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BRICK MEMORIALS
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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Chancellor: Dave Thomas
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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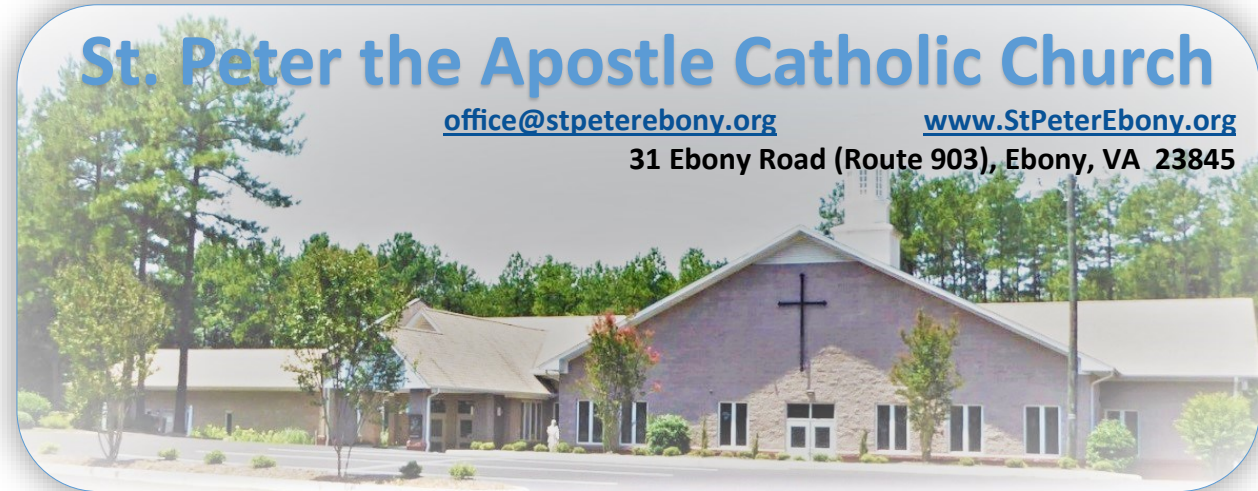
George McCall

Trustee Three Years:

Bobby Berndt, *PGK

*PGK-Past Grand Knight

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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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Pastoral Council:
Teri Oswald: 856-889-4760

Finance Council:
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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 24, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 20:1-16

The conclusion we find in today's Gospel is that the first will be last and the last will be first. On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified. A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The

landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact

that the landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else? The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28
 Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-9
 Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11
 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 23rd
Our Parishioners

Sunday, September 24th
Our Parishioners

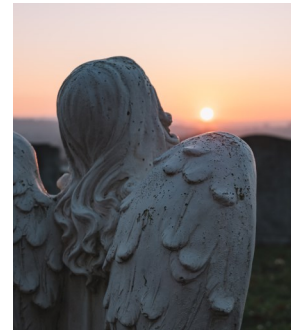
Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 26-Blessing of the Sick
- Sept. 26-Knights Meeting
- Sept. 28-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Sept. 28-Finance Council

PARISH NEWS

Silent Auction

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



Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Peter the Apostle to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be part of this community by making a bequest in your Will.



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!

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 this week.



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, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan & John Holt, Jeffrey Hathaway

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: \$3,423.08	\$3,535.86	\$112.78

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

September 16th
60
September 17th
66

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	John Husson	Bobby Berndt	Marge Youse	Jackie Pfindler
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt			Dan Moyles
Sunday	Bob Hathaway	Hart Hagen	Tom O'Neill	Mary Ann Daly	Linda Adamos
	Sue Hathaway	Anne O'Neill			Elizabeth Martin