

# 2018 STATE OF THE PARISH REPORT ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Together in Faith*

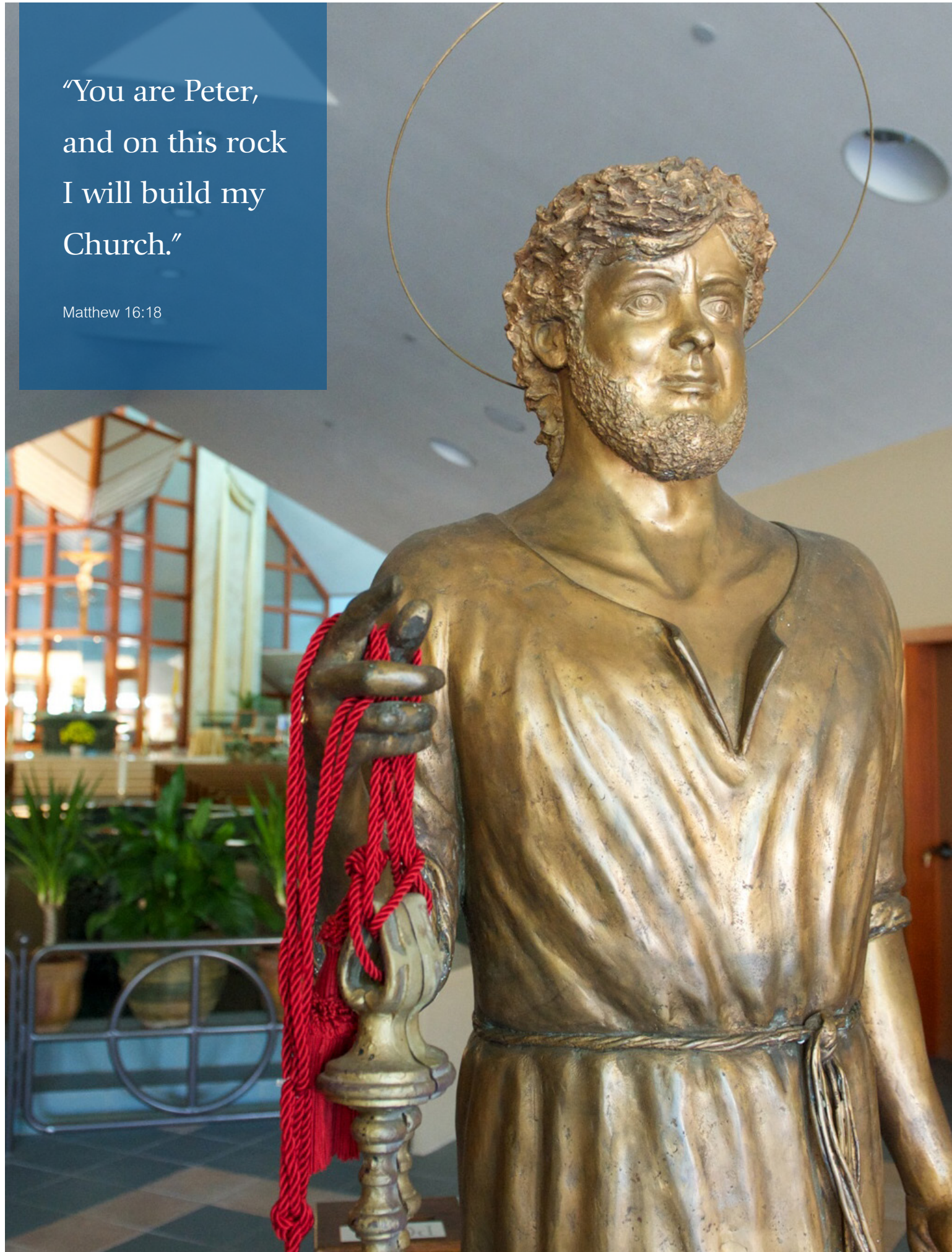


LOVE GOD   
LOVE OTHERS  
MAKE DISCIPLES



“You are Peter,  
and on this rock  
I will build my  
Church.”

Matthew 16:18



Dear Parishioners:

I would like to give you an update on our parish and a summary of things that occurred during the fiscal year of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

The mission of our parish is: “Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples”. More than a catchy phrase, this statement summarizes what we strive and aim to be as followers of Jesus Christ, to not just GO to Church, but to BE the Church!



Some ways that we continue to stress is to make our “Weekend Experience” the best that it can possibly be. We are emphasizing the “3M’s”.... Ministry, Message and Music. Ministry as in creating a sense of warm hospitality among all the ministries on the weekends. From greeters, ushers and everyone in the pews. We are all called to be ministers of hospitality not just to those people that we already know, but especially to those who are visiting us as guests.

Another “M” is the message or the homily at Mass. During this past year, we have started our message series. The message series are a series of homilies that are coordinated among the clergy so that the entire parish can hear the same message. Usually they are built around a theme and incorporate the Sunday readings. One of the goals of the message series is to coordinate the weekend message with the small group discussions throughout the week. The third “M” is music. We are blest to have the talent of Dr. Gonzalo and our members of the music ministry. Oftentimes, music is an area where many parishes struggle. We are blest to have great music and musicians here. But we strive always to be better. We are working on ways to enhance the participation of the congregation more in the singing of hymns and music at Mass.

One major way that we have striven to enhance the weekend experience is through the use of our “big screens” at Mass. The screens allow us to have the words to the songs and the responses and prayers at Mass available to all in the church to see. This is especially helpful to those who are joining us for the first time, or may be unfamiliar with the responses and prayers at Mass.

Our church building was constructed in 2002. As the building turns 16 this year, some major maintenance items need to take place. Due to a major leak, the flat roof over the front entrance to the church needs to be replaced. This project started during the 2017-18 FY and will conclude in the 2018-19 FY. A future need that has been identified is the replacement of the flooring in the church. Plans call for a replacement of the carpet in the church with porcelain tile. In order to replace the flooring in the church, it will be necessary in the future to do this project during the summer months. It is expected that this could take several months, as all the pews will need to be moved around as the flooring is replaced. In order to do this project, we have determined that the Parish Hall could be utilized to accommodate the smaller Mass attendance numbers during the summer. Our focus on the upcoming year is to get the Parish Hall ready for this to occur. The Hall was painted and new flooring and 700 new chairs were ordered to replace the ones we had since 1991. We are also making plans to add large projection screens in the Parish Hall and to replace the sound system, so that the “weekend experience” can continue in the Parish Hall for Masses and others activities. Our meeting rooms are also getting a new configuration to accommodate and facilitate small group discussion.

This year, we hosted two “hunger challenges”. These are days when hundreds of parishioners come together in the parish hall and pack food which is then sent to areas in our world that are most in need. Our first hunger challenge was the “Three Kings” Hunger Challenge in January where we packed 80,000 meals. It was a great success. We also held another hunger challenge in June.... the School’s Out Hunger Challenge in which 40,000 meals were packed and sent to those in need. The parish purchases the supplies, and parishioners pack and box the food. Once again, it is through the generosity of parishioners that allows us to participate in this very important mission of the church to feed the poor.



During Lent, we added the “Mercy Bag” project. Items and supplies for the homeless were collected during Lent and then assembled into 2-gallon zip lock bags that could be given to a homeless person in our travels around our area.

During the Spring, we once again welcomed Fr. Erick Gruloos, the pastor of San Miguel, our Sister Parish in Guatemala to St. Peter. He spoke at all the weekend Masses and the second collection was taken to help our sister parish. The next month, a group from St. Peter travelled to San Miguel to visit and see the many projects that we have collaborated with over the past ten years.

The model that we are using at St. Peter is called “Rebuilt”. Rebuilt is a church renewal program that began at Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Maryland. We are “adapting” it here at St. Peter to fit the unique needs of our parish. The emphasis of Rebuilt is to make Church matter and to reach out to the unchurched. To form members into disciples, and to empower disciples to invite the unchurched into a relationship with Christ. This spring, the parish clergy and staff travelled to Church of the Nativity to attend the Rebuilt Conference. If you would like a copy of the book, “Rebuilt”, we have copies available.

These are but some of the ways that we are striving to live out our mission to “Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples!” Many more things occur every day in which disciples are formed and we serve and participate in the mission and ministry of the church. I would encourage you to attend Mass frequently, even daily Mass. To join a small group to grow deeper in your faith, to get involved in a ministry to share your talent with others and finally....to invite a friend, neighbor, coworker or family member to come to Mass with you. By doing these things, our lives are transformed and enhanced as we take up our Lord’s challenge to be his disciples and to share the Good News to all.

I invite you to peruse through these pages and see some of the great things happening at St. Peter.

In Christ,

**Fr. Don**

Fr. Don Finney  
Pastor



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# Parish Statistics

Number of Families registered: 3,179  
Individual Members registered: 9,370  
Females – 52%  
Males – 48%  
Average Age: 35  
Number of Envelope Users: 913  
Number of Online Givers: 355  
Number of Electronic Pay Givers: 34  
Average contribution of those giving - \$1,130 per year

Active Members in a Ministry: 1,192  
Number of New Families Registered in the past year: 348

Enrollment at All Saints Catholic School – 479  
Number of students at All Saints Catholic School  
from St. Peter - 147  
Percentage of students at All Saints Catholic School from St.  
Peter – 31%  
Number of Parishes sponsoring All Saints Catholic School – 6

Number of Students in SPKids: (Grades 1-5): 289  
Number of Students in Edge Middle School Youth Ministry: 120  
Number of Students in Life Teen Youth Ministry: 110  
Number of "Small Groups" – 20 (11 English, 9 Spanish)  
Number of Ministries – 63+

Number of Priests: 4  
Number of Deacons: 7  
Number of men in Diaconate Formation - 1  
Lay Staff: 10 full time / 8-part time

## Sacraments

Baptisms: 104 (97 children, 7 adults)  
First Communion: 148  
Confirmations: 109 (87 teens, 22 adults)  
Weddings: 19  
Anointing of the Sick: 784  
Funerals: 50

## Attendance

Average Weekend Mass Attendance: 2,501  
Christmas Mass Attendance total – 5,260  
4:30 Christmas Eve Mass (Church) – 1,173  
Easter Mass Attendance total: 5,365  
11:00 Easter Sunday Mass (Church) – 1,165  
Communion hosts ordered per month: 12,000 – 15,000  
Cases of sacramental wine used per year  
(12 bottles per case) - 50  
Highest Attended Weekend Mass: 12:30PM Spanish Mass  
Least Attended Weekend Mass: 4:30PM Saturday

## Liturgical Ministers

Altar Servers – 34 English / 40 Spanish  
Lectors – 56 English / 18 Spanish  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
- 77 English / 17 Spanish  
Ushers – 32 English / 25 Spanish  
Greeters – 36  
Welcome Kiosk Ministers – 17 English / 3 Spanish  
Audio Visual – 12 English / 4 S

## Jupiter Statistics

(Based on a 3 mile radius of St. Peter)

Population: 64,976  
Median Household income: \$76,687  
Median Property Value: \$305,600  
Average Age: 42.4 years

## Ethnicity

White (Non-Hispanic) – 82.6%  
African American (Non-Hispanic) – 1.5%  
Hispanic / Latino – 12.7%  
Asian – 2%

## Religious Preference

Catholic – 23.7%  
Baptist – 18.0%  
Methodist – 11.6%  
Non-Denominational / Independent – 5.9%  
Presbyterian – 5.8%  
Judaism – 5.6%  
Episcopal – 3.9%  
None – 25.5%

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# FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

## REVENUES:

	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017
Offertory & Donations	\$1,993,895	\$1,768,611
Med. Garden, Fundraisers & other	54,540	37,055
Religious Ed & Youth Ministry	88,110	83,821
Building Fund Collections	151,059	177,841
School Fund Collections	60,174	60,314
Diocesan Collections & DSA Shortfall	117,711	107,601
Ministries	49,062	51,674
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,514,551</b>	<b>\$2,286,917</b>

## EXPENSES:

Rectory Expenses	\$66,761	\$63,989
Diocesan Collections & DSA Shortfall	129,403	107,601
Religious Ed & Youth Ministry	74,976	69,662
Parish & Ministry Expenses	412,100	338,033
Sisters & Convent Expenses	0	107,206
Loans - Interest Exp. & School Exp.	37,001	47,453
Utilities & Services	356,275	438,658
Property & Liability Insurance	95,596	105,837
Salaries & Benefits	877,012	801,407
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,049,124</b>	<b>\$2,079,846</b>
Principal Loan Repayments	197,899	232,947

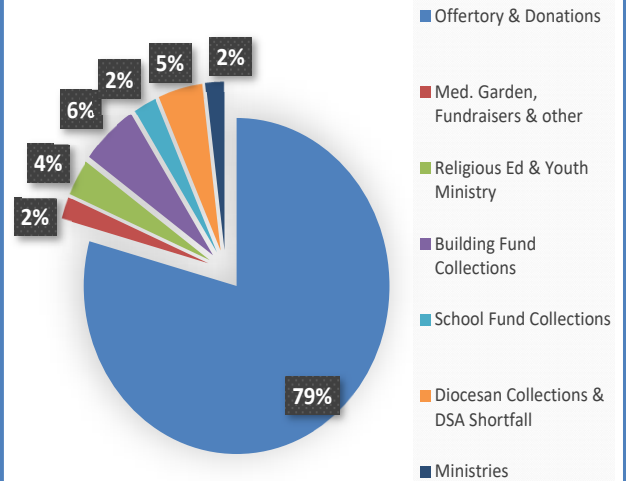
## EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES

**OVER EXPENSES** **\$267,528** **(\$25,876)**

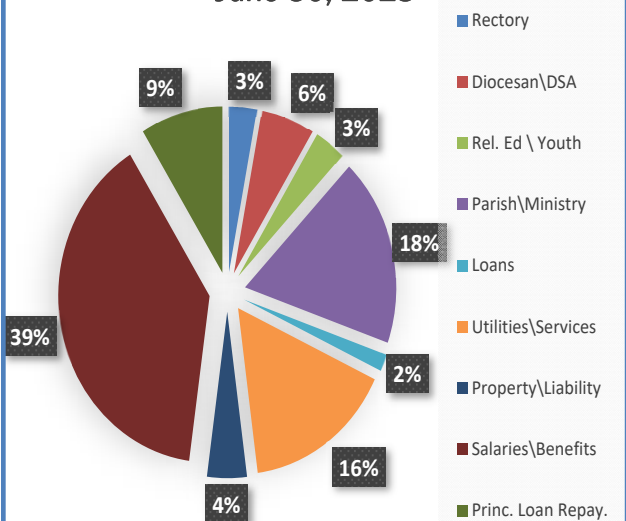
## OUTSTANDING DEBT:

Church	\$657,331	\$799,453
School	76,291	133,068
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT</b>	<b>\$733,622</b>	<b>\$932,521</b>

Revenue Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2018



Expenses Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2018



In a review of revenues and expenses for the 2018 fiscal year compared to the previous year, revenues were significantly higher (10%) while expenses were only slightly less (3%). The additional revenues were primarily due to unrestricted donations from 5 parishioners totaling \$216,700. Offertory contributions reflect a slight increase of 2%. Large expenditures during this fiscal year included the large screens and TV's in the church as well as the first payment to replace the flat roof on the church. The two loans that we have with the Diocese decreased by almost \$200,000. The school loan is expected to be paid off in the next twelve months. We continue to commit ourselves to being excellent stewards of your generosity.



## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH CLERGY & STAFF



**Rev. Donald T. Finney**  
*Pastor*

Fr. Don Finney was born in Omaha, NE. He attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA and graduated with a degree in History. He taught U.S. History, World History, Theology and was Assistant Headmaster at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, CT. He studied for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA and was ordained to the priesthood on May 28, 1994 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich, CT. Fr. Don has served at St. Louis Parish in Webster, MA, the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and St. Lucie Parish in Port St. Lucie, FL. In April 2003 Fr. Don was appointed pastor of St. Peter and has overseen tremendous growth in our parish and the many ministries that serve our parish community. Fr. Don loves to travel and read. He has a particular interest in the Holocaust and has studied and researched it extensively. Fr. Don received his M.A. in Holocaust and Genocide Studies from Gratz College in Melrose Park, PA in 2016.



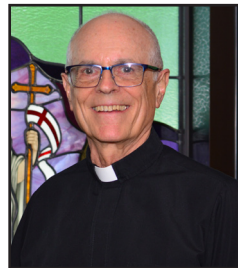
**Rev. Jean W. Boulin**  
*Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Jean W. Boulin was born in Haiti. He attended St. John Vianney Seminary in Miami, Florida. Following that he moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he attended Notre Dame Seminary. Fr. Jean was ordained a deacon in 2003 and was involved in both the Spanish and English communities in Indiantown. In May 2004 he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Palm Beach and was assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Stuart. Subsequently was assigned to St. Helen Parish in Vero Beach. After two years he elected to improve his knowledge of Spanish by studying in Mexico and then assumed responsibility for the Spanish ministry at St. Helen's where he served until 2012. After St. Helen Fr. Jean served at St. Ann Parish in West Palm Beach where he ministered to the Haitian, English and Spanish communities. I like God's humor. He called me. I assumed that my call was for Haiti. After wrestling with that, I find myself serving in two languages that are not native to me. I have learned to follow Him.



**Rev. Wesler Hilaire**  
*Parochial Vicar*

Fr. Wesler Hilaire was born in Haiti. He was raised and educated in the Catholic faith. After his high school in Haiti, he went to Honduras where he learned Spanish and a year later, he went to the Dominican Republic, where he earned his degree in Philosophy at the Jesuit University in the Dominican Republic. In 2008 he joined the Diocese of Palm Beach and was accepted as a seminarian for the diocese. He went to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans for an immersion program in priestly formation. In 2009, he began his five years of study in the Masters of Divinity program at Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. In April 2013, he was ordained a transitional deacon. As a deacon, he served at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens. In May 2014, he graduated from St. Vincent and was ordained a priest to serve God's people in the Palm Beach Diocese. He was assigned and served the people of Saint Joan of Arc Parish in Boca Raton for three years. Then was transferred to Saint Joseph Parish in Stuart, and now looks forward to serving here at St. Peter. Fr. Wesler speaks Creole, French, Spanish and English. Fr. Wesler's personal motto is: "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry" Padre Pio.



**Rev. Ray Zielezienski**  
*Assisting Priest*

By way of introduction, I offer a few words about my background. I was born in Passaic, N.J. After graduating from Hackensack High School I attended Pratt Institute in New York City and became a Graphic Artist. After graduating from Art School I enlisted in the Army at the time of the Vietnam Conflict. After being discharged from military service I worked for Harper & Row Publishing Company, in New York City, designing advertising brochures for their college textbooks. After visiting California on a vacation, I decided to move to the Golden State in 1972, settling in Berkeley and working there in the art field. I became very involved in ministry at the local parish, and after much discernment I decided to enter the seminary. I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Oakland on December 4, 1981. During my priestly ministry, I have served as a pastor in three parishes in the Diocese of Oakland, as well as serving as Vocations Director and the Vicar of Priests. In August of 2008, Bishop Allen Vigneron, then Bishop of Oakland, appointed me as pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church in San Ramon, CA. On September 2, 2015 I retired from full time ministry at the age of 70 and moved to Palm Beach Gardens to be close to my family and to enjoy the beautiful weather. I look forward to being an assisting priest here at St. Peter and become involved with this vibrant and faith filled community as we continue to live the Mission of Jesus.



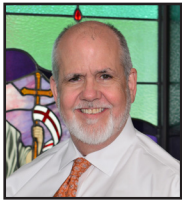
*Parish*  
**Clergy**



## Deacon Don Battiston

Deacon Don Battiston graduated from Marianapolis Prep School, Georgetown University and St. Thomas Seminary. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1976 for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Deacon Don

assists the parish on week-ends; however, his primary ministry is with the Diocesan Office of Prison Ministry as the Catholic Chaplain at a maximum security State prison in our diocese. He and his wife Pam have 5 children and 17 grandchildren.



## Deacon Steve McMahon

Deacon Steve and his wife Mona are both "Native Floridians". They live in Palm Beach Gardens and have four adult children and three grandchildren. Deacon Steve was ordained right here at St. Peter in 1999

in what is now the Parish Hall. He graduated from Clemson University and began his theological education at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach (attending nights and weekends). Deacon Steve works full time supporting his family as a Wealth Advisor at a major financial institution. Mr. McMahon also served seven years as Captain McMahon in the U. S. Air Force where he learned to drink coffee and fly sideways for hours at a time.



## Deacon Stephen Scienzo

Deacon Stephen Scienzo was born in Providence RI and ordained as a Permanent Deacon on September 6th 2008. He moved to Florida in 1968 with his parents and met his wife Cheri in 1971 and married her in

1972. They have two children Michael and Catherine and five grand children Liliana, Toby, Salvatore, Cody and Emma. A parishioner since 1987, Deacon Stephen has been involved in many different ministries. He has served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, and Altar Server as well as working in the Food for Families ministry and the Ministry for the Sick. He has recently become involved in Pastoral Care at St Mary's Hospital for the diocese of Palm Beach and oversees our Hospital, Nursing Home, Critically ill, and Home bound Ministry for the Sick at St Peters. Currently Stephen is an Independent Insurance Agent and owner of his own firm Scienzo and Associates Insurance Agency. His desire in life has always been to serve needs of others as he now serves the people of God as a Permanent Deacon. He reminds us that "Life is precious from the moment of conception until natural death and should never be taken for granted. Life is a Gift from God. Let us always remember that and cherish it.



## Deacon Serge Dube

Deacon Jean Serge Dube', Jr. was born in Hartford, CT. He graduated from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, CT with a degree in Elementary Education. Deacon Serge, JoAnn and their

three children Mia, Jack and Christy moved to Florida in 1997. Deacon Serge teaches Religion at Cardinal Newman HS in West Palm Beach. He studied for the Diaconate at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL and received

his Masters in Theological Studies. He was ordained to the permanent diaconate on September 7, 2013. Deacon Serge loves to pray, read, study, write, and share about the wonderful gifts of our faith! May we all realize the wonderful gift we have indeed been given: "The Word of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who did through His transcendent love, become what we are, that he might bring us to be even what He is Himself." – St. Irenaeus, Against the Heresies.



## Deacon John Collins

Deacon John Collins was born in Silver Creek, NY, a small town south of Buffalo. He has an undergraduate degree from Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA. and an MBA from SUNY Binghamton,, NY.

Deacon John is retired and lives with his wife, Judy in Jupiter. Between them, they have four children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Deacon John studied for the Diaconate at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL. He received his Masters in Theological Studies and was ordained on September 6, 2014. "As Catholics, we should continually strive to serve the Lord and to make the link between the Gospel proclaimed and the Gospel applied, a living reality."



## Deacon John Bartalini

Deacon John Bartalini was born in New York City and has lived in Palm Beach County since 1985. He has a B.S. and an M.B.A. from St. John's University in Jamaica, New York and an M.A. in Theological Studies from St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in

Boynton Beach, FL. He and his wife Deanna have two married children, Peter and Elisa. Deacon John teaches math at a charter school in Boynton Beach. Currently, he serves in the Food for Families ministry at St. Peter and with the Unbound healing and deliverance prayer ministry with the Diocese. Ordained on Sept 12, 2015 after hearing God's call to serve him as a permanent deacon he strives to live out John 2:5, "Do whatever he tells you."



## Deacon Dave Licata

Deacon Dave Licata resides in Jupiter with his wife Carol. They have been parishioners at St. Peter since 2006 when they relocated from New Jersey. The Licata's have six grown children who are now all out of the

nest. Deacon Dave was ordained on September 10, 2016 at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola. Prior to his ordination, he studied at Saint Vincent De Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida. During the five formation years at seminary, he was continuously active on the altar here at St. Peter and additionally took personal interest in many of the ministries and functions that have contributed to making our parish welcome to all who enter its doors. He is presently the Ministry Leader for the Bereavement Ministry and is assigned as the assistant to the chaplains at All Saints Catholic School. Prior to accepting the vocation of diaconate, Deacon Dave, devoted all his time in the business world, initiated a startup food service company in Sussex, New Jersey, a company that he still consults for. His future outlook as deacon is simply to be available to the parishioners at St. Peter, and as he is charged to do...bring souls to Christ.



## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH CLERGY & STAFF



**Yvette Alicea**  
*Sunday Receptionist*

Yvette Alicea was born in Manhattan, NY and moved to Puerto Rico when she was three years old. She attended the American University and graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. In June 1991 she moved to Jupiter and has a son. When St Peter started masses in Spanish she became part of the leadership in many different ministries. She is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Lector and an Altar Server. She also graduated from the Diocesan Christian Formation School. She has been a part time staff member since 2012 and she loves helping people.



**Giovanna Christian**  
*Director of Finance*

Giovanna Christian is the Director of Finance. Giovanna was born and grew up in the Chicago area. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. She has been a parishioner since 1990 and has been the Director of Finance since 2000. She is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a member of the Bell Choir. She has three children, Kate, Kelly and Michael. Giovanna loves being a part of our dynamic growing parish and enjoys participating in its many events, from spiritual to social and getting to know our wonderful families.



**Layne Behncke**  
*Director of Youth Ministry  
& Young Adults*

Layne Behncke is the Director of Youth Ministry and Confirmation. She was raised in Palm Harbor, FL with her two older sisters. At age 13, during a Steubenville conference, God made her desire for Youth Ministry strong and from then on she has been dedicated to serve Catholic youth. She studied Religion and Theatre at Florida State University and went on to be a Missionary for Retreat and Youth Ministry in Wisconsin. From Wisconsin she moved to Tennessee to be a Youth Minister full time. She is very excited about her new adventure with St. Peter and looks forward to growing in faith with all our teens!



**Edna Forero**  
*Nursery*

Edna Forero always enjoyed working with children and love that she can continue serving at St Peter's family in the nursery along with her own four children. She enjoys finding ways to give back and be involved in any way she can. On other days, working as a financial coach helping people to reach financial stability is a joy and passion for her. As a military spouse for twenty one years, with a few moves, being part of a Catholic family across the country reminds her of just what is important for all of us. Faith, Family and Love for Others.



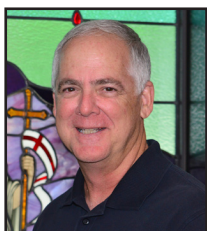
**Leonardo Busa**  
*Director of Stewardship*

Leonardo was born in Brazil, studied at St. Joseph High School and graduated from the Pontifical Catholic University with a Bachelor Degree in Law and with a Master's Degree in Environmental Law. After graduating he taught Political Sciences and Constitutional Law at Universo University, in Brazil. When he moved to the United States, in 2006, he lived in California for five years and became a Medical Interpreter. Leonardo has lived in Florida since 2010. Before becoming a member of the staff at St. Peter, he worked as a Family Counselor at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery in Royal Palm Beach. Leonardo is excited about stewardship as a way of life and encouraging others to discover their talents and serving in ministry. Leonardo proudly became an American citizen in 2015!



**Dr. Gonzalo Gonzalez**  
*Director of Music*

Dr. Gonzalo Gonzalez is our Director of Music. Dr. Gonzalez is originally from Spain and comes from a family of musicians. He studied music at the University of Miami where he earned a double Bachelor of Music in Music Engineering and Keyboard Performance. In 2000 Gonzalo won first prize in the university's Chopin Piano Competition. After graduating he went on to study composition earning both a Master and Doctoral degrees in Music Composition and winning several awards for his work. Prior to coming to St. Peter Dr. Gonzalez was the Director of Music at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Miami and an Adjunct Professor of music theory, ear-training/sight-singing, orchestration, and counterpoint at the University of Miami and at Florida International University. Gonzalo's music is published through International Liturgy Publications and is steadily growing in popularity. He lives in Jupiter with his wife and two children.



**Joe Buckley**  
*Facilities Manager*

Joe Buckley is the Facilities Director. Joe was born in Miami, FL and was the youngest of nine children. He attended St. Mary's School and then Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School. After graduation, he served six years in the United State Army as a Military Policeman. Joe recently retired from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office after more than 25 years of service. Joe shares his talent with the parish is a member of the Lifteen Kitchen Krew.

*Parish*  
**Staff**

## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH CLERGY & STAFF



### **Marta Jimenez**

#### *Nursery*

Marta Jimenez was born in Guatemala and live in the US since 1993. In 1995 she got married and have two daughters. When St. Peter started mass in Spanish she got

involved with children's liturgy of the word on Sundays and also she helps with nursery service. She is also involved with prayer group on Tuesday nights and prayer group on Friday nights and is serving St Peter since 2011.



### **Christine Macdonald**

#### *Parish Secretary*

Christine Macdonald is the Parish Secretary. Christine was born in Long Island, New York and moved to Merritt

Island, FL as an infant. In 1972 Christine and her family moved to Port St. Lucie, FL where she still resides. Christine is a single parent with three daughters; Allison, Jennifer, and Heather. Christine shares her time and talent in the LIFE TEEN Youth Ministry playing her guitar in the band and as a member of the Core Team.



### **Becky Miklos**

#### *Director of Religious Education*

Rebecca Miklos is the Director of Religious Education. Becky was born and raised in the Pittsburgh area and moved to Florida in 1992. She has a Bachelor of

the Arts from the University of Notre Dame, and an Master of the Arts in Religion and Religious Education from the Catholic University of America. Becky became the Director of Religious Education at St. Peter in January 2008. She is the single mom of two teenage daughters, Sarah and Eva. Becky loves the vibrant, Catholic community of St. Peter Parish and is thrilled to be able to contribute to its growing vitality and authenticity by leading children and families to an ever deeper understanding of their Catholic faith.



### **Jo Munoz**

#### *Administrative Assistant*

Jo Munoz is the Administrative Assistant. She was born in Glen Cove, New York and moved to South Florida after attending Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New

York. She had worked with personal injury lawyers for eighteen years before coming to St. Peter in 2006. She has been married to her husband, Angel for 40 years and they have two grown children, Joseph and Raquel and two little granddaughters. Jo and Angel volunteer for Food for Families as well as other parish functions and consider St. Peter to be their extended family.



### **Etiel Tejada**

#### *Maintenance*

Etiel Tejada is a member of our maintenance staff. She was born in El Salvador and moved to Boston, MA when she was very young and worked

for Harvard University in the Maintenance Department of the Divinity school. Etiel moved to Jupiter, FL in 2003 with her husband Santos. Etiel and Santos are devoted, and active parish members. Etiel follows Christ path by serving the community and sharing her love for Christ with her children, family and friends. Etiel has been an active staff member since December 2012.



### **Santos Tejada**

#### *Maintenance*

Santos Tejada is a member of our maintenance staff. Santos was born in El Salvador, the third son in a family of ten!

He left El Salvador as a young man in his twenties and moved to Boston, MA where he worked at Harvard University in the Department of Facility and Maintenance Operations. It was there he met his wife Etiel. In 2003 Santos moved to Florida and became a member of our parish. Not long after, he saw our ad for help and joined our staff in 2004. He believes that God sent him here to work and be a part of our parish family. Santos, Etiel and their three children, Jason, Kevin, and Magdalena are very happy here at St. Peter.



### **Ediza Vega**

#### *Director of Hispanic Ministry*

Ediza Vega was born in Cajamarca, Peru. She graduated from San Martin University in Lima, Peru with studies in Journalism. In 1995 she immigrated to the United

States and lived in Maryland for 20 years working in Journalism and Latino Community Leadership until moving to Jupiter, FL in 2010 for family reasons. Upon having her personal encounter with Jesus Christ, she decided to change careers. She will soon begin her third year of Pastoral Leadership Seminar in the Southeast Pastoral Institute of Miami. She graduated from the Palm Beach Diocesan Christian Formation School, and also from the first phase of Christian formation at San Andres School of Evangelization.

Since arriving to Jupiter, Ediza has been an active parishioner of St. Peter Church which has led her into many leadership roles. She began as a member of the Emmaus Retreat Team and was the leader of the Hispanic Lectors Ministry and member of the Core Team of the Hispanic Ministry while serving as Sub-Coordinator of the San Andres School of Evangelization.

Ediza is excited to be part of a large and vibrant Hispanic community that prays, celebrates, and shares the Word of God with all the faithful.



# G.P.S. GIVING *praying* SERVING

## Adult Choir

Provides music for the Saturday and Sunday 4:30 pm & 11:00 am Masses.

## Altar Angels

Provides clean altar cloths, purificators, vestments and other items used during Mass.

## Altar Server

Provide assistance to clergy during religious services at the altar.

## Audiovisual Support

Help with Church Audiovisual monitors during Mass on the weekends.

## Bell Choir

Handbell ensemble rings each week for the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass.

## Bereavement

To extend condolences and support to those in the parish that have experienced the death of a loved one.

## Bible Study

To gain knowledge of who God is in our everyday lives and in history.

## Camp Grow

Youth ministry whose purpose is to beautify the church property and seasonally grow vegetables for distribution.

## Cantors

A singer who volunteers in leading the assembly in Worship.

## Children's Choir

Grades Pre-K – 5. Sing monthly at Sunday Mass.

## Childrens Liturgy of the Word

This program fosters a sense of belonging for the young children of our parish during Mass.

## Cursillo

To help people discover and fulfill their personal vocations.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

This chaplet, given to St. Faustina to immerse souls in Gods unending mercy. Prayed before the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass.

## EDGE

Provides a setting for middle school youth to socialize and learn the importance of service and relationships with Jesus.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Spend prayerful time in the presence of Jesus. The every Friday in the Chapel.

## Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Assist priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass.

## Finance Council

Provides financial guidance and advice to the Pastor.

## Food for Families

Collect non-perishable food from parishioners and distribute it to provide assistance to the poor.

## Food For Friends

Provides meals to the El Sol Community.

## Gifts of Faith Gift Shop

Maintain gift shop 30 minutes before and after each Mass on the weekends.

## Giving Tree

Provide Christmas gifts to needy children who live in the Jupiter area.

## Greeter

Junior and adult greeters welcome parishioners and guests when they enter the church.

## Hospital/ Homebound

Brings Holy Communion to the sick.

## KidZone

Church for pre-school age children during Mass.

## Knights of Columbus

Offer Catholic men 18 and older who are committed to improving their communities and supporting their church.

## Lector

Proclaim the Word of God at Mass by reading selected Scriptures.

## Life Teen

Youth ministry with a strong focus on the Eucharist.

## Life Teen Band

Provides music for the LifeTeen Mass at 5:30 pm Sunday.

## Meditation Garden

Meets every Saturday to maintain the landscape in and around the Meditation Garden.

## Mens Group

To enable men to grow closer to Christ and deal with daily struggles of their lives through prayer and Scripture study.

## Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayed in common before the 8:00 a.m. daily mass every Monday in the Chapel.

## Nursery

Provides childcare at the 9:30, 11:00 and 12 noon Sunday Masses.

## Peace & Social Justice

Works to advocate Social Justice in our larger community.

## Prayer Shawl

Pray while knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl for the sick and the newly baptized.

## Prison Ministry

To bring Christ to the imprisoned and accompanying prisoners on their journey of faith.

## RCIA

Provide an opportunity for adults to further their faith formation by learning more about our Catholic faith and completing their Sacraments of Initiation.

## Religious Education Catechists

To form young people into disciples.

## Rosary

Prayed after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, before the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass and before the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

## Rosary Making

Assist the Blessed Mother in her request for prayer by spreading the devotion of the rosary throughout our parish.

## St. Vincent de Paul

To reach out and provide support to the poor in our local community.

## Stewardship Council

To promote Stewardship as a way of life in our parish.

## Small Groups

A group of 6-12 parishioners formed to create discipleship for a mission.

## Ushers

Assist parishioners in finding seats, facilitate collection, and distribute bulletins after Mass.

## Vacation Bible School

Provide support in the summer to facilitate Bible camps.

## Welcome Kiosk

Assists new parishioners with information before and after Mass.

## Welcome Ministry

Welcomes new parishioners to become familiar with our Parish.

## Young Adults

For those 19-35 meets Monday nights.

## Young at Heart

For those 55+ who wish to experience Faith, fellowship, food and fun with their parish family.

## Youth Choir

They provide music for the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. (Grades 6-12)

**Get Involved,  
Join A Small Group  
Today!**

**Call the Parish Office  
(561) 575-0837**



## Stewardship Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

My parish is composed of people like me;  
I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and  
fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of  
fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble  
spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these  
same things.

Therefore, with Your help, O God, I shall dedicate  
myself to the task of being all things that I want my  
parish to be.

I commit myself to "Love God, Love Others and  
Make Disciples."

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