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In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends

Bettie & Bobby Berndt
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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

November Birthdays

- 1 **Paul Arena**
- 2 **Barbara Foy**
- Dale Pfendler**
- 4 **David Faleski**
- 5 **Maureen Hockey**
- 7 **Jean Legler**
- 8 **Barbara Fitzgerald**
- Nancy Gilliard**
- 9 **Maribeth Aguila**
- Dan Moyles**
- 13 **Susan Newman**
- 15 **Tom Van Petten**
- 16 **Carmen Quinn**
- 18 **Kim Kapinskis**
- 22 **Barb Jones**
- 24 **Debbie Youngblood**
- 25 **Scott Gagne**
- 26 **Art Lyons**
- 27 **Domingo Aguila**
- 29 **Annemarie Harlow**

Happy Anniversary

- Rita & Gregg Lopez**
November 1, 1980
- Linda & Jerry Becker**
November 5, 1983
- Ceil & Art Lyons**
November 18, 1977
- Kathy & John Husson**
November 18, 1978
- Julie & Mike McDonald**
November 25, 1978
- Donna & Kip Boisot**
November 27, 1965
- Carmie & Gerald Chini**
November 27, 1998

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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Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee One Year: Chuck Youse
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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

office@stpeterEbony.org

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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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 12, 2023

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Matthew 25:1-13

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young

maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home. As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel. In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of

Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
 Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-5
 Reading II:
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 11th
Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
 Sunday, November 12th
Elizabeth Randall

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 14-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Nov. 16-Finance Council
- Nov. 24-**NO DAILY MASS**
- Nov. 28-Blessing of the Sick
- Nov. 29-Knights Meeting
- Nov. 30-Holy Hour

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,423.08	\$5,265.66 \$1,842.58
All Saints Day:		\$617.30
All Souls Day:		\$65.00

Online Giving


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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

November 4th
63
November 5th
87


PARISH NEWS





#GIVINGTUESDAY
November 28

SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS



1 VISIT
iGiveCatholic.org

2 SEARCH
for your parish, school, or ministry

3 DONATE
\$10 or more

ADVANCED GIVING DATES:
NOVEMBER 13-27

#iGIVECATHOLIC 

Did you know that **#iGiveCatholic** is the first-ever day of Catholic giving in our nation? We are excited to be part of this tradition for the 3rd year! Support our parish beginning Nov. 13 at iGiveCatholic.org.

SEARCH Saint Peter the Apostle (Ebony) at Lake Gaston

Congratulations



- First Place: Tom O'Neill*
- Second Place: Crystal Hulse*
- Third Place: Gregg Lopez*



We are so grateful for all of the volunteers that made the Fall Bazaar such a huge success.

For All the Souls of the Dead

O God, you willed that your Only Begotten Son, having conquered death, should pass over into the realm of heaven. I pray that all your faithful departed servants, who have left this earthly life, may join your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and gaze eternally on you, their Creator and Redeemer, in heaven. Amen

The Knights are selling Religious Christmas Cards in the narthex for \$12/box (10 cards). Checks are made out to the Knights of Columbus 9309. A money box is on the table.

Please contact the office with updates.
 Contact Mary Ann Daly at 434-577-2660 to receive Holy Communion at home.

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, Jean Sasscer, Bob & Pat Weise, Cheryl Beebe, Jerry Chini, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Matt Davis, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo & Don Bankard, James Caruso, George Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Dale Pfindler, Bob Warwick, Zony Carino, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan & John Holt, Dave McKenzie

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Chuck Youse	Dan Moyles	Jackie Pfindler	Marge Youse
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Hart Hagen	Tom O'Neill	Mary Ann Daly	Linda Adamos
	Bob Tuite	Anne O'Neill			Bernice Jiano