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Purchase a brick for St. Peter the Apostle Grotto for \$100.
Call the office for details.

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.

September Birthdays

- 1 **Everett Vermeulen**
- 3 **Robert Tuite**
- 4 **William Karls**
- 6 **Lea Behan**
- 7 **Amanda Villanueva**
- 8 **Zony Warwick**
- 9 **Rosemarie Gongla**
- 10 **Tom Eddy**
- 11 **Carol Warfel**
- 14 **Felix Villanueva**
- 16 **Geraldine Schottenbauer**
- 17 **Doug Martin**
- 19 **Ken Kapinskis**
- 21 **Mary Loesch**
- 28 **Mary Ann Daly**

Happy Anniversary

John & Anne Hagen
September 10, 1983

Ben & Catherine Whitaker
September 22, 1990

Our Lady of the Lake



Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

Chaplain: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
Grand Knight: Mark Fracassa
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Catholic men 18 years or older are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Mark Fracassa (804) 305-6175 or Tom O'Neill (252) 308-0493.



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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 3, 2023

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 16:21-27

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that

he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is

perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.



Thanks to the special generosity of our parishioners, the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign was another great success this year! A donation of \$2500 will be presented to the Roanoke Rapids Pregnancy Support Center to support new mothers and their babies in our area.



Faith formation class for First Holy Communion begins October 29th. Classes are held after 8 am Mass on Sundays. If you know of someone eligible for this sacrament, please contact the office as materials are being ordered soon.



We need items for the **Silent Auction** for our Fall Bazaar on Nov. 4th, including unopened liquor bottles for a Basket of Cheer, new children's books & small toys, fishing gear, new lawn tools or any collection for a basket. If you would like to make a basket, please list what is in it. Cash donations for a Lottery Scratch Off Basket are being collected. Give donations to the office, Anne O'Neill or Jay Warfel. There is large basket in the Narthex for donated items.

By creating a legal Will or Trust, you can provide your next-of-kin with a peace of mind, knowing that you have already determined how your estate will be distributed and who will care for minor children. They will still grieve, but they won't face the daunting task of making decisions that you could have made.

Maria Schutte, Rose Gongla, Ann Mogilnicki, Mary Purdy, Tom Eddy, Judy, Kyle, Josh & Emma Pelletier, Carol & Bernie Haefner, Tamara Burns, Lexie Burns, Katie & David Berlin, Megan Quigley, Suzanne & George McCall, Kathy Aquilina, John Holt, Jean Sasscer, 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, Jeri Schottenbauer, Dale Pfindler, Pat Hoffman, Fred Porter, Bob Warwick, Zony Carino, Steve Miller, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton

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

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9
 Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2,6-9
 Reading II: Romans 13:8-10
 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 2nd
Our Parishioners

Sunday, September 3rd
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

- Aug. 22-Sept. 22-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Sept. 4-Office Closed
- Sept. 10-Float Boat Party
- Sept. 24-Retired Religious Collection
- Sept. 28-Knights Meeting

MASS ATTENDANCE:

August 26th
61
August 27th
100

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,423.08	\$2,808.66 (\$614.42)
Votive Stand:		\$30.00
Poor Box:		\$29.00

Online Giving

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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Chuck Youse	Bobby Berndt	Jackie Pfindler	Marge Youse
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Jay Warfel	Wilson Youngblood	Bob Hathaway	Sue Hathaway	Linda Adamos
	Carol Warfel	Debbie Youngblood			Teri Oswald