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In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends

Bettie & Bobby Berndt
The Fitzgerald Family

Helpful Hands and Hearts

If you need transportation to a doctor or pharmacy, call 252-586-3000 for a free ride.

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

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

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

April Birthdays

- 1 **Gerald Chini**
- 2 **Rita Lopez**
- 6 **Linda Kapinskis**
- 9 **Mark Fracassa**
- 11 **Douglas Kolb**
- 12 **Donna Boisot**
- Chuck Youse**
- 19 **Marge Youse**
- 20 **Benjamin Whitaker**
- 21 **Jeanne Kurilla**
- Richard Rumprik**
- Leigh Driggers**
- 26 **Anne Hagen**
- 28 **David Vaughn**
- Atasha Tejada**
- 29 **Kyle Pelletier**

Happy Anniversary

Dee & Brian Quigley
April 6, 1968

Carol & Jay Warfel
April 8, 1967

Linda & Robert Kapinskis
April 11, 1970

Teresa & Keith Percic
April 12, 1980

Sue & Bob Hathaway
April 15, 1978

Kay & David Berlin
April 20, 1985

Create a Legacy of Giving. Please remember St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in your Estate Plans.



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)519-3050.

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

Secretary/Bookkeeper:

Elizabeth Martin

434-636-6277

Pastoral Council:

Teri Oswald: 856-889-4760

Finance Council:

Jerry Beil: 252-586-0635

Building & Grounds:

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter—April 28, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 15:1-8

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. It begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet and providing them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the

branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures where Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through

the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

PARISH NEWS



KNIGHT NEWS

Have you updated your will lately? Please prayerfully consider naming the St. Peter the Apostle endowment as a partial beneficiary in your will or trust. This gift will be felt by generations to come. Contact the parish office or visit our website to learn more.

Congratulations to our two new Knights of Columbus, Isaac Bette and Robert DeFelice, who went through the Exemplification process on April 23rd and are now 3rd Degree Knights. Both will be superb additions to Council 9309.



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, George McCall, Jean Sasscer, Bob & Pat Weise, Cheryl Beebe, Jerry Chini, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo & Don Bankard, James Caruso, George Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Jackie & Dale Pfenner, Bob Warwick, Zony Carino, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan & John Holt, Jim Perozek, Helen Gryboski, Eneida Felisha Mendez, Linda Fleegle

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: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Responsorial Psalm: 98:1-4
 Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10
 Gospel: John 15:9-17

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 27th
Joseph Murray
 Sunday, April 28th
Walter Krueger

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 30-Blessing of the Sick
- May 1-Pastoral Council Meeting
- May 2-Holy Hour
- May 3-First Friday Devotion
- May 11/12-Diocesan Home Missions Collection



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for attending and supporting our Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. It was a great success and will enable the Knights to perform additional acts of charity in our community.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed and helped with the Lenten Food Drive. We donated 581 pounds of food to local food banks and received a nice thank you note from Ray of Hope Food Bank, which is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Susan Hathaway, Justice & Peace Committee Chair

Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$3,423.08	\$4,131.41 \$708.33

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

April 20th
46
April 21st
75

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Barbara Oravits	Chuck Youse	Bobby Berndt	Jackie Pfenner	Marge Youse
	Robert Oravits	Mike McDonald			Bettie Berndt
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	George McCall	Tom O'Neill	Barbara Jones	Mary Ann Daly
	Bob Tuite	Hart Hagen			Keith Percic