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**Helpful Hands
and Hearts**

If you need transportation
to a doctor or pharmacy, call
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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.



May Birthdays

- 1 **Al Meyer**
- Joanne Sheppard**
- 6 **Jean Maynes**
- Marietta Soto**
- 11 **Michael VanScoyoc**
- 16 **Jamie Gagne**
- Annette Bramos**
- 17 **Robert Martin**
- 23 **Leon Morris**
- 24 **Jennifer Faleski**
- 27 **Carol Haefner**
- 28 **Jim Perozek**
- Cheryl Shaheen**
- 29 **Linda Becker**
- Jean Sasscer**

Happy Anniversary

Cheryl & Pat Shaheen
May 8, 1982

Marilyn & Bob Tuite
May 18, 2013

Lil & Al Meyer
May 20, 1967


Jean & Brian Creede
May 22, 1993

Annemarie & Harlow Martin
May 23, 1987

Nanette & Matthew Stavola
May 30, 1980

**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*
Financial Secretary:

Tom O'Neill, PGK*

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Warden: Paul Kurilla

Guards:

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*

Outside: Richard Rumprik

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:

Chuck Youse

Trustee Two Years:

Bobby Berndt, PGK*

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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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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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Luis Medina: 757-692-5498

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Jerry Beil: 252-586-0635

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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter—May 11, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 10:27-30

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of John. This chapter follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. Set in a moment of tension and

conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest. We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience

with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep. Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Acts 14:21-27
Responsorial Psalm: 145:8-13
Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 10th
Kathy Hayduke
Sunday, May 11th
All Mothers from Our Parish

Upcoming Events:

- May 13-NO DAILY MASS
- May 15-Finance Council
- May 24-Blessing of Boats
- May 23-30-Office Closed
- May 27-Blessing of the Sick

PARISH NEWS



Over the next few weeks, St. Peter the Apostle parish will be conducting a professionally executed and confidential Feasibility Study to determine if we can conduct a capital campaign to raise funds to support a renovation project of our parish facilities. The Feasibility Study will test support for our case for fund-raising as was explained recently at Mass by the ZMM architectural firm and the potential timetable for a campaign. The Feasibility Study process includes confidential one-on-one interviews, a parish Town Hall meeting, and an online survey. The Final Study Report will provide our parish leadership with the information we need to make a prudent and informed decision on what next steps should be taken. Greater Mission, a Catholic development services firm, is conducting the feasibility study over the next several weeks. The data they gather will be confidential and reported to us in an aggregate report of input and opinion. Greater Mission will provide professional recommendations on next steps. An Executive Summary of the Study Report will be published in the parish bulletin and a full copy of the report will be posted on the parish website so that there is full transparency about the Feasibility Study results.



Father Jong is blessing boats on Saturday, May 24 from 12 noon until 2:00 pm. A boat will be in front of Watersview Restaurant at Eaton Ferry Bridge with a large sign. All boats and personal watercraft are welcome. Please tell your neighbors and friends.



Call the office to schedule a visit with our pastoral care of the sick volunteer, who can visit the homebound, those in the hospital or nursing home, provide transportation for doctor appointments, companionship and spiritual support. The minister of care can bring communion and pray with you.



Rose Mogilnicki, Gongla, Ann 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, Kathy Beil

Contact Mary Ann Daly at 434-577-2660 to receive Holy Communion at home.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$3,417.66 (\$428.49)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

May 3rd
unavailable
May 4th
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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Patricia Moyles	John Husson	Chuck Youse	Jackie Pfendler	Marge Youse
	Dan Moyles	Mark Fracassa			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Joan Medina	Keith Percic	Bob Hathaway	Jim Burke	Olvin Rodriguez
	Luis Medina	Linda Adamos			Myrna Rodriguez