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*In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends*

The Purdy Family  
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Bettie & Bobby Berndt

# January Birthdays

- 4 **Gregg Lopez**
- 7 **James Tomazic**
- 8 **Bobby Berndt**
- 10 **Carolyn Aldridge**  
**Robert Williams**
- 11 **Liv Fioriti**
- 17 **Janet Fracassa**
- 18 **Adeline Vermeulen**  
**Kristine Martin**
- 19 **Larry Hulse**
- 20 **Bob Hathaway**
- 22 **Joseph Benson**
- 24 **Sue Hathaway**  
**John Husson**
- 28 **Keith Percic**
- 30 **Adam Caine**

# Happy Anniversary

- Anne & Tom O'Neill**  
January 4, 1969
- Suzanne & George McCall**  
January 25, 1972
- Bettie & Bobby Berndt**  
January 26, 1974
- Douglas & Laura Kolb**  
January 27, 1962

Save your aluminum, rinsed cans and place them in the receptacle near the garage.

**REMINDERS**  
Remember donations to our Poor Box, canned food for our food closet, and donations for Hannah's Place.

# Our Lady of the Lake



## Council 9309

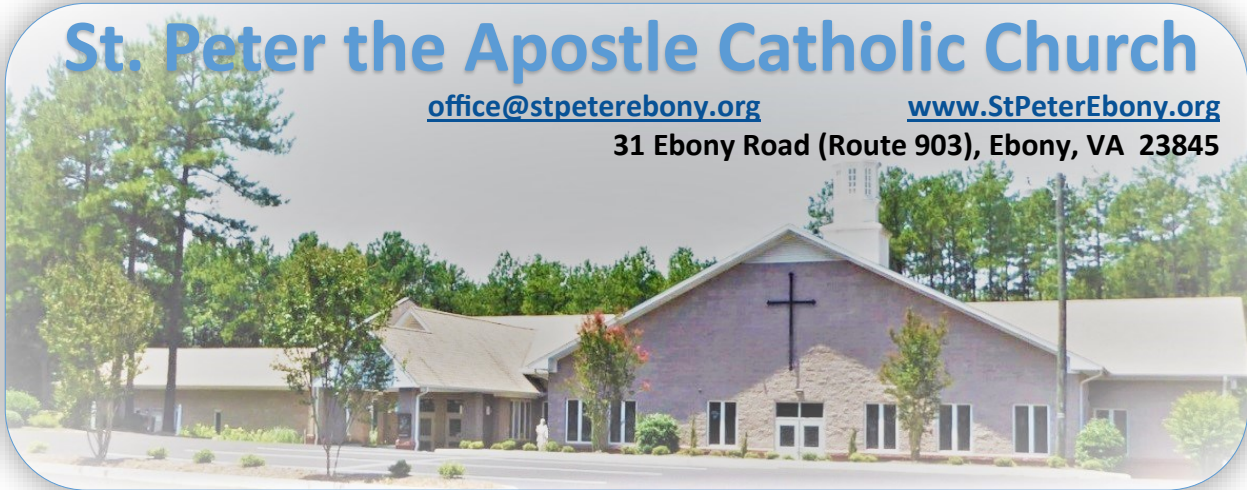
**Officers for 2021-2022**  
Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
Grand Knight: Bobby Berndt  
Deputy Grand Knight:

Chancellor: Dave Thomas  
Recorder: Bob Hathaway  
Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK  
Financial Secretary:  
Tom O'Neill, PGK  
Advocate: Bob Oravits  
Warden: Paul Kurilla  
Guards:  
Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK  
Outside: Richard Rumlplik

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**  
Trustee One Year:  
Mark Fracassa  
Trustee Two Years:  
Tom Eddy, PGK  
Trustee Three Years:  
Chuck Youse

*If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older and wish to join our Council, please contact Bobby Berndt (434)636-2565 or Tom O'Neill (252)308-0493.*

**BRICK MEMORIALS**  
Purchase a brick for St. Peter the Apostle Grotto for \$100. Call the office for details.



# St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

office@stpeterebony.org      www.StPeterEbony.org  
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 nathex.

**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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jbayta@richmonddiocese.org  
Rectory: 434-636-7782  
**Secretary/Bookkeeper:**  
Elizabeth Martin  
434-636-6277

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Jay Warfel: 434-636-4029  
**Finance Council:**  
Dan Moyles: 434-636-0081  
**Building & Grounds:**  
Jim Tomazic: 434-636-2993

**Liturgical Schedule**

Weekday Masses:  
**Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am**  
Weekend Masses:  
**Saturday—5:30 pm**  
**Sunday—8:00 am**  
Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:  
**First Thursday of the month after Mass**  
Reconciliation:  
**First Saturday of the month at 4:30 pm & by appointment**  
Blessing of the Sick:  
**Last Tuesday of the month after Mass**

# The Baptism of the Lord—January 9, 2022

# PARISH NEWS



## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

filled with expectation, he will baptize you, Holy Spirit, beloved Son, well pleased

**To the point:** Because of the power of John's baptism, the people's expectation is that they have found the Christ in John. John points the people, however, to Jesus, who will bring an even more powerful baptism. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, so does

the Holy Spirit descend upon us; Jesus is the beloved Son, so are we beloved children; God was well pleased with Jesus, so is God well pleased with us. To what does such a baptism call us? What do we expect? What does God expect?

### Connecting the Gospel

#### ... to the Second Reading:

The Second Reading spells out what baptismal living looks

like: "reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." This is the rebirth to which God calls us.

**... to experience:** Over time and experience we grow to maturity as human beings, appreciating more and more fully both our roots and our potential. So, too, with baptism. We grow over time into understanding its meaning and its power.

Jesus never sinned. So why did he get baptized?

To be close to us. Instead of the waters cleansing Jesus from original sin, we can think of Jesus's submersion into the river Jordan as Him baptizing the water. By taking part in this ritual, Jesus elevates it. He raises it to the level of a sacrament, a moment when we know that He will be present, through which we can encounter Him. That's what happened when each of us were baptized. We became Christ's brothers and sisters.

And if we're joined to Jesus in baptism, then what he hears after coming ashore also applies to us: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." Through baptism, we become sons and daughters of God. This is our true identity!

Reminding ourselves of this identity—for instance, when we make the sign of the cross with Holy Water—transforms the way we live. If God is Our Father, it means our life is a gift. And it means He's inviting us into his work of generosity and love. How does this change the way we think about helping our parish community? About volunteering our time and talents? About supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal? Pray about it and see!

The Knights of Columbus will begin their annual **"Baby Bottle Campaign"** next weekend, providing support for the Pregnancy Support Center of Roanoke Rapids. Please save your loose coins to surpass our last year total of \$1700!



On October 2023, the Catholic Church will have the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Part of the preparation for the Synod is a process to listen and dialogue with the local community. If you want to be involved in the Synodal process, please call or email the office to ask for a copy of the materials for the consultation with the local community.

Please use this list to pray for those who are in need. May we all lift one another up in prayer.

Jack Fioriti, Megan Sullivan, Mary Jo & Don Bankard, Maria Schutte, Rose Gongla, Ann Mogilnicki, Lynn Martin, Mary Purdy, Joe Dart, Tom Eddy, Mike McFadden, Mark Sullivan, Judy, Kyle, Josh & Emma Pelletier, Steve Miller, Carol & Bernie Haefner, Tamara Burns, Lexie Burns, Ranada Morbitzer, Mary Marshall, Katie & David Berlin, Megan Quigley, Al Meyer, Katy Meyer, Bob Warwick, Zony Carino, Brenda George, Peter Hamilton, Joe Gryboski, Joanne Tomazic, Nettie Williams, Suzanne & George McCall, Kathy Aquilina, Bobby Berndt

Names will remain on the prayer list for 1 month. 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: Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Responsorial Psalm: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10  
 Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
 Gospel: John 2:1-11

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 8th  
**Mark Heman**  
 Sunday, January 9th  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 17-Office Closed
- Jan. 20-Finance Council
- Jan. 25-Blessing of the Sick

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

- Dec. 24h 98
- Christmas Day 50
- Dec. 25th 21
- Dec. 26th 47
- Jan 1st 36
- Jan. 2nd 65

## Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Christmas: 12/26/21	\$2337.50
Offertory: \$3,269.23	\$6,611.45 <b>\$3,342.22</b>
Catholic Charities:	\$908.50
Votive Stand:	\$40.00
Poor Box:	\$229.00

## Online Giving

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

OR  
 Text GIVE to  
 434-686-6277

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Pat Moyles Dan Moyles	John Husson Mark Fracassa	Chuck Youse	Jeanne Kurilla
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite Robert Tuite	Bob Hathaway Bernice Jiano	Jay Warfel	Myrna Rodriguez

