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*In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends*

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

## March Birthdays

- 2 **Marilyn Tuite**
- 6 **George Wall**
- 7 **William Behan**
- 8 **Crystal Hulse**
- 10 **Kathy Karls**
- 14 **Angie Hren**
- 14 **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**
- 29 **Mark Foran**
- 31 **Bernice Jiano**
- 31 **Karen Wickstrand**
- 31 **Julie McDonald**

## Happy Anniversary

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

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

**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  
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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  
\*PGK-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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**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 of Lent—March 26, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

**Key words & phrases:** Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died; everyone who lives and believes in me will never die; began to believe in him  
**To the point:** Both Martha and Mary express great conviction in Jesus' healing power: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Their conviction, however, was tied to their human experience of the fragility of sickness and the finality of death. Jesus' action surmounts human

experience and reveals something entirely new: "everyone who lives and believes in [him] will never die." Belief in Jesus unites us from the limits of human experience and frees us for the eternity of risen Life.

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the First Reading:** Ezekiel describes God's desire to untie Israel from the grave of their captivity and lead them back to the freedom of their land where they can renew their covenantal relationship with God. In the

gospel Jesus commands the bystanders concerning the raised Lazarus to "Untie him and let him go [free]."

### ... to experience:

Our experiences of living can sometimes limit us. For example, when a friend has hurt us, we can become leery of deep relationships. In other words, "once bitten, twice shy." But if we never allow Jesus to break open the limits of our human experiences, we can never receive the unexpected gifts of freedom and Life he offers.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

At the Procession with Palms:  
 Matthew 21:1  
 Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9,  
 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
 Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 25th  
**Jack Fioriti**

Sunday, March 26th  
**Mary Lemoine**

### Upcoming Events:

- March 28-Blessing of the Sick
- March 28-Knights Meeting
- April 2-Palm Sunday
- April 5-Pastoral Council
- April 6-Holy Thursday
- April 7-Good Friday
- April 8-Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

## PARISH NEWS



Join us after Mass Easter Sunday for the Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt

All children 12 and under bring your Easter baskets to Mass!

### Holy Week Schedule

- Apr 6- Holy Thursday Mass at 8pm
- Apr 7-Communal Morning Prayer at 9am; Adoration of the Cross at 3pm



**Eat in or Take out**

*Last one March 31st*

Serving 5-6:30 pm  
 \$17.00 per plate



Please continue to support our Lenten food drive through next weekend.

In today's Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. In doing so, he forecasts two events: his return from the dead and ours. Death, and the events that follow, are challenging and often hide at the edge of our consciousness. It drives us to avoid aggressive drivers, work harder, or hold close the ones we love at goodbyes. As difficult as death is, the Resurrection is our hope and Lent is our time to pray, give and spread the word! "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says Jesus (John 11:25). When you support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you enable us to deliver this same hope and mercy to those in need.

### Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Mark Fracassa	Chuck Youse	Marge Youse
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt		
Sunday	Nancy Arena	Wilson Youngblood	Tom O'Neill	Teri Oswald
	Paul Arena	Debbie Youngblood		



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, Frances Arena, Joanne Lang, James Caruso

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	\$3,363.90	\$56.21
Catholic Relief Services: \$616.00		



2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Saturday**  
**March 18th**  
**47**  
**Sunday**  
**March 19th**  
**65**