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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  
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**Chancellor:** Dave Thomas  
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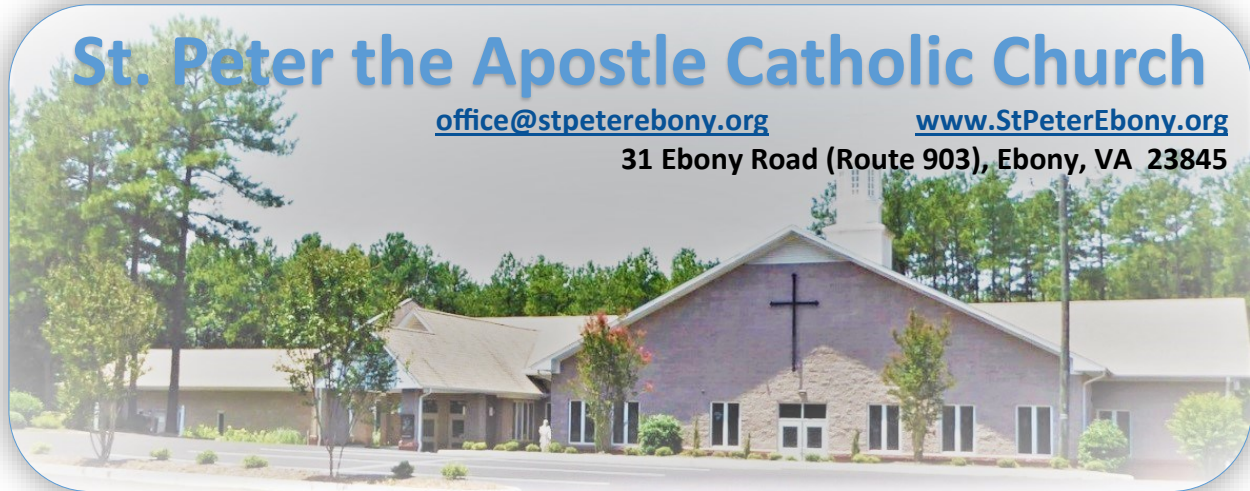
Tom O'Neill, PGK\*  
**Advocate:** Bob Oravits  
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**Guards:**

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

#### 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**

# 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 15, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Matthew 22:1-14

In today's parable, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of

the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? The destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, an important event for Matthew's audience. With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest

who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
 Responsorial Psalm: 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10  
 Reading II:  
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  
 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 14th  
**Our Parishioners**

Sunday, October 15th  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 19-Finance Council
- Oct. 16-Justice & Peace Meeting
- Oct. 20-Movie Night
- Oct 20-23-Office Closed
- Oct. 23-27-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Oct. 24-Knights Meeting
- Oct. 29-Faith Formation & RCIA

# PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**  
 Hearts on fire,  
 feet on the move



### What is World Mission Sunday?

World Mission Sunday is an annual global celebration within the Catholic Church, observed on the second to last Sunday of October. This special day is dedicated to the support of the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifices.



Friday, October 20th at 6p.m. Potluck Dinner followed by the movie *Nefarioius*. 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 .

There will be no daily Mass October 23-27 as Father Jong will be attending the National Association of Filipino Priests for America Assembly.

**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	\$3,606.66	<b>\$183.58</b>
Aluminum Cans:		\$89.00	

## Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**October 7th**  
**56**  
**October 8th**  
**70**

## 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	John Husson			Jackie Pfendler
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Wilson Youngblood	Jay Warfel	Mary Ann Daly	Linda Adamos
	Bob Tuite	Debbie Youngblood			Bernice Jiano

