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In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends

The Purdy Family
The Fitzgerald Family
Bettie & Bobby Berndt

March Birthdays

- 2 **Marilyn Tuite**
- 6 **George Wall**
- 7 **William Behan**
- 8 **Crystal Hulse**
- 10 **Kathy Karls**
- 14 **Angie Hren**
- 20 **Ann Mogilnicki**
- 20 **Peter Polignone**
- 21 **Laura Kolb**
- 21 **James Caruso**
- 22 **Jo Masson**
- 24 **Alfred Lampazzi**
- 26 **Charles Hockey**
- 27 **Gary Wickstrand**
- 27 **Paul Pelletier**
- 28 **John Hagen**
- 31 **Bernice Jiano**
- 31 **Karen Wickstrand**
- 31 **Julie McDonald**

Happy Anniversary

- Jackie & Dale Pfendler**
3-4-1994
- Marianne & Tom Morton**
3-10-1990
- Maribeth & Domingo Aguila**
3-27-1983

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

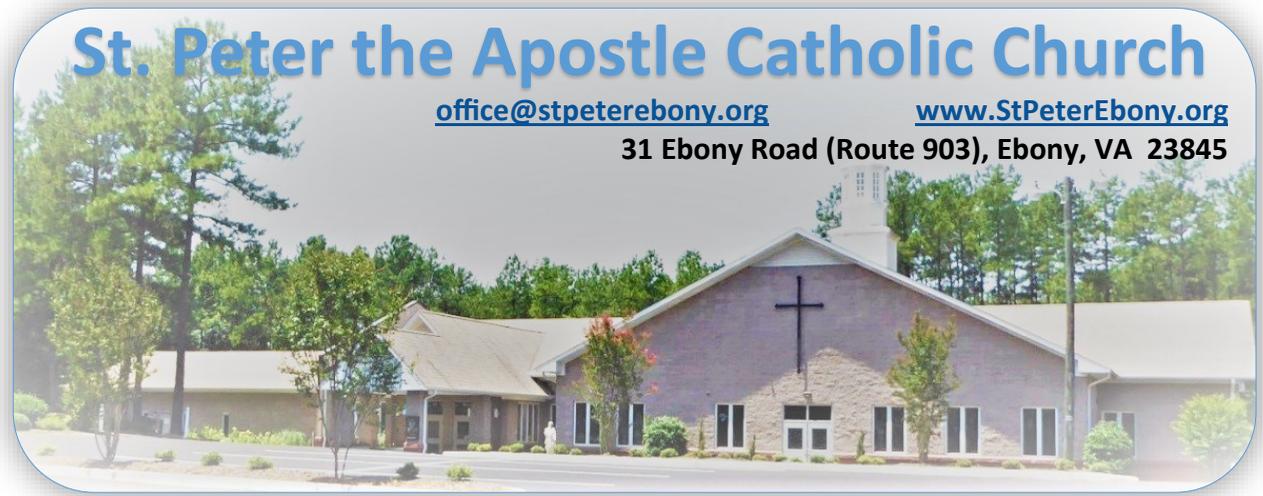
- Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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- Chancellor:** Dave Thomas
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Treasurer: Jay Warfel, PGK
Financial Secretary:
Tom O'Neill, PGK
Advocate: Bob Oravits
Warden: Paul Kurilla
Guards:
Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK
Outside: Richard Rumprik

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
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St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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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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Secretary/Bookkeeper:
Elizabeth Martin
434-636-6277

Pastoral Council:
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

Third Sunday of Lent—March 20, 2022

Study of the Readings

Focusing the Gospel

Key words & phrases: sinners, repent, cut it down, I shall cultivate ... and fertilize it, may bear fruit

To the point: The owner of the fig tree only cares about whether the tree bears fruit—he has no regard for the tree and its life. The gardener, on the other hand, cares about the fig tree, sees the life still there, and wants to give it every chance (“I shall cultivate ... and fertilize it”) to produce. He understands that

as long as there’s life, there’s potential to bear fruit. What wastes away life within us and prevents us from bearing fruit is sin. Repentance, then, means choosing to nurture new life and all the fullness it can bring.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the Second Reading: Paul, like Jesus, offers examples from Israel’s history as a “warning to us” not to stray from God’s guidance. God offered every means for coming to new life to the people of

Israel; so, too, Jesus offers us every means for coming to new and fruitful life (“I shall cultivate the ground ... and fertilize it”).

... to experience: Growing up takes hard work. Getting ahead in life takes hard work. Deepening our relationship with God and others takes hard work. It is no surprise, then, that repenting takes hard work. The discipline of Lent includes this kind of hard-work repentance which leads to the new life Easter promises.

PARISH NEWS

Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7 pm
 Mass of the Lord’s Supper—4/14 at 8 pm
 Good Friday Communal Morning Prayer 9am
 Adoration of the Cross—4/15 at 3:00 pm
 Easter Vigil Mass-April 16 at 8:00 pm
 Easter Sunday Mass-April 17 at 8:00 am

Church law on Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Next weekend we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. These funds provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people. Reveal Christ’s love to those most in need by giving to the collection.

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for new members to serve. Please contact Father Jong or Jay Warfel if you are interested.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls out an uncomfortable truth about our fallen human nature: we like to locate fault and blame outside ourselves. Jesus corrects this tendency, which is too often an excuse for ignoring our own need for conversion — our own need to produce good fruit. Lent is a season dedicated to overcoming this “blame-shifting” tendency. It’s a season of self-reflection, repentance, and growth in our relationship with God. Our Lenten disciplines and practices give us a concrete opportunity to stop focusing on the perceived shortcomings of others, and to focus on making concrete acts of love and producing good fruit. One discipline we’ve been focusing on this Lent is the practice of almsgiving. Being challenged to give to others doesn’t allow us to point fingers and highlight their shortcomings. It forces us to reflect on our own generosity and trust in the Lord. Rather than something scary, this should be a welcomed opportunity to be more fully converted to Christ. We have many concrete opportunities for almsgiving, including giving to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Reread Christ’s parable about the fig tree and see what kind of good fruit he might be asking you to produce.



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

Jack Fioriti, Mary Jo & Don Bankard, Maria Schutte, Rose Gongla, Ann Mogilnicki, Lynn Martin, Mary Purdy, Joe Dart, Tom Eddy, Mike McFadden, Judy, Kyle, Josh & Emma Pelletier, Steve Miller, Carol & Bernie Haefner, Tamara Burns, Lexie Burns, Katie & David Berlin, Megan Quigley, Katy Meyer, Bob Warwick, Zony Carino, Brenda George, Peter Hamilton, Joanne Tomazic, Nettie Williams, Suzanne & George McCall, Kathy Aquilina, Randy Groya, Tom Lane, John Holt, Michael, Kirsten, Tristan, Finely, & Rhiannon McLendon, Ken & Bea Hermann, Roy Gaudette

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: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 19th
Joe Heman & Family
 Sunday, March 20th
Paula & Stan McIlvain

Upcoming Events:

- March 21-Office Closed
- March 22-Study Group
- March 22-Knights Meeting
- March 25-Fish Fry
- March 25-Stations of the Cross
- March 29-Blessing of the Sick
- March 20-NO DAILY MASS

Last Week’s Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,269.23	\$2,588.65 \$680.58

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MASS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday
March 12th
38
Sunday
March 13th
40

Next Week’s Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Paul Kurilla Jerry Chini	Mark Fracassa Dan Moyles	Chuck Youse	Pat Moyles
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite Robert Tuite	George McCall Linda Adamos	Suzanne McCall	Myrna Rodriguez



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