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*In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends*

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

*Helpful Hands and Hearts*

If you need transportation to a doctor or pharmacy, call 252-586-3000 for a free ride.

**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.

## 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  
**Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson  
**Chancellor:** Dave Thomas  
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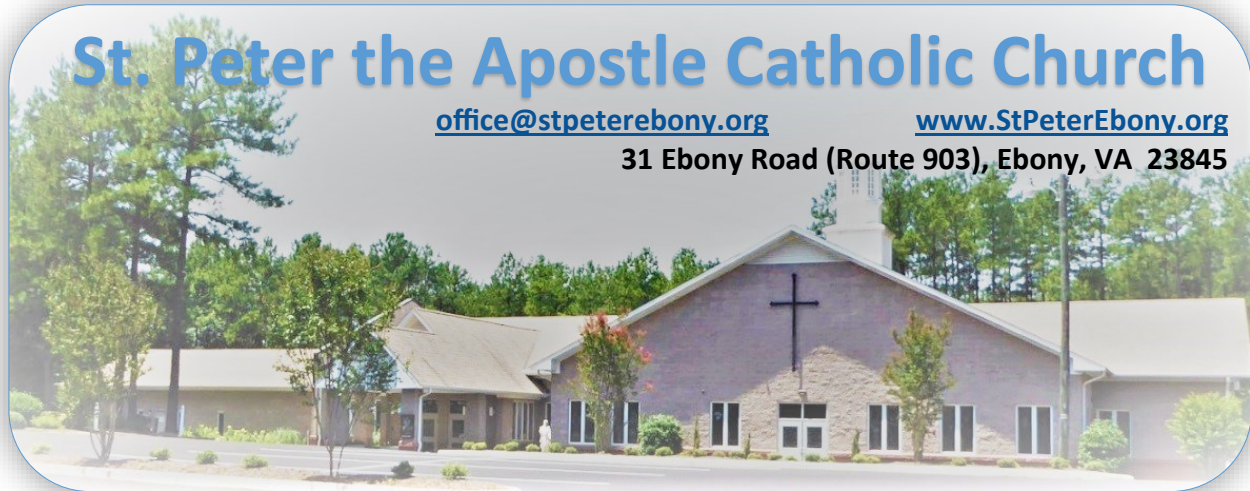
Tom O'Neill, PGK\*  
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**Warden:** Paul Kurilla  
**Guards:**

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK\*  
Outside: Richard Rumplick

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

**Trustee One Year:** Chuck Youse  
**Trustee Two Years:** 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](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**

# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 8, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Matthew 21:33-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. The landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions

the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, today's first reading, and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the

religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. Today's Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10  
 Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-6  
 Reading II:  
 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 7th  
**Our Parishioners**

Sunday, October 8th  
**Joanne Tomazic**

### Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 9-13-NO DAILY MASS**
- Oct. 11-Bazaar Meeting**
- Oct. 14-Rosary Rally**
- Oct. 19-Finance Council**
- Oct. 20-Movie Night**
- Oct. 24-Knights Meeting**
- Oct. 29-Faith Formation & RCIA**

# PARISH NEWS

## 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.



**Friday, October 20, 2023**

**6:00 pm Potluck Dinner in the social hall**

**Followed by the movie *Nefarious***

**Sign up in the narthex or contact the office.**

Please update the **Book of Remembrance** located in the foyer. Blank pages are located in back of the book. We will pray for the deceased during the month of November.

### Convocation of Priests

There will be no daily Mass October 9-October 13 as Father Jong will be attending The Convocation of Priests.

### Calling All Bakers

**Donate your baked goodies to sell at our fall bazaar. Bring them to church Nov. 3rd.**

### Calling All Chili Chefs!!!

**Enter the chili cook-off for our fall bazaar. Cash prizes awarded. Contact the office for guidelines.**



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	\$2,547.66 <b>(\$875.42)</b>

## Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**September 30th**  
**81**  
**October 1st**  
**55**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	John Husson	Bobby Berndt	Jackie Pfendler	Dan Moyles
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Hart Hagen	Tom O'Neill	Mary Ann Daly	Jay Warfel
	Bob Tuite	Anne O'Neill			Keith Percic

