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*In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends*

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**BRICK MEMORIALS**  
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Remember donations to our Poor Box, canned food for our food closet, and donations for Hannah's Place.

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## 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

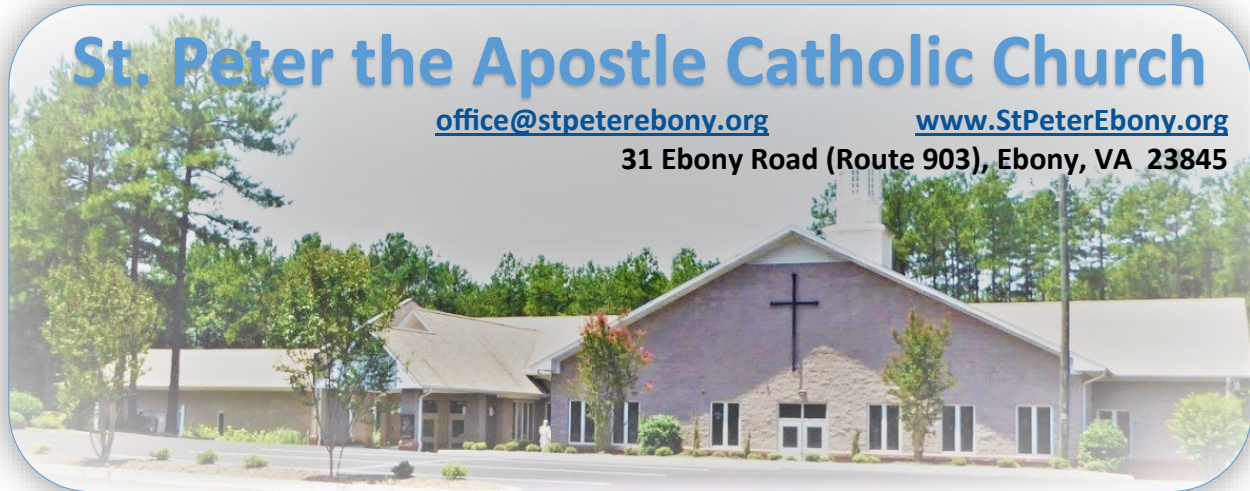
#### Officers for 2023-2024

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**Trustee One Year:** Chuck Youse  
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**Trustee Three Years:** Bobby Berndt, \*PGK  
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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.

**Pastor:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
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**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**

# 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 19, 2023

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Matthew 25:14-30

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time. Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of

great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God

has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-6

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 18th

**Rex Hart**

Sunday, November 19th

**Thomas Kambeitz**

### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 24-**NO DAILY MASS**

Nov. 28-Blessing of the Sick

Nov. 29-Knights Meeting

Nov. 30-Holy Hour

Dec. 1-First Friday Devotion

Dec. 2/3-Second Collection

Dec. 3-First Sunday of Advent

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**November 11th**  
**79**

**November 12th**  
**59**

### Online Giving

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NOVEMBER 28, 2023



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### 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.

## Last Week's Offertory

Needed	Actual
Offertory: \$3,423.08	\$1,909.86 <b>(\$1,513.22)</b>

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Barbara Oravits	Dan Moyles	Chuck Youse	Kathy Husson	Marge Youse
	Robert Oravits	John Husson			Jackie Pfendler
Sunday	Nancy Arena	Wilson Youngblood	Carlos Mendez	Mary Ann Daly	Anna Mendez
	Paul Arena	Debbie Youngblood			Teri Oswald



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 Pfendler, Bob Warwick, Zony Carino, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan & John Holt, Dave McKenzie