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Bettie & Bobby Berndt
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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.



June Birthdays

- 2 Alivia Martin
- 4 Margaret Baron
Brian Quigley
Erwin Satur
- 5 Mary Stacy
- 8 Maribeth Hodge
- 10 Donald Fitzgerald
- 11 Bettie Berndt
- 12 Yolanda Villanueva
- 13 Abegail Aguila
- 14 Jay Warfel
- 16 Linda Adamos
Jennifer Foran
- 18 Sheri Polignone
Kip Boisot
Tom Morton
Lois Sava-Foltz
- 21 David Quinn
Joan Medina
- 23 Nancy Arena
- 25 Martin Harlow
- 26 Bob Gongla

Happy Anniversary

- Rose & Bob Gongla**
June 3, 1961
- Elizabeth & David Vaughn**
June 5, 1981
- Yolanda & Felix Villanueva**
June 9, 1984
- Anna & Carlos Mendez**
June 11, 1979
- Barbara & Bob Oravits**
June 18, 1978
- Sharon & Isaac Bette**
June 24, 1994
- Mary Ann & Paul Daly**
June 26, 1965
- Carol & James Agee**
June 26, 1993

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 Rumplick
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year:
Chuck Youse
Trustee Two Years:
Bobby Berndt, PGK*
Trustee Three Years:
Wilson Youngblood, PGK*
 *PGK-Past Grand Knight

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are eligible to join the Knights
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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.

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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

Pentecost Sunday—June 8, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 20:19-23

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his

promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world. We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief. In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me,

so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Proverbs 8:22-31
Responsorial Psalm 8:4-9
Reading II: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15

Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 7th
David Berlin
Sunday, June 8th
Our Parishioner

Upcoming Events:

June 10-NO DAILY MASS
June 13-NO DAILY MASS
June 18-Finance Council
June 24-Blessing of the Sick
June 23-27-Office Closed
June 28-29-Peter's Pence

PARISH NEWS



In May of 2025 Greater Mission was asked to conduct a feasibility study to test the desire on the part of the parish to conduct a capital campaign to add to and renovate the existing parish structure at St Peter the Apostle Parish.

A comprehensive review of current parishioner giving was conducted. Greater Mission correlated this data with research from one of its partners - DonorSearch. DonorSearch conducted a comprehensive electronic review of public financial data, philanthropic giving, and other information to produce preliminary gift capacity ratings. Greater Mission then used this data, conducted follow-up research, and invited input from the parish staff to identify parishioners that may have leadership capacity. A master table with parish giving data was created and a suggested starter gift range was developed for each parishioner based on the information available. The significant factors in evaluating the research were the age of the population, local property value, parish and archdiocesan giving, political giving and identified business revenue. All of the data was secured from public sources and DonorSearch. Greater Mission used proprietary metrics to evaluate giving potential.

The research was used to compile a list of potential interviewees for the study. The final interview list identified 54 top prospects in the parish and was made up of key parishioners suggested by Greater Mission and parish leadership. Several of the names from the DonorSearch process were included on the interview list in addition to significant offertory contributors, key parish volunteers and parishioners from various ages and demographic constituencies at the parish.

Greater Mission found St. Peter the Apostle Parish to be a community of highly engaged, faith-filled and committed people. There is a tremendous spirit of community, parish pride and deep seeded faith among the people. Your love for and faith in your pastor is universal. Every campaign is a great challenge, however, with the dedicated leadership of Father Jong, and the Grace of God, Greater Mission believes that St. Peter the Apostle Parish can achieve success.

Based on these conclusions to the findings and Greater Mission's experience, we will proceed with a capital campaign.

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, Kathy Beil, Chuck Youse

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

Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$3,846.15	\$3,845.71 (\$0.44)

Online Giving

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

MASS
ATTENDANCE:

May 31st
66
June 1st
112

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Bobby Berndt	Mark Fracassa	Jay Warfel	Marge Youse	Bettie Berndt
	Jim Perozek	Mike McDonald			Jackie Pfendler
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Jay Warfel	Isaac Bette	Jim Burke	Olvin Rodriguez
	Robert Tuite	Carol Agee			Myrna Rodriguez