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*In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends*

The Purdy Family  
The Fitzgerald Family  
Bettie & Bobby Berndt

## February Birthdays

- 5 **Jackie Pfendler**
- 6 **Marianne Morton**
- 7 **Carl Hagan**
- 9 **Janet Hagan**
- Kathy Karpinski**
- 11 **Tom O'Neill**
- 15 **Jerry Beil**
- 16 **Paul Kurilla**
- 17 **George McCall**
- Justin Vermeulen**
- 20 **Carlos Mendez**
- 21 **Jennifer Harlow**
- 22 **Helen Moran**
- 23 **John Benson**
- 24 **Barbara Oravits**
- 27 **Jerry Becker**
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## Happy Anniversary

**Jane & Patrick Caine**  
February 1, 1990

**Barbara & Fred Foy**  
February 12, 1972

**Janet & Carl Hagan**  
February 24, 1968

**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:**

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**Warden:** Paul Kurilla  
**Guards:**

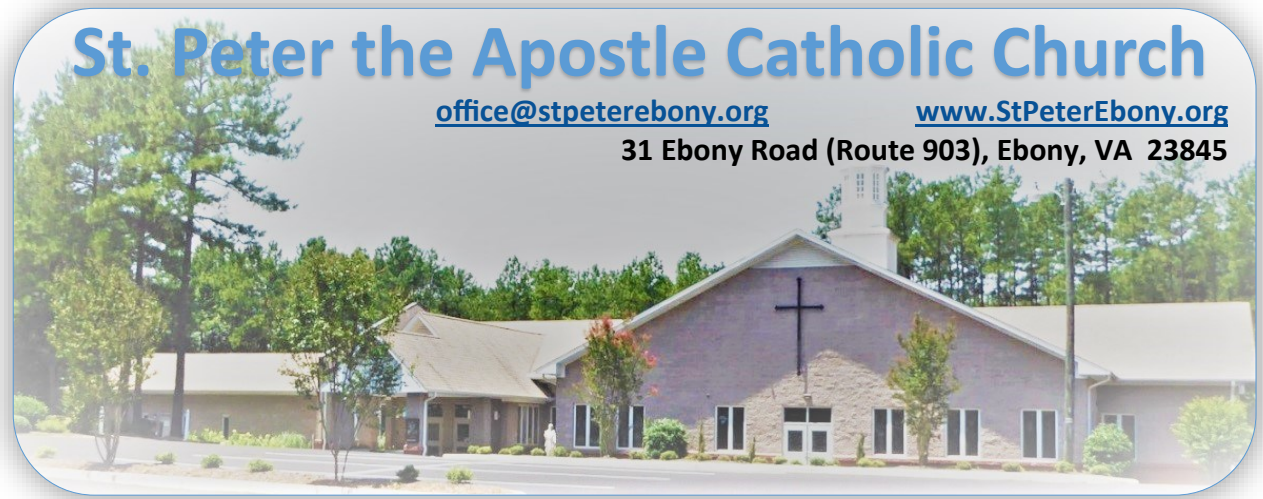
Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK  
Outside: Richard Rumlplik

#### 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

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[www.StPeterEbony.org](http://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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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**

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 13, 2022

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

Blessed are you, kingdom of God, on account of the Son of Man, woe, now

#### To the point:

Luke seems in this Gospel to be exalting the downtrodden simply because they are downtrodden, and cursing the comfortable simply because they are comfortable. What really is at the heart of this Gospel is the manner of life that makes present the kingdom and

assures us that our “reward will be great in heaven.” The model of this manner of life and the source of the blessedness it brings is Jesus himself.

#### Connecting the Gospel

... **to the First Reading:** Blessedness, by its very nature, bears good things because it is of God. For Jeremiah, blessedness brings the lushness that water can bring to a desert. For Jesus, blessedness brings the unimaginable reward of

belonging to God.

#### ... to experience:

Although we in our society are proud that we do not have classes or castes that separate, in fact we do have distinctions that separate, not least among them being the rich and the poor, the have and the have-nots. We discover the presence of God's kingdom when people come together across what divides and share both gifts and needs, so that everyone is on “level ground.”

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
 Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
 Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 12th  
**All Newborn Babies**  
 Sunday, February 13th  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 17-Finance Council
- Feb. 21-Office Closed
- Feb. 22-Blessing of the Sick
- Feb. 22-K of C Meeting
- March 1-Study Group
- March 2-Ash Wednesday
- March 2-Pastoral Council

### Online Giving

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

OR  
 Text GIVE to  
 434-686-6277

### Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$3,269.23	\$3,540.20	<b>\$270.97</b>

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Saturday**  
**Feb. 5th**  
**49**  
**Sunday**  
**Feb. 6th**  
**71**

# PARISH NEWS



### SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

After two years of heavy cleaning with a bleach and water solution, our pews needed a little love. Over the past week, volunteers have applied two coats of finish to rejuvenate them. Please recognize these volunteers next time you see them and thank them for their time and talent!

- Jim Tomazic Fulton Breen
- Paul Kurilla Bobby Berndt
- Bob Oravits John Husson
- Jerry Beal Olvin Rodriguez
- Bob Gongla Dan Moyles

Study group will meet every Tuesday at 10:00 am from March 1st through April 12th in the social hall.

Cost of the study guide is \$15. Contact the office to sign up.

Pick up a bottle for the Baby Bottle Campaign in support of the Pregnancy Support Center or donate in the large bottle at church. Please return full bottles so that we can reuse them.

Scripture can sometimes be confusing. We know that God created everything, and called it all “good.” But in today's Gospel reading, Jesus seems to suggest that partaking in this good creation—having enough to eat, being able to provide for our material needs, and enjoying ourselves and the earth—is somehow bad, even a curse. What's going on? None of these things—wealth, good food, laughter, or praise—are bad in their own right. The problem is when we are satisfied by these earthly things—when we're so filled up with them that we lose the desire for God. In contrast to this, Jesus praises those who are empty—the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the excluded—again, not because poverty or hunger or any of these things are good in their own right, but because when we find ourselves in these conditions, we're more open to God. We know that nothing here will ultimately satisfy us, and so we turn to Him. The Church calls this the virtue of spiritual poverty—and it can transform the way we think about wealth. Instead of wealth becoming a kind of ball and chain, that holds us down and holds us back, spiritual poverty allows us to see that whatever we have is a gift—a gift God has entrusted to us, and asks us to use prudently as His stewards. Let's keep the virtue of spiritual poverty in mind as we discern—as a community and as families—how we can support our Annual Diocesan Appeal.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Paul Kurilla Jerry Chini	Mark Fracassa John Husson	Dan Moyles	Jeanne Kurilla
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite Robert Tuite	Tom O'Neill Linda Adamos	Bob Hathaway	Myrna Rodriguez



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, Joanne Tomazic, Nettie Williams, Suzanne & George McCall, Kathy Aquilina, James Spero, Robin Byers

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.

