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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.**

## October Birthdays

- 1 Father Jong**
- 9 Barton Pasco**
- 10 John Centamore**
- 11 Luis Medina**
- Pat Moyles**
- Cathy Whitaker**
- 20 Robert Warwick**
- 23 Thomas Ellebracht**
- 25 Carmie Chini**
- Lowell Gainer**
- 27 Wayne Hodge**
- Rosemary Mullen**
- 28 Charles Griffin**
- Suzanne McCall**
- 30 Pamela Tigmo**

## Happy Anniversary

- Jennifer & David Faleski**  
**October 1, 1991**
- Marge & Chuck Youse**  
**October 2, 1982**
- Martha & Rene Centeno**  
**October 10, 1980**
- Barbara & Daniel Jones**  
**October 10, 1987**
- Maureen & Marc Seelinger**  
**October 11, 1987**
- Karen & Gary Wickstrand**  
**October 20, 1984**

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2023-2024

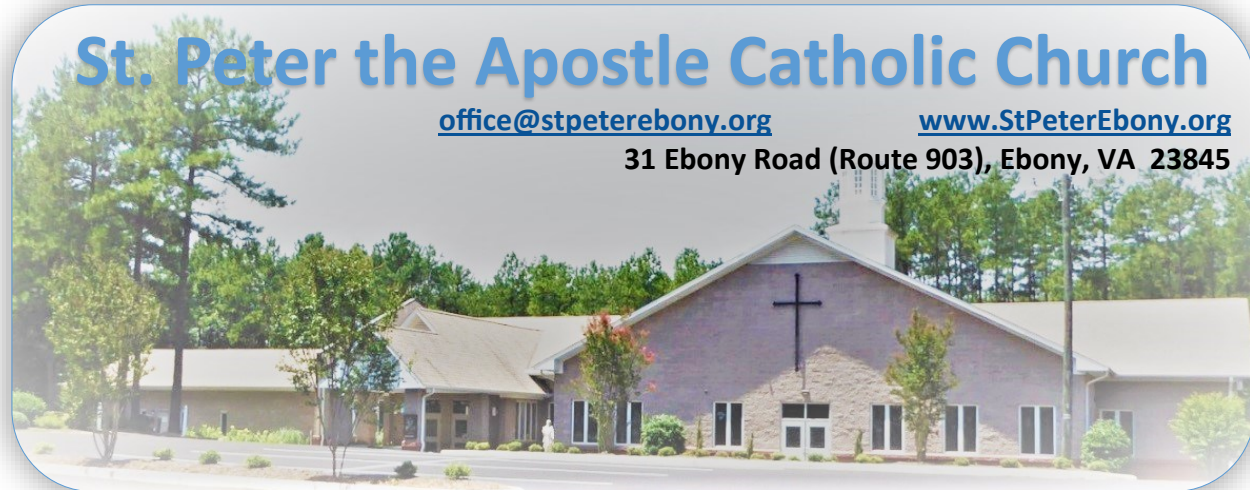
**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
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*Catholic men 18 years or older are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Mark Fracassa (804) 305-6175 or Tom O'Neill (252) 308-0493.*



# St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

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[www.StPeterEbony.org](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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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**

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 1, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Matthew 21:28-32

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their

inability to recognize the Kingdom of God. The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will. Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most

often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders. Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions and our words will give evidence of our love for God.

# PARISH NEWS



LUMEN CHRISTI  
LEGACY SOCIETY

## St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Chapter

**St. Peter the Apostle has established the Lumen Christi Legacy Society. It is automatic for any parishioner who has named the parish in their Will. We are honored to acknowledge those special benefactors.**

**Naming St. Peter the Apostle in your Will is a way to acknowledge the importance of your faith as a Catholic and the Church to you in your lifetime.**

**Stay tuned for more information during our Launch Weekend October 7-8.**

### 106th Anniversary of the Public Square Rosary Crusade

**When:** Saturday, October 14th at noon

**Where:** In front of the church by the Mary Statue

Please bring a rosary.

Contact Kathy Husson, 919-740-4904 with questions.



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.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7  
Responsorial Psalm: 80:9, 1-16, 19-20  
Reading II: Philippians 4:6-9  
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 30th  
**Our Parishioners**

Sunday, October 1st  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 4-Pastoral Council
- Oct. 5-Holy Hour
- Oct. 6-First Friday Devotion
- Oct. 9-13-**NO DAILY MASS: PRIESTS' CONVOCATION**
- Oct. 14-Rosary Rally

## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,423.08	\$2,428.71 <b>(\$994.37)</b>
Retired Religious:		\$762.50
Votive Stand:		\$53.00
Poor Box:		\$183.00

## Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**September 23rd**  
**68**  
**September 24th**  
**55**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Mark Fracassa	Bobby Berndt	Jeanne Kurilla	Jay Warfel
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt			Dan Moyles
Sunday	Nancy Arena	Wilson Youngblood	Jay Warfel	Linda Adamos	Myrna Rodriguez
	Paul Arena	Debbie Youngblood			Olvin Rodriguez