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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.



February Birthdays

- 5 Jackie Pfendler
- 7 Carl Hagan
- 8 Timothy Tucker
- 9 Janet Hagan
- Kathy Karpinski
- 11 Tom O'Neill
- 12 Mary Hatch
- 13 Liza Kiger
- 15 Jerry Beil
- Brandon Creede
- 16 Paul Kurilla
- 17 Dawn Free
- 20 Carlos Mendez
- 21 Jennifer Harlow
- 24 Barbara Oravits
- 27 Jerry Becker
- 28 Anna Mendez
- Tom Tuch

Happy Anniversary



- David & Rosemarie Sanford**
February 14
- Janet & Carl Hagan**
February 24, 1968

Catholic Community Foundation
of the Diocese of Richmond

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY

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
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- *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

Business Manager:
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—4:30 pm (after DST ends)
5:30 pm (after DST begins)**

Sunday-8:00 am
Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:
First Thursday of the month after Mass

Reconciliation:
Saturday 30 minutes before Mass & by appointment

Blessing of the Sick:
Last Tuesday of the month after Mass

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 16, 2025

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 6:17, 20-26

Today's Gospel is the beginning of what is called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is called the Sermon on the Mount. There are differences and similarities between these gospel readings. When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, the impression is that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside

the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. The form of the Beatitudes found in the Gospels is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored." The Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we

might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
 Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
 Reading II:
 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 15th
Our Parishioners
 Sunday, February 16th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 17-Office Closed
- Feb. 18-Adult Bible Study
- Feb. 19-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Feb. 20-Finance Council
- Feb. 22-Praying for Priests
- Feb. 25-Blessing of the Sick
- Feb. 25-Knights Meeting

Last Week's Offertory

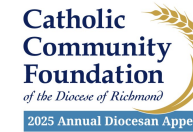
	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$4,493.61 \$647.46

Online Giving

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

**MASS
 ATTENDANCE:**

**February 8th
 48
 February 9th
 88**



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

Supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about providing for 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- * Provides formation opportunities for youth and young adults aimed at community building, prayer, worship, service, and education.
- * Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.
- * Funds the cost of room, board, tuition, and health insurance for our seminarians.

This year we were awarded \$3,000.00 from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of the diocese. To see the full list of ministries supported by the Appeal, please visit richmondccatholicfoundation.org/appeal.



**Knights of
 Columbus®**
 Council 9309

Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake, Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Breakfast at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Social Hall, on Feb. 16th following the 8 am Mass.

A Freewill Offering is greatly appreciated!

Lenten Schedule for Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

- St. Peter the Apostle Mass at 9 am
- SVMC Hospital Mass at 12 pm
- St. Richard Mass at 5:30 pm



Father needs parishioners as Parish Pastoral Council members. The council meets monthly with Father to ensure that the pastoral needs of the parish are met. Speak to Father or contact the parish office if you are interested.

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 Sasser, 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.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Dan Moyles	Chuck Youse	Patricia Moyles	Marge Youse
	Paul Kurilla	Jo Anne Carino			Jackie Pfendler
Sunday	Joan Medina	Wilson Youngblood	Carlos Mendez	Jim Burke	Barbara Jones
	Luis Medina	Debbie Youngblood			Anna Mendez