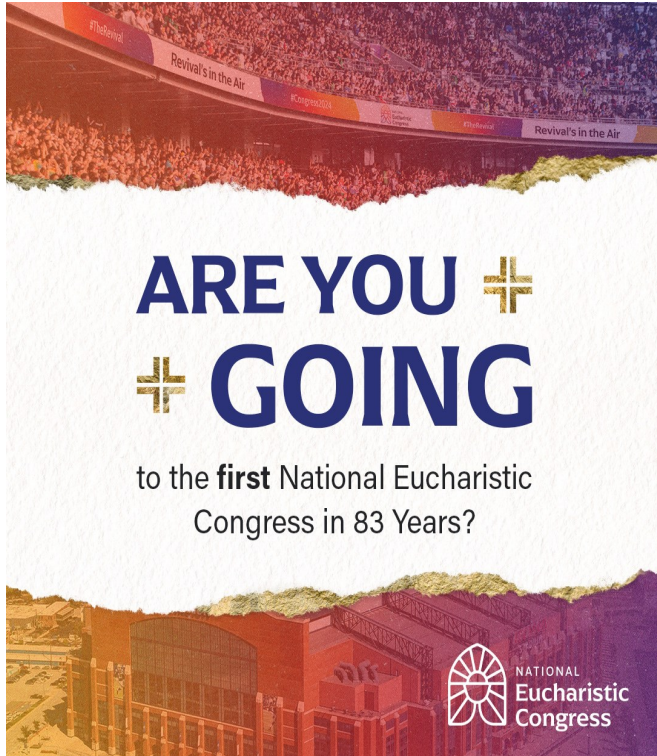
**The second Sunday of each month is “Loaves and Fishes” weekend.** A cart will be set in the Narthex that weekend for your donations . There are baskets in the narthex for your donations any other weekend. The Pantry clients are always in need of dry pastas, canned meats, hearty soups, canned fruits, 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.



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Call Rosalinda Hally for more information at 305-942-9975

[rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org)



## 2023-2024 Religious Education Program.

CCD Classes Sunday, April 14 from 8:45-9:45 in the Ministry Center.

Please pray for students preparing for Sacraments this May. Pray for the 7 Confirmation students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 5th at the 11am Mass, and the 5 students receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on May 12 at the 11am Mass.

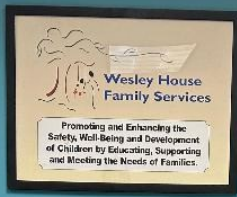
For more information about the Religious Education Program, please contact Rosalinda Hally at [rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org](mailto:rosalinda@stpeterbpk.org)



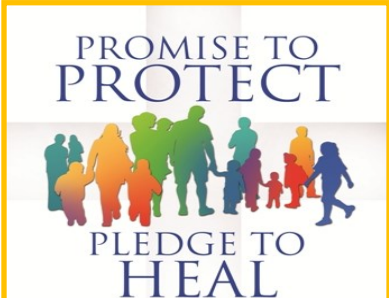
First Communion students making banners at their First Communion Retreat last Saturday.



Music Director Bobby Briele practicing with CCD students for music for the next CCD Mass.



**Respect Life Ministry would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations of diapers and baby items which were delivered to Wesley House for their annual Healthy Families Baby Shower!**



**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

All employees and volunteers have a responsibility to behave appropriately and uphold a specific set of standards, even if your role does not directly involve minors or vulnerable adults. It is still your responsibility to be a safe adult, which means upholding healthy and appropriate behaviors when interacting with them. We take particular care when addressing environments and interactions involving minors because of their inherent vulnerability as children. Our behavior can make children less or more vulnerable, and less or more able to be manipulated (and possibly abused).

**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. Peter’s, 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](mailto: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@stpeterbpbk.org](mailto:Ellen@stpeterbpbk.org)



# Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors

## 1 Sexual abuse is about the victim.

Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life.

## 2 No one has the right to have access to children.

No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.

## 3 Common sense is not all that common.

Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

## 4 Child sexual abuse can be prevented.

It is critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm—such as protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

## 5 The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.

## 6 Feeling heard leads toward healing.

Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain

and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor's appropriate sense of rage and indignation are acknowledged.

## 7 You cannot always predict who will be an abuser.

Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family.

## 8 There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling.

## 9 People can be taught to identify grooming behavior.

Grooming behaviors are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

## 10 Background checks work.

Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children.



To donate online: [www.isupportabcd.org](http://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. We are currently short \$15,313.00.**

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Patrick Kennedy	Georgianna Peteck	Margaret Zoppy

We are once again doing a Novena of Masses for Mothers this year.

Please take an envelope from the lectern in the Narthex, fill it out, and return it in the collection before May 4th (Mother's Day is May 12). All Mother's names will be in the bulletin and the envelopes will remain on the altar from May 4-12th.



### **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 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,

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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**
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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](mailto:nancy@stpeterbpk.org)

**Thank you!**



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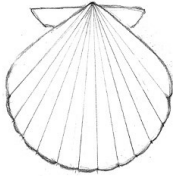
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