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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  
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**Chancellor:** Dave Thomas  
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**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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Jerry Beil: 252-586-0635

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**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**

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 19, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Matthew 5:38-48

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist.

Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth. The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the

fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible? The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
 Responsorial Psalm:  
 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17  
 Reading II:  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 18th  
**Elsie Youse**

Sunday, February 19th  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

- Feb 20-Office Closed
- Feb 22-Ash Wednesday
- Feb 23-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Feb 28-Blessing of the Sick
- Feb 28-Knights Meeting
- March 1-Pastoral Council
- March 2-Holy Hour

# PARISH NEWS



## Eat in or Take out

Every Friday during Lent  
 Feb. 24th-March 31st  
 Serving 5-6:30 pm

\$17.00 per plate includes:

1 Catfish Fillet (Same quality as always!)

Hushpuppies, Coleslaw,  
 Baked Beans, Homemade  
 Dessert, iced tea or coffee  
 Bob Oravits 252-629-2321

All profits donated to various charities that the Knights of Columbus support.

### 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.

### Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday-Feb 22-  
 Mass 9:00 am

Stations of the Cross-  
 every Friday at 7:00 pm

Reconciliation Service-  
 March 9 at 7:00 pm

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gave a radical commandment – “When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well” (Matthew 5:39). Today, it is cliché and remains radical, because it has the power to change hearts and nations.

Ask Gandhi. Even though he wasn’t Catholic, Gandhi leveraged the power of nonviolence to bring about a new kind of revolution. His peaceful tactics inaugurated a massive movement which eventually resulted in economic independence for India.

With that we might also reveal the power of such a disposition in our lives! Christ himself did not hide his face “from insults and spitting” (Isaiah 50:6). We all experience being “struck on the cheek” in various ways. We want our parish and diocese to be a haven where people can find the strength to face the evils in their lives. When you support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help increase our ability to heal and sustain the bruised and weary. Through your generosity of prayer, gifts, and good words, we can continue to offer the bread of angels to the hungry and make the Annual Appeal shine brightly! God bless you.

## Next Week’s Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Barbara Oravits	Mike McDonald	Dan Moyles	Jeanne Kurilla
	Robert Oravits	John Husson		
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	George McCall	Tom O’Neill	Mary Ann Daly
	Bob Tuite	Bernice Jiano		



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

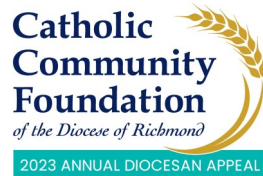
- Maria Schutte, Rose Gongla, Ann Mogilnicki, Lynn Martin, Mary Purdy, Joe Dart, Tom Eddy, Mike McFadden, Judy, Kyle, Josh & Emma Pelletier, Steve Miller, Carol & Bernie Haefner, Tamara Burns, Lexie Burns, Katie & David Berlin, Megan Quigley, Katy Meyer, Bob Warwick, Zony Carino, Brenda George, Peter Hamilton, Joanne Tomazic, Nettie Williams, Suzanne & George McCall, Kathy Aquilina, Randy Groya, John Holt, Jean Sasscer, Myrna Rodriguez, Bob & Pat Weise, Cheryl Beebe, Jerry Chini, Jeanette Andrews, Jason Leese, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Matt Davis, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo & Don Bankard, Bernice Seay

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	\$3,327.65	\$19.96



### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Saturday**  
**February 11th**  
**62**  
**Sunday**  
**February 12th**  
**58**

