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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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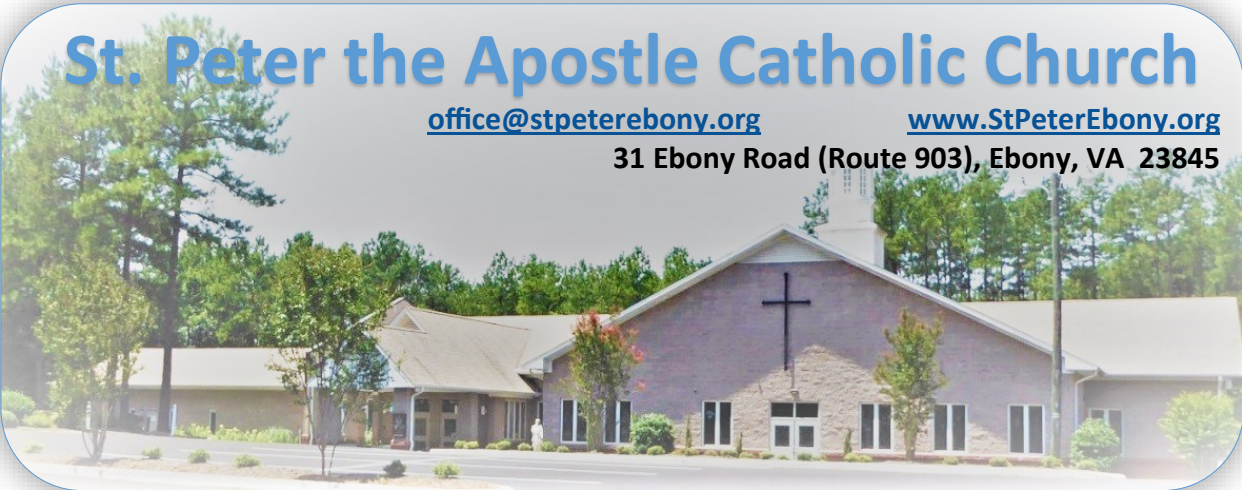
Officers for 2023-2024

- 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 Rumplick

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

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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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Teri Oswald: 856-889-4760
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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 21, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with Jesus' birth but on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John, Jesus'

pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching. In Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. It was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have

first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers who left their fishing immediately. Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?



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, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo & Don Bankard, James Caruso, George Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Jackie & Dale Pfendler, 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.

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Sharing His Love with Others*.

The 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

In addition, our parish receives back 50% of the funds collected.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2024 Appeal also supports international priests which allows Father Jong to serve as our pastor. The Appeal provides the monies for the Fuel and Hunger Fund which is used to assist those in need in our community, as we recently were awarded \$2000.00.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2,6-9

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 20th

David Dermyre

Sunday, January 21st

Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 23-Knights Meeting

Jan. 27-First Reconciliation

Jan. 30-Blessing of the Sick

Feb. 1-Holy Hour

Feb. 2-First Friday Devotion

Feb. 2-Candlemas

Feb. 7-Pastoral Council

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,423.08	\$2,914.06 (\$509.02)

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 13th
55

January 14th
78

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Pat Moyles	John Husson	Teri Oswald	Jackie Pfendler	Marge Youse
	Dan Moyles	Dan Moyles			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Bob Hathaway	Wilson Youngblood	Tom O'Neill	Jay Warfel	Myrna Rodriguez
	Sue Hathaway	Anne O'Neill			Olvin Rodriguez