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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
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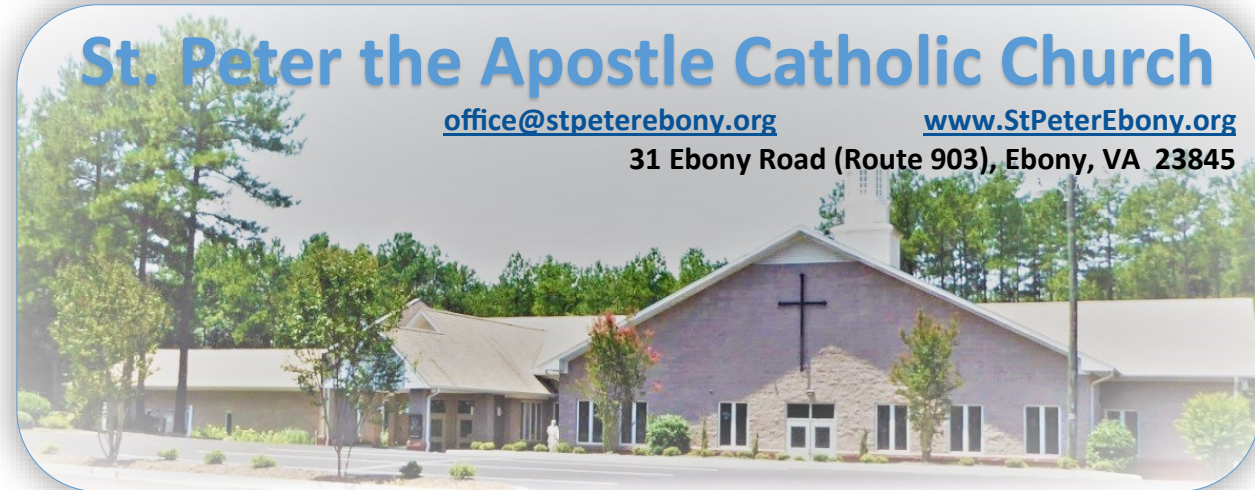
George McCall

Trustee Three Years:

Bobby Berndt, *PGK

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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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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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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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 17, 2023

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 18:21-35

Today's Gospel follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps 7. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just 7 times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter, where we come to understand the depths of God's

mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness. The king decides to settle accounts with his servants. One servant owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison. A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving

servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another. There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.



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.



Does your husband or wife have a Will? If not, you may be risking a great loss of financial security. Both of you should have a will prepared as soon as possible.



Bishop Knestout invites your participation in the Learn to Lead Capital Campaign that will strengthen the extraordinary ministry of our Catholic schools. Our Catholic Schools shape the lives of more than 7,000 young people – helping them realize their greater purpose – succeeding and serving God, their families, churches, and communities. If you have been blessed by a Catholic education or believe in the importance of its mission, please make a generous gift. To learn more about this campaign or to make a secure online gift now, please visit learntoleadcampaign.org. Thank you!

The **Silent Auction** for our Fall Bazaar on Nov. 4th needs your donations, 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 make a basket, list what is in it. Cash donations for a Lottery Scratch Off Basket are being collected. There is large basket in the Narthex for donated items.

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, 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, 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: Isaiah 55:6-9
 Responsorial Psalm: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
 Reading II:
 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 16th
Our Parishioners
 Sunday, September 17th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

- Aug. 22-Sept. 22-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Sept. 24-Retired Religious Collection
- Sept. 26-Blessing of the Sick
- Sept. 26-Knights Meeting

MASS ATTENDANCE:

September 9th
67
September 10th
90

Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$3,423.08	\$3,894.66 \$471.58

Online Giving

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Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Dan Moyles	Chuck Youse	Kathy Husson	Marge Youse
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt			Teri Oswald
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Wilson Youngblood	Bob Hathaway	Sue Hathaway	Janet Hagan
	Bob Tuite	Debbie Youngblood			Carl Hagan