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*In Loving Memory of our
departed families and friends*

**Bettie & Bobby Berndt
The Fitzgerald Family**

**Save your aluminum, rinsed
cans and place them in the
receptacle near the garage.**

August Birthdays

- 5 Linda Ferreira**
- 6 Ronnie Carlson**
- 7 Paul Daly**
- 12 Elizabeth Vaughn**
- Kathy Beil**
- 14 Bernie Haefner**
- 15 Ceil Lyons**
- Alan Oswald**
- 18 Kathleen Husson**
- 22 John Hagen**
- Olvin Rodriguez**
- 25 Teresa Percic**
- Dee Quigley**
- 26 Beth Driggers**
- 27 Richard Karpinski**
- 28 Natalie Carlson**
- 31 Mary Jo Bankard**

Happy Anniversary

- Mary Jo & Don Bankard**
August 2, 1969
- Pat & Dan Moyles**
August 2, 1974
- Laurie & Michael Coughlin**
August 3, 1991
- Kathy & Jerry Beil**
August 8, 1964
- Betty & Leon Morris**
August 15, 1958
- Penny & Napier Breen**
August 17, 1985

Remember donations to our Poor Box, canned food for our food closet, and donations for Hannah's

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa
Deputy Grand Knight: John Husson
Chancellor: Dave Thomas
Recorder: Bob Hathaway
Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*
Financial Secretary: Tom O'Neill, PGK*

Advocate: Bob Oravits
Warden: Paul Kurilla
Guards:

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
Outside: Richard Rumprik

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year: Chuck Youse

Trustee Two Years: George McCall

Trustee Three Years: Bobby Berndt, *PGK

*PGK-Past Grand Knight
Catholic men 18 years or older are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Mark Fracassa (804) 305-6175 or Tom O'Neill (252) 308-0493.

BRICK MEMORIALS

Purchase a brick for St. Peter the Apostle Grotto for \$100. Call the office for details.

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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31 Ebony Road (Route 903), Ebony, VA 23845



We welcome all visitors & new parishioners to our parish family. Frequent part-time attendees are encouraged to register. Registration forms are located in the narthex.

Mission Statement:

We are people of God under the patronage of Saint Peter the Apostle and are called to be active followers of Jesus Christ. As members of the Body of Christ on earth, we gather for worship around the word of God and celebration of the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to each other in Faith, in Hope, and in Love. We, as an adult family of believers, are uniquely positioned in this time of our life with the time, talent and energy to bring the message of Jesus to our Community with the help of the Holy Spirit through testimony, example, hospitality and service.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
jbayta@richmonddiocese.org

Rectory: 434-636-7782

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434-636-6277

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Jerry Beil: 252-586-0635

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Jim Tomazic: 434-636-2993

Family Service Advisor:
Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

Liturgical Schedule

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday—5:30 pm

Sunday—8:00 am

Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

First Thursday of the month after Mass

Reconciliation:

First Saturday of the month at 4:30 pm & by appointment

Blessing of the Sick:

Last Tuesday of the month after Mass

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 20, 2023

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 15:21-28

If we read Matthew's entire Gospel, we would read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean, referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean. Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. The story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus,

requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, but Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, like in today's

Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.



As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually on August 30th at 7:00pm. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal. If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603 or email dana@arcplanted.org

Maria Schutte, Rose Gongla, Ann Mogilnicki, Mary Purdy, Tom Eddy, Judy, Kyle, Josh & Emma Pelletier, Carol & Bernie Haefner, Tamara Burns, Lexie Burns, Katie & David Berlin, Megan Quigley, Suzanne & George McCall, Kathy Aquilina, John Holt, Jean Sasscer, Bob & Pat Weise, Cheryl Beebe, Jerry Chini,, Jason Leese, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Matt Davis, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo & Don Bankard, Bernice Seay, James Caruso, George & Doris Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Dale Pfindler, Pat Hoffman, Fred Porter, Bob Warwick, Zony Carino, Steve Miller, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton

Please contact the office with updates. Contact Mary Ann Daly at 434-577-2660 to receive Holy Communion at home.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23
 Responsorial Psalm: 138:1-3,6,8
 Reading II: Romans 11:33-36
 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 19th
Jack Fioriti

Sunday, August 20th
James Denham Pasco II

Upcoming Events:

August 22-Knights Meeting
 August 29-Bazaar Meeting
 Aug. 22-Sept. 22-**NO DAILY MASS**

The first meeting for this year's bazaar/fall festival is Tuesday, August 29th at 11:00 am in the church social hall. We invite everyone who can help to attend this meeting. Bring your new ideas for the success of our biggest fundraiser. We need lots of help and ask everyone for a little of your time.

For questions contact Anne O'Neill. Thank you!
 252-578-0512 or oneilltomandanne@gmail.com.

Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$3,423.08	\$2,869.86 (\$553.22)

Online Giving

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stpeterebonya>
 OR
 Text GIVE to 434-686-6277

MASS ATTENDANCE:

August 12th
53
August 13th
148
August 15th
69

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Barbara Oravits	Chuck Youse	Bobby Berndt	Jeanne Kurilla	Marge Youse
	Robert Oravits	Bettie Berndt			Jackie Pfindler
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Wilson Youngblood	Bob Hathaway	Janet Hagan	Linda Adamos
	Bob Tuite	Debbie Youngblood			Carl Hagan