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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

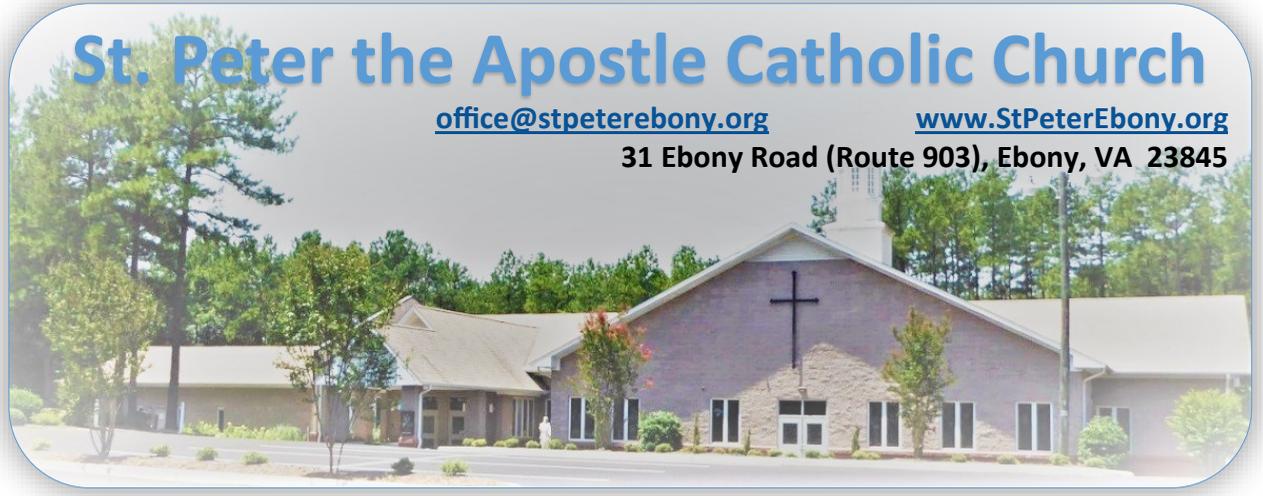


Council 9309

Officers for 2023-2024

- Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta
- Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa
- Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson
- Chancellor:** Dave Thomas
- Recorder:** Bob Hathaway
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- BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**
 - Trustee One Year:** Chuck Youse
 - Trustee Two Years:** George McCall
 - Trustee Three Years:** Bobby Berndt, *PGK

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@stpeter Ebony.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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Jerry Beil: 252-586-0635

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Jim Tomazic: 434-636-2993

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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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 14, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 1:35-42

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's Gospel immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist. We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes

to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper. We learn how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5,10
 Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-9
 Reading II:
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 13th
Mary T. Donovan
 Sunday, January 14th
Margaret E. Donovan

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 15-Office Closed
- Jan. 17-Justice & Peace Meeting
- Jan. 18-Pastoral/Finance Council
- Jan. 18-Legacy Seminar
- Jan. 23-Knights Meeting
- Jan. 27-First Reconciliation
- Jan. 30-Blessing of the Sick

MASS ATTENDANCE:

Online Giving

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

January 6th
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January 7th
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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 Pfindler, 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.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,423.08	\$3,824.66 \$401.58
Initial Offering:		\$52.00
Votive Stand:		\$18.00
Poor Box:		\$88.00

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Pat Moyles	John Husson	Dan Moyles	Marge Youse	Jackie Pfindler
	Dan Moyles	Mark Fracassa			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Carol Warfel	George McCall	Bob Hathaway	Sue Hathaway	Linda Adamos
	Jay Warfel	Gabriella King			Bernice Jiano