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In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends

Bettie & Bobby Berndt
The Fitzgerald Family

January Birthdays

- 4 Gregg Lopez**
- 7 James Tomazic**
- 8 Bobby Berndt**
- 10 Carolyn Aldridge**
- 11 Liv Fioriti**
- 16 Joseph Ferreira**
- 17 Janet Fracassa**
- Caitlin Centamore**
- Kristine Martin**
- 19 Larry Hulse**
- Sharon Bette**
- 20 Bob Hathaway**
- 24 Sue Hathaway**
- John Husson**
- 28 Keith Percic**
- 29 Robert Driggers**

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

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

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

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2022-2023

- Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta
- Grand Knight:** Bobby Berndt
- Deputy Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa
- Chancellor:** Dave Thomas
- Recorder:** Bob Hathaway
- Treasurer:** Jay Warfel, PGK*
- Financial Secretary:** Tom O'Neill, PGK*

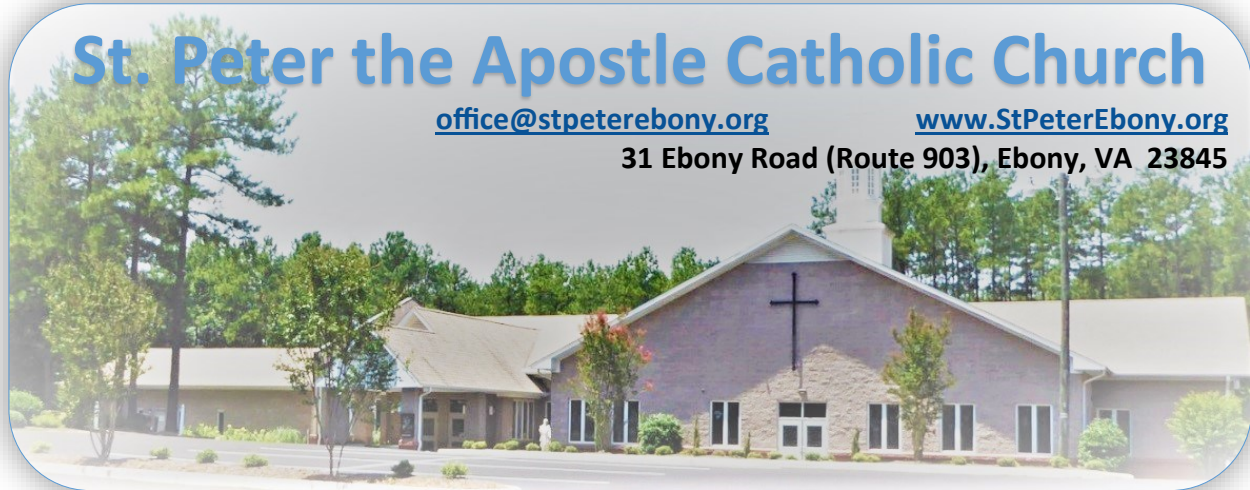
- Advocate:** Bob Oravits
- Warden:** Paul Kurilla
- Guards:** Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- Trustee One Year:** Tom Eddy, PGK*
- Trustee Two Years:** Chuck Youse
- Trustee Three Years:** George McCall

*PKG-Past Grand Knight
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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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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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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 29, 2023

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12a

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading

that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favored. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are

persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 58:7-10
 Responsorial Psalm: 112:4-9
 Reading II:
 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 28th
Frank J. Donovan

Sunday, January 29th
Margaret M. Donovan

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 31-Blessing of the Sick
- Feb 1-Pastoral Council Meeting
- Feb 2-Candlemas & Holy Hour
- Feb 3-First Friday
- Feb 4/5-Blessing of the Throat
- Feb 12-Super Bowl Party
- Feb 14-Valentine's Dinner

Forty days after the birth of Jesus Christ, on February 2nd, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This was the event in which Our Lady followed Jewish custom and went to the Temple in Jerusalem to present her Son to God. At the Presentation, St. Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms and prayed to God, saying: "Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."-Luke 2:29-32

On the Feast of the Presentation, honor Jesus' coming by bringing candles to Mass to be blessed and to honor Christ as the "Light of the World." This centuries-old tradition, known as "Candlemas," marks the official end of the Christmas season. Candles remind us that Christ is our light in the midst of darkness. When times are troubling, His presence shines the brightest.

Super Bowl Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

On the wide screen in the social hall.
 Doors open at 5:30
 There will be a football pool & left-right-center played at halftime.
 Bring a snack to share. BYOB

Valentine's Dinner

February 14, 2023

4:30-5 pm Carry Out/5 pm Dine In
 \$15/dinner-pay at door
Includes sliced pork loin, risotto, asparagus, salad, roll, dessert, & tea
 Sign up by Feb. 8th.

Today Jesus said in the Gospel, "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Matthew 5:12) He commanded us to rejoice in our persecution. Jesus doesn't ask us to rejoice in pain for pain's sake. As he faced his agony, Jesus himself asked that the cup of suffering "might pass from me." Jesus shares our very human and very good desire to avoid pain when it makes sense to do so. He commanded us to rejoice when in pain for his sake. "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you," he candidly reminded those following him (John 15:20). Pain comes to those who follow him. That's the bad news. The good news is it will eventually be okay—more than OK. We will possess him in perfect beatitude one day. It's worth anything this valley of tears can throw at us because the valley has an end. Today, Jesus entrusts our parish with the mission to help local Christians make it there. With your help, our Annual Diocesan Appeal will enable us to reach those Jesus asks. Jesus is meek, merciful, pure of heart, and himself persecuted like no one else. Please help us to shine as brightly as Jesus' face did when he first revealed the beatitudes. Jesus is the way, and he will show you which way to help.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Mark Fracassa	Dan Moyles	Patricia Moyles
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt		
Sunday	Lois Foltz	Jenny Hagen	Tom O'Neill	Jay Warfel
	Charlie Foltz	Anne O'Neill		

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

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, Jean Sasscer, Bob Tuite, Myrna Rodriguez, Bob & Pat Weise, Cheryl Beebe, Jerry Chini, Jeanette Andrews, Jason Leese, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Matt Davis, Patricia Pruden

Please contact the office with updates. Contact Mary Ann Daly at 434-577-2660 to receive Holy Communion at home.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$3,307.69	\$2438.00	(\$869.69)
Respect Life:		\$596.00	

Online Giving

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 OR
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MASS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday
January 21st
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Sunday
January 22nd
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