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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
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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.

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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 Second Sunday in ordinary Time—January 19, 2025

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

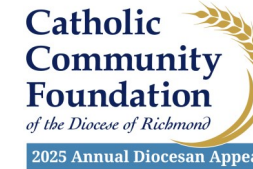
Background on the Gospel

Reading John 2:1-11

Today's Gospel reading describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle. Awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all

that is to happen to him. John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened. Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus

establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.



Welcome to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Sharing His Love with Others*. The 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

Last week those of you who are existing recurring givers received a letter from Bishop Knestout. In early February, many of you will also receive a letter asking for your support of the 2025 Appeal. It is my sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

Our parish receives back 50% of the funds collected from our parish. This year, the funds returned will be used to pay for the replacement of two of our heating and cooling units for the church. Our church alone runs on three units and two of them were replaced this week. The cost to install these two new units is \$20,560.00. The invoice is still unpaid. We had not anticipated this expense for our budget this year. The two units replaced were 18 years old, the original units for our new church. The standard life span for these units is 20 years. We now only have one original unit that has not been replaced. Our entire building, including the rectory, is heated and cooled with 7 units.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish, the 2025 Appeal also supports international priests which allows me to serve as your pastor. Your donations pay for the immigration costs for our current international priests working in our Diocese as well as a mentorship period for new international priests. There are 51 international priests serving in our Diocese. The Appeal provides the monies for the Fuel and Hunger Fund which is used to assist those in need in our local community through grants we have received from the Diocese. This fund supplies groceries, heating, rent and shelter assistance to families in need, and the elderly across the Diocese and in our local area.

On behalf of Bishop Knestout and myself, thank you in advance for your support of the 2025 Appeal.

Fr. Jong

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, Paul Daly, Fulton Greiner

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: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
 Responsorial Psalm: 19:8,-10, 15
 Reading II:
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 18th
Our Parishioners
 Sunday, January 19th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 20-21-Office Closed
- Jan. 21-Adult Bible Study
- Jan. 25-Praying for Priests
- Jan. 28-Knights Meeting

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$4,700.61 \$854.46

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 11th
38
January 12th
32

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Dan Moyles	Chuck Youse	Jackie Pfindler	Kathy Husson
	Paul Kurilla	Jo Anne Carino			Marge Youse
Sunday	Nancy Arena	Jenny Hagen	Tom O'Neill	Jim Burke	Jay Warfel
	Paul Arena	Anne O'Neill			Mary Ann Daly