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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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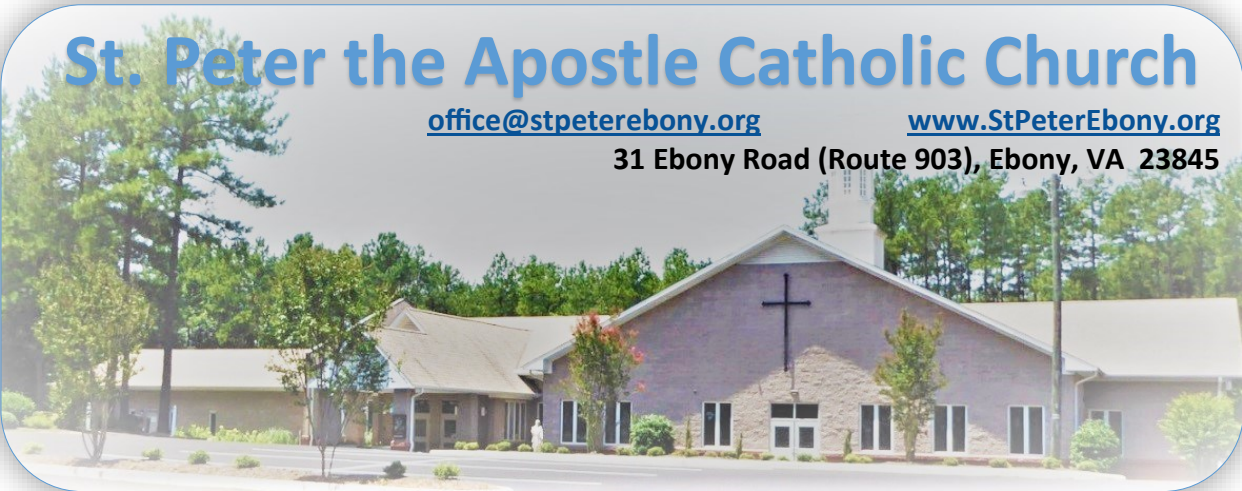
Officers for 2023-2024

- 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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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Rectory: 434-636-7782
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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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 28, 2024

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

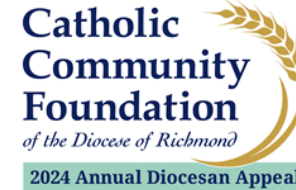
Background on the Gospel

Reading Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. The people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem. After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. The spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they

seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil. In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century

Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching. We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

Last weekend, you heard about the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

With a goal of **\$4,169,230**, the 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to many diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese.

In early February, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

Forty days after the birth of Jesus Christ, on February 2nd, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This was the event in which Our Lady followed Jewish custom and went to the Temple in Jerusalem to present her Son to God. At the Presentation, St. Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms and prayed to God, saying: *"Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."* - Luke 2:29-32

On the Feast of the Presentation, honor Jesus' coming by bringing candles to Mass to be blessed and to honor Christ as the "Light of the World." This centuries-old tradition, known as "Candlemas," marks the official end of the Christmas season. Candles remind us that Christ is our light in the midst of darkness. When times are troubling, His presence shines the brightest.

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.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Job 7:1-4,6-7
 Responsorial Psalm: 147:1-6
 Reading II:
 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 27th
Win Burrell
 Sunday, January 28th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 30-Blessing of the Sick
- Feb. 1-Holy Hour
- Feb. 2-First Friday Devotion
- Feb. 2-Candlemas
- Feb. 7-Pastoral Council
- Feb. 14-Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 15-21-Office Closed

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,423.08	\$8,324.91
Respect Life:		\$4,901.83
		\$570.00

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 20th
38
January 21st
75

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Pat Moyles	Linda Adamos	Chuck Youse	Pat Moyles	Jackie Pfendler
	Dan Moyles	Dan Moyles			Marge Youse
Sunday	Nancy Arena	Hart Hagen	Carlos Mendez	Mary Ann Daly	Anna Mendez
	Paul Arena	Keith Percic			Teri Oswald