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*In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends*

**Bettie & Bobby Berndt**  
**The Fitzgerald Family**

## February Birthdays

- 5 **Jackie Pfindler**
- 7 **Carl Hagan**
- 9 **Janet Hagan**  
**Kathy Karpinski**
- 11 **Tom O'Neill**
- 12 **Mary Hatch**
- 15 **Jerry Beil**
- 16 **Paul Kurilla**
- 17 **George McCall**  
**Dawn Free**
- 20 **Carlos Mendez**
- 21 **Jennifer Harlow**
- 24 **Barbara Oravits**
- 27 **Jerry Becker**  
**Ainsley Hagen**
- 28 **Don Bankard**  
**Anna Mendez**

## Happy Anniversary

- Barbara & Fred Foy**  
**February 12, 1972**
- Janet & Carl Hagan**  
**February 24, 1968**

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\*  
Outside: Richard Rumprik

#### 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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[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 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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Elizabeth Martin

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Jay Warfel: 434-636-4029

**Finance Council:**

Jerry Beil: 252-586-0635

**Building & Grounds:**

Jim Tomazic: 434-636-2993

**Family Service Advisor:**

Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

## 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**

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 5, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** *Matthew 5:13-16*

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the

widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us

in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20  
 Responsorial Psalm: 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
 Reading II:  
 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 4th  
**Our Parishioners**

Sunday, February 5th  
**Asel Paul Abshire**

### Upcoming Events:

- Feb 12-Super Bowl Party
- Feb 14-Valentine's Dinner
- Feb 16-Finance Council
- Feb 20-Office Closed
- Feb 22-Ash Wednesday
- Feb 23-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Feb 28-Blessing of the Sick

# PARISH NEWS



St. Peter the Apostle was awarded \$1000 from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of the diocese and are used for direct assistance to those in need. Thank you to Sue Hathaway for submitting a funding request to the diocese.

### 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.

The world can get inside us, often affecting how we feel. Living in the 21st century involves wading through a spiritual slog. The world is filled with as many opportunities for vice as virtue. We swim in a sea of ads, agendas, and social pressures. It subtly wears on us. Jesus says that we, his followers, are the world's way out. "You are the light of the world" is a weighty metaphor to describe us (Matthew 5:14). Jesus' description of his followers might energize us, sober us, or make us want to run away, like Jonah the prophet. Jesus believes that when we work through him we are the world's best hope. Our parish takes him seriously. We trust that his words in today's Gospel carry power. We're going to draw from it. We know from experience that we can shine the light of Christ through good deeds. We need your help to be able to continue doing that for our local community. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal is a significant opportunity for you to help us advance our mission to bring the light of hope to our little corner of the world. Maybe, with your help, our Annual Appeal will be a link that will get at least one soul to the light of Christ. We hope for more than one. Give without counting the cost, and watch how God outdoes you. May he bless us!

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

## Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual	
Offertory: \$3,307.69	\$1,975.45	<b>(\$1,332.24)</b>
Votive Stand:	\$28.00	
Poor Box:	\$170.00	
Aluminum Cans:	\$36.00	

## Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Saturday**  
**January 28th**  
**52**  
**Sunday**  
**January 29th**  
**64**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Linda Adamos	Bobby Berndt	Mary Jo Bankard
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt		
Sunday	Joan Medina	Hart Hagen	Bob Hathaway	Sue Hathaway
	Lewis Media	Keith Percic		

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