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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  
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**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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Jerry Beil: 252-586-0635

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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**

# First Sunday of Lent—February 26, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Matthew 4:1-11

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to

Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites

were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm:

33:4-5,18-20,22

Reading II:

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 25th  
**Elsie Youse**

Sunday, February 26th  
**Hannah Kathleen Heman**

### Upcoming Events:

**Feb 28**-Blessing of the Sick

**Feb 28**-Knights Meeting

**March 1**-Pastoral Council

**March 2**-Holy Hour

**March 3**-First Friday Devotion

**March 3**-Stations of the Cross

**March 9**-Reconciliation Service

# PARISH NEWS



The Parish Justice and Peace Committee is collecting non-perishable food through April 2. You can drop your donation off at church and during the Fish Fry. **NO BOTTLES PLEASE.**

### Lenten Schedule

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

Reconciliation Service—March 9 at 7:00 pm



### 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.



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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus claims, "One does not live by bread alone" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus forewent food in the wilderness for forty days to prove it was possible. Because he is so abundant, God's spirit can sustain any need. Our fasting shows us that this is possible in a personal, experiential way. Fasting is an act of faith that "No, I don't have to satisfy every urge." Relying on God, we aren't subservient to our urges. Jesus tasked our parish with the mission to reach hungry souls with Jesus' sustaining bread of life. Through your generosity, you can help our Annual Diocesan Appeal feed those who hunger—physically and spiritually. Jesus' angels ministered to him at the end of his fast and we, too, need your help to minister to the weak. Some souls have been fasting from His love for far too long. This Lent let's work together to end that fast. They need to know His name. May the name of Jesus be glorified through our Appeal!

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Chuck Youse	Dan Moyles	Patricia Moyles
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt		
Sunday	Pam Tigmo	Wilson Youngblood	Jay Warfel	Mary Ann Daly
	John Tigmo	Debbie Youngblood		

### Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual	
Offertory: \$3,307.69	\$3,622.00	<b>\$314.31</b>



### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Saturday**

**February 18th**

**46**

**Sunday**

**February 19th**

**72**

