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Purchase a brick for St. Peter the Apostle
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Remember donations
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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.



April Birthdays


- 1 Gerald Chini
- 2 Rita Lopez
- 6 Linda Kapinskis
- 9 Mark Fracassa
- 11 Douglas Kolb
- 12 Donna Boisot
- 19 Marge Youse
- 20 Benjamin Whitaker
- 21 Jeanne Kurilla
- Richard Rumprik
- Leigh Driggers
- 25 Paula Peavey
- 26 Anne Hagen
- 28 David Vaughn
- Laura Judd-Burke
- 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

**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
Deputy Grand Knight: John
Husson
Chancellor: Dave Thomas
Recorder: Bobby Berndt, PGK*
Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK*
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Tom O'Neill, PGK*
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Warden: Paul Kurilla
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Chuck Youse
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Catholic men 18 years or older
are eligible to join the Knights
of Columbus. Please contact
Mark Fracassa (804) 305-6175
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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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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**

Second Sunday of Easter—April 27, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 20:19-31

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first

encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus

send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Praying With Next Week's Readings


Reading I: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm: 30:2,4-6, 11-12,13

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 26th
Walter Krueger
Sunday, April 27th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

April 29-Blessing of the Sick

May 1-Holy Hour

May 2-First Friday Devotion

May 6-**NO DAILY MASS**

May 7-Pastoral Council

Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$3,846.15	\$5,812.21
Holy Thursday for the poor:\$229.00	
Good Friday:	\$519.00
\$1,966.06	

Online Giving

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stpeterebonyva>

OR

Text GIVE to 434-686-6277

MASS ATTENDANCE:

April 17th
55

April 19th
55

April 20th
251

PARISH NEWS

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

Our parish now has a volunteer for pastoral care of the sick. This minister of care can visit the homebound, those in the hospital or nursing home, can provide transportation for doctor appointments, and can provide companionship and spiritual support. The minister of care can bring communion and pray with you. Please call the office to schedule a visit.

JOB OPENING

St. Peter the Apostle seeks a part-time Custodian to perform general cleaning duties at the church building and rectory. Position is for 19 hours a week. Must be dedicated, reliable, detail-oriented, and able to work independently. To apply, email the parish office at office@stpeterebony.org.

During Masses on May 3rd and 4th we will be joined by Mr. Randy Jones, principal ZMM architect, the firm the parish hired to review our priorities for future growth. He will have drawings and estimates of the projects that have been identified by the parish planning committee for parishioners to review. This process is the beginning of determining the future path of our parish. In addition, the parish has hired Greater Mission who will be working with us to formulate a capital campaign to evaluate the potential of funding these projects. These are exciting times and the planning committee looks forward to working with you to move our parish vision forward.



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, Jean Sasscer, Bob & Pat Weise, Cheryl Beebe, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Mary Jo Bankard, George Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan Holt, Jim Perozek, Helen Gryboski, Eneida Felisha Mendez, Linda Fleegle, Travis Smith, Leigh Gautreau, Rose Pascoe, Bernice Jiano, Kip Boisot, Lori Snelling, Fulton Greiner, Sadie Waters, Ken Armstrong, Martina Dicello, Alexandra Roy, Louis Keipe, Carlos Mendez, Anne O'Neill, Kathy Beil

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	Barbara Oravits	Jo Anne Carino	Dan Moyles	Patricia Moyles	Jackie Pfendler
	Robert Oravits	Bettie Berndt			Bettie Berndt
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Hart Hagen	Isaac Bette	Mary Ann Daly	Olvin Rodriguez
	Robert Tuite	Carol Agee			Myrna Rodriguez