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Bettie & Bobby Berndt
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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.

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

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



January Birthdays


- 2 Nancy Armstrong
- 4 Gregg Lopez
William Treuting
- 7 James Tomazic
- 8 Bobby Berndt
- 10 Carolyn Aldridge
- 11 Liv Fioriti
- 14 Kenneth Armstrong
- 15 Matthew Giroux
- 16 Joseph Ferreira
Rosemarie Sanford
- 17 Janet Fracassa
Caitlin Centamore
Kristine Martin
- 19 Larry Hulse
Sharon Bette
- 20 Bob Hathaway
- 24 Sue Hathaway
John Husson
- 28 Keith Percic
- 29 Robert Driggers

Happy Anniversary

Anne & Tom O'Neill
January 4, 1969

Bettie & Bobby Berndt
January 26, 1974

Douglas & Laura Kolb
January 27, 1962



St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Chapter

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2024-2025

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa
Deputy Grand Knight: John Husson

Chancellor: Dave Thomas
Recorder: Bobby Berndt, PGK*
Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*
Financial Secretary: Tom O'Neill, PGK*

Advocate: Bob Oravits
Warden: Paul Kurilla
Guards:

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
Outside: Richard Rumluk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year: Chuck Youse
Trustee Two Years: Bobby Berndt, PGK*
Trustee Three Years: Wilson Youngblood, 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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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
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Rectory: 434-636-7782

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Elizabeth Martin
434-636-6277

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Teri Oswald: 856-889-4760

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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—4:30 pm

Sunday—8:00 am

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

First Thursday of the month after Mass

Reconciliation:

Saturday at 4:00 pm & by appointment

Blessing of the Sick:

Last Tuesday of the month after Mass

The Baptism of the Lord—January 12, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. The baptism of Jesus is

reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father. The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus,

another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5
Responsorial Psalm: 96:1-3, 7-10
Reading II:
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

Mass Intentions

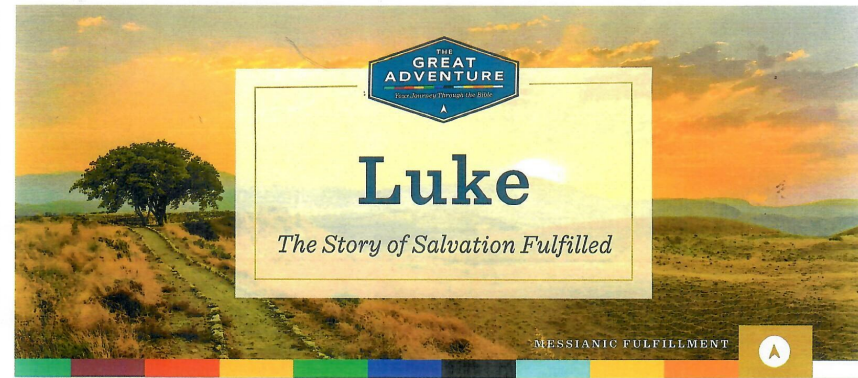


Saturday, January 11th
Our Parishioners
Sunday, January 12th
Regina & Joseph Kobulsky

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 14-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Jan. 14-Adult Bible Study
- Jan. 16-Finance Council
- Jan. 20-21-Office Closed
- Jan. 21-Adult Bible Study
- Jan. 25-Praying for Priests
- Jan. 28-Knights Meeting

PARISH NEWS



Dates - Time - Location

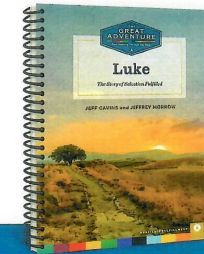
10:00 am-11:30 am in the Social Hall
January 14, 2025
January 21, 2025
January 28, 2025
February 4, 2025
February 11, 2025
February 18, 2025
February 25, 2025
March 4, 2025

For More Information

Email the parish office to reserve your spot and order your workbook.
office@stpeterebony.org

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings.

The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*, you will experience a new joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives.



Visit AscensionPress.com/lukestudy for more details.

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, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo Bankard, George Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan Holt, Jim Perozek, Helen Gryboski, Eneida Felisha Mendez, Linda Fleegle, Travis Smith, Lori Magusson, Leigh Gautreau, Rose Pascoe, Bernice Jiano, Zony Carino, Kip Boisot, Lori Snelling

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

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$8,698.51 \$4,852.36
Solemnity of Mary:		\$901
Initial Offering:		\$53.00

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 1st
91
January 4th
58
January 5th
66

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Bobby Berndt	John Husson	Dan Moyles	Patricia Moyles	Jackie Pfendler
	Jim Perozek	Mark Fracassa			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Debbie Youngblood	Bob Hathaway	Sue Hathaway	Jay Warfel
	Robert Tuite	Wilson Youngblood			Olvin Rodriguez