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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.

January Birthdays

- 2 **Nancy Armstrong**
- 4 **Gregg Lopez**
- 7 **James Tomazic**
- 8 **Bobby Berndt**
- 10 **Carolyn Aldridge**
- 11 **Liv Fioriti**
- 14 **Kenneth Armstrong**
- 16 **Joseph Ferreira**
- Rosemarie Sanford**
- 17 **Janet Fracassa**
- Caitlin Centamore**
- Kristine Martin**
- 19 **Larry Hulse**
- Sharon Bette**
- 20 **Bob Hathaway**
- 24 **Sue Hathaway**
- John Husson**
- 28 **Keith Percic**
- 29 **Robert Driggers**

Happy Anniversary

- Anne & Tom O'Neill**
January 4, 1969
- Suzanne & George McCall**
January 25, 1972
- Bettie & Bobby Berndt**
January 26, 1974
- Douglas & Laura Kolb**
January 27, 1962



Create a Legacy of Giving. Please remember St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in your Estate Plans.

Our Lady of the Lake



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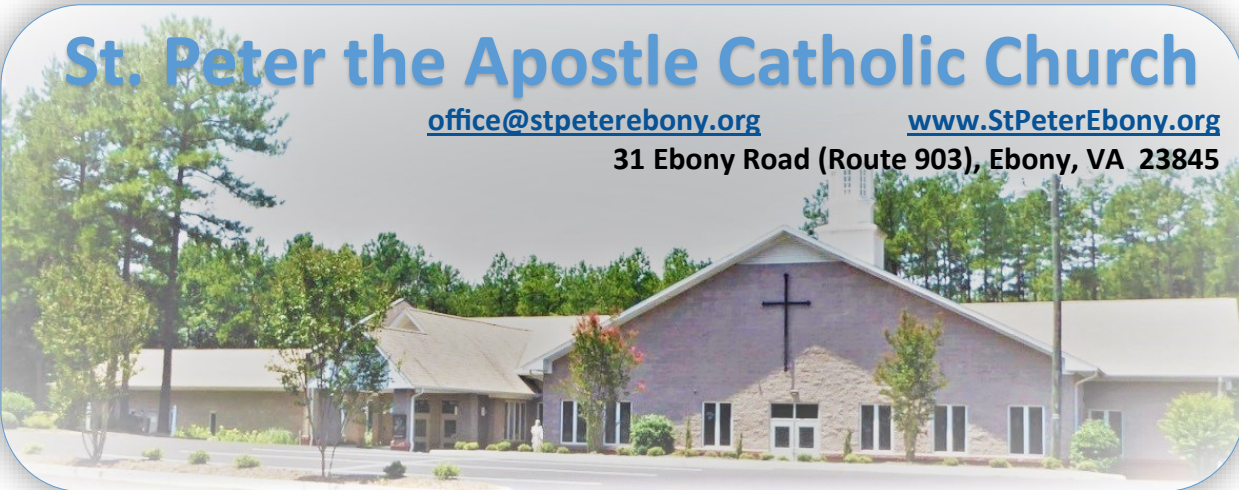
Officers for 2023-2024

- Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta
- Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa
- Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson
- Chancellor:** Dave Thomas
- Recorder:** Bob Hathaway
- Treasurer:** Jay Warfel, PGK*
- Financial Secretary:** Tom O'Neill, PGK*
- Advocate:** Bob Oravits
- Warden:** Paul Kurilla
- Guards:** Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
Outside: Richard Rumprik

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)519-3050.



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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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Elizabeth Martin
434-636-6277

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Teri Oswald: 856-889-4760
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

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 7, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi.

They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe


the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
 Responsorial Psalm:
 40:2, 4, 7-10
 Reading II:
 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20
 Gospel: John 1:35-42

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 6th
Mary L. Donovan
 Sunday, January 7th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 9-**NO DAILY MASS**
 Jan. 15-Office Closed
 Jan. 18-Pastoral/Finance Council
 Jan. 18-Legacy Seminar
 Jan. 23-Knights Meeting
 Jan. 27-First Reconciliation
 Jan. 30-Blessing of the Sick

	Needed	Actual
12/24/23		
Offertory:	\$3,423.08	\$4,034.71 \$611.63
Christmas Offering:		\$3,834.60
Catholic Charities:		\$612.00
12/31/23		
Offertory:	\$3,423.08	\$1,818.66 (\$1,604.42)
Holy Land Appeal:		\$488.00

MASS ATTENDANCE:

December 23rd
41

December 24th
59

Christmas Vigil
76

MASS ATTENDANCE:

December 25th
62

December 30th
46

December 31st
68

PARISH NEWS



Get Your Affairs in Order: 4 things your family will thank you for SEMINAR

Wills and Trusts • Catholic Advanced Medical Directives • Legacy Planning • Catholic Funeral Planning

This is a free, information-only seminar offered for the parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle. Lunch will be served.

JOIN US FOR SEMINAR AND LUNCH ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 AT 10:30AM-12:00PM

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Catholic Advanced Medical Directives
- Catholic Funeral Planning
- Wills and Trusts
- Legacy Planning
- Beneficiaries and Designations

RSVP REQUIRED:

Please RSVP by January 15th that you will be attending so that we can have enough materials and food. **RSVP (434) 636-6277**



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

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

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Pat Moyles	Mark Fracassa	Bobby Berndt	Kathy Husson	Bettie Berndt
	Dan Moyles	Bettie Berndt			Jackie Pfenfender
Sunday	Nancy Arena	Wilson Youngblood	Teri Oswald	Mary Ann Daly	Myrna Rodriguez
	Paul Arena	Debbie Youngblood			Olvin Rodriguez