

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish

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

AUGUST 17, 2025

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 9:30 am-3:30 pm



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 the Fisherman
Catholic Parish.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 16, 2025

5:30pm: +Patricia M. Dini by John & Virginia Quinn

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:30am: +Deceased Members of the McCrosson & Deane Families by Nancy & Chuck

11:00am: +Jim Burns by Margaret Burns

Monday, August 18, 2025

9:00am: S.I. Rachel Smith by Kathy Pierce

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

9:00am: +Deceased Members of the Cummins & Greiner Families by Sue Cummins

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

9:00am: +Linda Auer by Davey Lou Brungart
S.I. Ella Maye Brungart by Davey Lou Brungart

Thursday, August 21, 2025

9:00am: S.I. Sr. Maria Faulkner by Kathy Pierce

Friday, August 22, 2025

9:00am Communion Service
Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Peter Parish

Saturday, August 23, 2025

5:30pm:

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:30am:

11:00am:

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention for August 2025: For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons. Amen

This week in our parish:

Saturday, August 16, 2025

5:30 pm Mass

Lector: Bill Boles

Sacristan: Mark Berenz

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Lewis & Diane Bleich

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:30 am Mass

Lector: Pauline Snyder

Sacristan: Roberta Castillo

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ford & Dan Ford

Sunday, August 17, 2025

11:00am Mass

Lector: Peter Rosasco

Sacristan: Maria Sims

Eucharistic Ministers: Ellen Age & Colleen Earnshaw

Monday, August 18, 2025

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

9:00am:

Food Pantry open 9:30am—12:30pm

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

9:00am

Thursday, August 21, 2025

9:00am

Friday, August 22, 2025

9:00am Mass:

3:30pm: Centering Prayer in Church

Saturday, August 23, 2025

5:30pm Mass

Lector: Barbara Jackowski

Sacristan: Mark Berenz

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Boles & Sandy Boles

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:30am Mass

Lector: Nancy McCrosson

Sacristan: Roberta Castillo

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy McCrosson

Sunday, August 24, 2025

11:00am Mass

Lectors: Peter Rosasco

Sacristan: Roberta Castillo

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Baugh
& Colleen Earnshaw



Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURE

Donations received:

August 9—August 10, 2025:

1st Collection: \$2,740.00

2nd Collection: \$1,438.00 (Summer Blues)

Direct Deposit Weekly: \$ 765.00

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 “Building Maintenance Fund” as a 2nd Collection taken at Masses

A Building Fund is a designated financial account to accumulate funds for the maintenance, repairs, or improvements to the church building itself, aimed at supporting or enhancing the church’s physical structure and that of the Parish Hall, Parish Office, Ministry Center and Rectory building.

These are the expenses incurred to support the physical buildings, grounds and other infrastructure on campus in a safe and functional state.

- Repairs to building, equipment and grounds
- Routine maintenance tasks and landscaping
- Custodial services
- Preventative maintenance activities

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, 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, 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, Rosemary Farrell, Tyler Pappadakis, +Howard Bleich, Marissa Sibucão & 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, Alex Burkos, Tom Schoonbeck, Kathleen Henry, Nancy Herrera, Matty Frank, Dee Johnson, Sandy Boggs, Mike Muthner, Richard Robinson, Pat Parenty, Ferdinand Villa, Linda LaRochelle, +Larry Ruddy, Ann Ruddy, +Lottie Kruzel, Clara Harrell, Barbara Oberski, +Rodger Hoffman, Gregory Klimock, baby Rain Oliver, Graciella Cruz Pino, Ashleigh Rupert, Delilah Ann Oliver, Tamara Snider, Jill Mather, +Enrique & Gloria Suarez, Teresa Valdez, Reggie Paros, Dorsey Family, Anthony Vaccaro, Mark Fraley, Jan Basham, Mark Walker, Margaret Burns

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.

Thank you for supporting this project!



Save Our Key Deer, Inc. (S.O.K.D.)

Your local 501-C3 Nonprofit for Endangered Key Deer

Benefitting endangered Key deer and our community.

Statues to be placed within Mile Markers 16-33

Painted Key Deer Statues Project

An idea was born to bring more awareness to the struggles of Key Deer in our community.

The display of multiple artful deer statues will educate and inspire our community and celebrate the privilege of living among these beautiful and endangered animals.

It also displays our love for Key Deer to visitors who can approach any statue without hurting and impacting a living animal.

Each deer can be sponsored by a local business, a resident or a visitor.

Each sponsored Key Deer will have a plaque that recognizes the sponsor and the artist and includes an educational message about how you can help Key Deer.

Fabulous News

St Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish is very excited to announce that we have already joined this effort to save the deer by adopting a hand painted family of four to be placed in a county approved, secure location in the front of our property.

Just Purchased!

The Key Deer family, as found in nature consists of:

One adult buck = \$950.00

Two adult does \$950.00 each = \$1,900.00

One fawn = \$750.00

The purchase we made for our Key Deer family was \$3,600.00

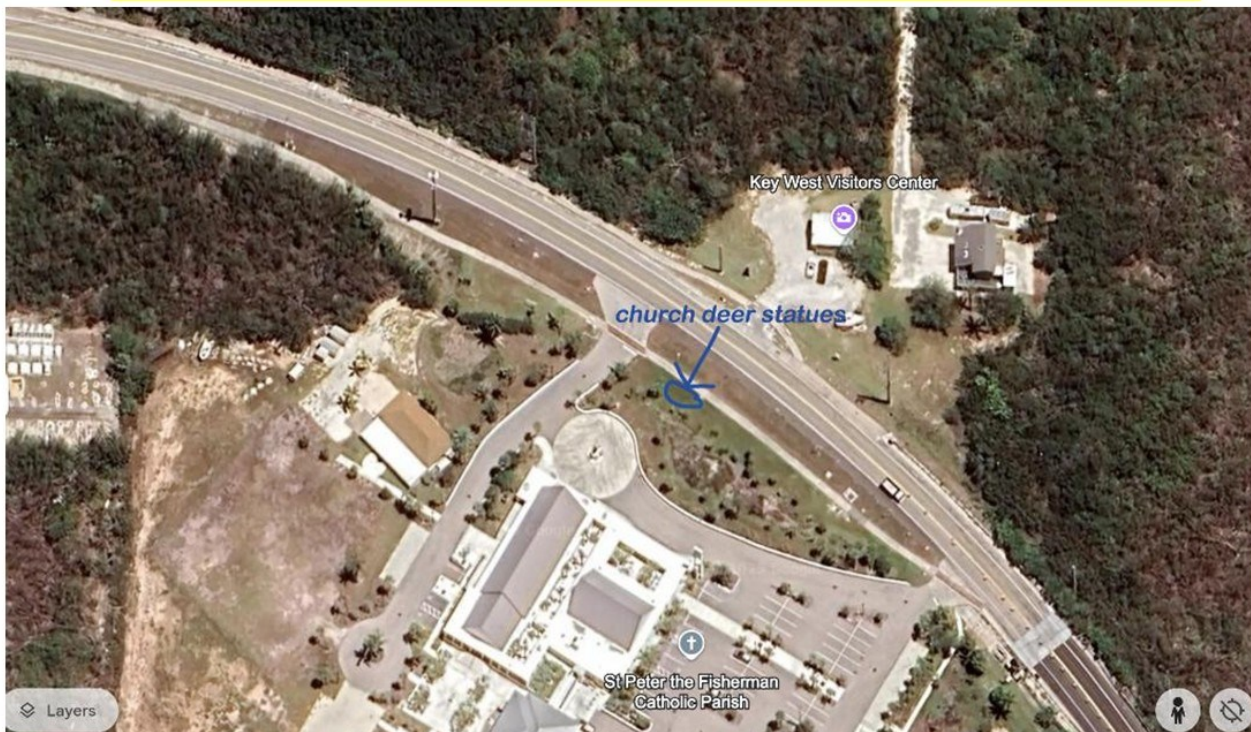
How Can YOU Participate In Our Project?

Your donation, of any amount, is appreciated and will compensate the account used.

- If you would like to participate, you may drop your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office, envelopes are in the Narthex, marked Key Deer Project.
- If donating by check, checks payable to St. Peter and note Key Deer Statues in the memo.
 - If donating by credit card, visit the office or call Nancy #305-872-2537.
- Your donation is tax-deductible, and then included in your contributions to St. Peter.

St Peter's continues to support S.O.K.D. as well as holds an annual membership.

The photo shows the Monroe County approved secured location.



Thank you for supporting this project!



Religious Education Classes Resume in September!!

We are excited to begin a new year of faith formation and spiritual growth for the children of our parish.

Start Date: Sunday, September 21st from 9:45am—10:45am

Classes are held every Sunday from September through May

Grades: Kindergarten through Confirmation

Cost: \$60.00 per child, includes snacks

To register, please submit a registration form found in the Narthex. Fill it out and return to the Parish office or place in an envelope with **CCD Registration written on the front and place in the Sunday offering basket at Church.**

Two years of Religious Education are required to prepare students to receive their First Communion and to be Confirmed.

Confirmation Class of 2026

Year 2 Confirmation Class to be confirmed in the Spring of 2026.

We will accept new Confirmation students in August, 2026. This is a 2 year program. Please contact Rosalinda Hally for further information at 305-942-9975.

Nationwide Invitation to Prayer—daily from now until October 1, 2025

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In Particular, we will invoke the intercession of *St Joseph, Defender of Life* with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen

For more information visit www.usccb.org

Dan's Corner:

Maintenance Supervisor Dan Ford would like to thank:

Joann Deithorn
Amy Peper
Lisa Ford



for helping him around the church. Volunteer Opportunities are always available.

Looking for volunteers to help clean carpets . Call the office at 305-872-2537 for more details.

Thank you to The Martha Ministry:
Bethann Crocker and Colleen Earnshaw who clean the church every week. Call the office if you would like to help them.



Are you a Visitor to St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish?

*We have the perfect memento for you, a
souvenir ornament of our church for
\$20.00.*

Parishioners,

*Proudly share your love of St. Peter Parish
by gifting your house guests with an
ornament. Please see an Usher after mass
to buy.*

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!!



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



St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish Website

St. Peter Parish 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!



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!



Prayer for Hurricane Season

Heavenly Father,

as we enter hurricane season, we humbly seek your protection and guidance.

Calm the storms and guide those in their path to safety.

Protect our families and homes from harm and grant strength and resilience to those who are affected.

We are grateful for your loving care and pray for comfort and support for all who are suffering.

May your peace be with us always. Amen



Do you like to sing??

Do you play an instrument?

St. Peter's Choir needs you!!

We are looking for new volunteers—especially in the summer and fall to help us Lead our congregation in praise to God for the many blessings we have received. Choir practice is at 4pm on Saturdays in the church.

Seasonal parishioners and year-round parishioners welcome!!

Contact Fr. Jets in the office.

Planned Giving:

We understand that discussing estate planning can feel overwhelming.

That's why we invite you to begin a conversation with your family, your financial advisor, and with us. There's no pressure, only an opportunity to explore how your final act of stewardship can reflect a lifetime of faith.

To learn more about Planned Giving, please contact Kblanco@theadom.org or visit www.adomgift.org.

Stewardship:

Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness.

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

LUKE 12:51

St. Peter Community Food Pantry



Open Tuesdays from 9:30am-12:30pm

The second weekend of each month is "Loaves and Fishes" weekend.

An update on your Food Pantry Activity:

Dear Parishioners; Thank you for your continued generosity!
We continue to assist many people in the community enduring difficult times and needing food.

The second weekend of every month is designated "Loaves and Fishes" weekend. A cart will be set up in the Narthex for you to place your donations. The Pantry clients are in need of dry pastas, canned meats, hearty soups, canned fruit, vegetables and tomato sauce food items.

Also needed are personal care items such as laundry detergent, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, body wash and bug spray.

The Pantry has had such a wonderful response from our parishioners as well as community organizations: the Keys Women's Club, the Women of the Moose the Orthodox Church, Coconuts, the Bike Shop, Venture Out Church, Summerland Women's Club and Lord of the Seas Lutheran Church!

Thank you for caring and helping us bring HOPE & JOY into the lives of families living in our community.

Your Parish contact for all things related to the Food Pantry is

Director, Nova Silvy, through the Parish Office at 305-872-2537.

We have \$25.00 Gift Certificates for:



Square Grouper Bar & Grill and My New Joint Milagro Restaurant & Bar Broil Steakhouse

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

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

Thanks For Buying Gift Cards From Us!

Welcome Home gathering for Jubilee Pilgrims

Please join us on Saturday, August 23rd at 6:30pm—7:30pm in the Parish Hall
as we share our unforgettable experience with you!



We are deeply grateful for your support and prayers, which led us to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth. As a way to say thank you, we invite all St. Peter parishioners to a **Welcome Home Gathering**.

We will be sharing a potluck feast so bring your favorite finger food or dessert, table ready with serving utensils if needed, to share while enjoying an evening of photos, stories and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Below are three testimonies we want to share from the returning Pilgrims

Reflection on the Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome:

First of all, I thank the Lord for the amazing blessing and opportunity to travel to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth this Jubilee Year of HOPE.

Before setting off, my intention was clear — to carry your prayers with us. They became part of the journey, tucked safely in my backpack. Throughout the pilgrimage, I read your intentions alongside my fellow pilgrims, lifting each one prayerfully to the Lord, and finally delivering to the many churches we entered.

One of the most unforgettable experiences was entering the Holy Doors at the four major basilicas. This had been a lifelong dream, and by God's grace, it became a reality. As I touched the ancient doors in thanksgiving for being there, I knew without a doubt it was only through His grace that I had been brought to that moment.

I offered the plenary indulgence, not for myself, but for the souls in purgatory — trusting in the Lord's mercy and whispering, "*Lord, hear my prayer.*" -- *Rosalinda Hally*

Thoughts on Rome:

Amazing to see so many youth from around the world praising God with such joy and adoration.

My faith and hope for the future Catholic Church has been renewed.

I was fortunate to be witness to the history and beautiful architecture of Rome and Assisi.

To climb the same steps of Christ, there are no words.

Only a few feet away from the Pope, not once but at least 4 times.

Amazing experience. God is alive and living among us!!!!

Thank you, Lisa Ford

Reflections from Rome:

Some of my favorite moments in Rome were the art featured everywhere we went, especially in the churches. When we walked into a church the first thing we did was stare up at the ceilings in awe of all the beautiful detailed sculptures, paintings and mosaics. The amount of artwork on the ceilings was unbelievable and inspiring. Not only did the art capture our hearts but it also spoke of the great care and dedication to convey the life of Jesus and his message to humanity.—*Alessandra Hally*

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It is time to renew our existing Bulletin advertisers and sign-up new ones.

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Are you a Parishioner wanting to support your parish by reserving a spot this year with a favorite Saint or "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a loved one?

Are you a Business Owner 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.

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- 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:

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