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*In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends*

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

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

## May Birthdays

- 1 **Al Meyer**
- 1 **Kaid Moody**
- 2 **Kathryn Grassi**
- 2 **Kenneth Baron**
- 6 **Jean Maynes**
- 7 **Joanne Tomazic**
- 11 **Tom Hancock**
- 16 **Jamie Gagne**
- 17 **Robert Martin**
- 19 **Carl Hren**
- 23 **Leon Morris**
- 24 **Patricia Martin**
- 27 **Bonnie Burns**
- 27 **Carol Haefner**
- 28 **Jim Perozek**
- 29 **Linda Becker**
- 29 **Ali Hren**
- 29 **Jean Sasscer**
- 31 **Tim Burns**

## Happy Anniversary

**Marilyn & Bob Tuite**  
May 18, 2013

**Lil & Al Meyer**  
May 20, 1967

**Annemarie & Harlow Martin**  
May 23, 1987

**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\*

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#### 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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[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

**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 of Easter—May 7, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words & phrases:

Do not ... be troubled, I am going, I am the way, know my Father, how can we know the way?, do the works

**To the point:** Jesus' words in this gospel from the Last Supper discourse are reassuring ones: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Yet Thomas and Philip, who hear Jesus also tell them that he is leaving, are not reassured and question him anxiously. The leap from the Jesus at the Last Supper to the

Jesus after the resurrection is one giant step, one the disciples have not yet taken. But we have taken this leap. We are an Easter people. We have received the Holy Spirit who empowers us to know Jesus, through him to know the Father, and to do the works of Jesus. Believing this mitigates all troubles, all anxiety.

#### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the Second Reading:** Peter can confidently invite people to "Come to [Christ]" and name them "a people of

[Christ's] own" because he is writing from an Easter faith; he has encountered the risen Lord. He has made the leap that the troubled and anxious disciples in the gospel have not yet made.

#### ... to experience:

Being troubled and anxious is a fact of our stress-filled lives. "Do not be troubled" the surgeon says to someone before major surgery; "Do not be troubled" a parent says to a child wakened by a nightmare; "Do not be troubled" ...The only way we can truly not be troubled.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
 Responsorial Psalm: 66:1-3, 4-5,  
 6-7, 16, 20  
 Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18  
 Gospel: John 14:15-21

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 6th  
**Joe Dart**

Sunday, May 7th  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

- May 9-**NO DAILY MASS**
- May 11-12-Office Closed
- May 18-Finance Council
- May 21-Diocesan Home Mission
- May 23-Knights Meeting
- May 27-Blessing of Boats
- May 29-Office Closed

# PARISH NEWS



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Masses next weekend and invite all mothers to attend and be recognized for the very special people they are. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Father Jong is blessing boats on Saturday, May 27 from 12 noon until 2:00 pm. A boat will be in front of Watersview Restaurant at Eaton Ferry Bridge with a large sign. All boats and personal watercraft are welcome. Please tell your neighbors and friends.

On Saturday, May 20th at 9 am the Knights of Columbus will participate in the Walk for Life sponsored by The Pregnancy Support Center at 1026 Roanoke Ave., Roanoke Rapids, NC. We invite everyone to join us to show our support of Pro Life. Our goal is to raise \$3000.00 in support of this cause. Please contact Tom O'Neill at 252-578-3361 or oneilltomandanne@gmail.com for more information.

In last week's Gospel, Jesus gave us the comforting news that we can securely follow his voice. In today's Gospel, he explains where he's taking us: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2). What security to know that the good shepherd has prepared homes unique for each of us. Such knowledge gives us the freedom to let go of worry since he's already taken care of our needs. With that freedom, we can serve his kingdom first. Even more exciting is that he gave us power in his service: "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these" (John 14:12). He gave our parish the gift of a mission to carry out his works here. Please give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through it, we can do His works! He gave us the power to draw souls into his eternal family through Baptism. He gave us the ability to offer forgiveness through Confession. He gave us the power to fill souls with peace, warmth, and strength through the Eucharist. Please help us continue to accomplish these works by supporting our Annual Appeal. Your brothers and sisters in Christ will thank you in this life or the next. Let's get to work!

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST
Saturday	Patricia Moyles	Chuck Youse	Teri Oswald	Marge Youse
	Dan Moyles	Bettie Berndt		
Sunday	Paul Kurilla	John Husson	Chuck Youse	Jay Warfel
	Tom O'Neill	Mark Fracassa		



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, 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,, Jason Leese, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Matt Davis, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo & Don Bankard, Bernice Seay, James Caruso, George & Doris Wall

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	\$2,296.41 <b>(\$1,011.28)</b>
Votive Stand:		\$26.00
Poor Box:		\$144.00

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



2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**Saturday**  
**April 29th**  
**52**  
**Sunday**  
**April 30th**  
**74**