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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.

Save your aluminum, rinsed cans and place them in the receptacle near the garage.

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

May Birthdays


- 1 **Al Meyer**
- Kaid Moody**
- 2 **Kenneth Baron**
- 5 **Atarah Tejada**
- 6 **Jean Maynes**
- 11 **Tom Hancock**
- 14 **Anna Mae Tejada**
- 16 **Jamie Gagne**
- 17 **Robert Martin**
- 23 **Leon Morris**
- 24 **Jennifer Faleski**
- 27 **Carol Haefner**
- 28 **Jim Perozek**
- Caitlin Pate**
- 29 **Linda Becker**
- Jean Sasscer**

Happy Anniversary

Marilyn & Bob Tuite
May 18, 2013

Lil & Al Meyer
May 20, 1967

Annemarie & Harlow Martin
May 23, 1987



LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Chapter

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



Our Lady of the Lake



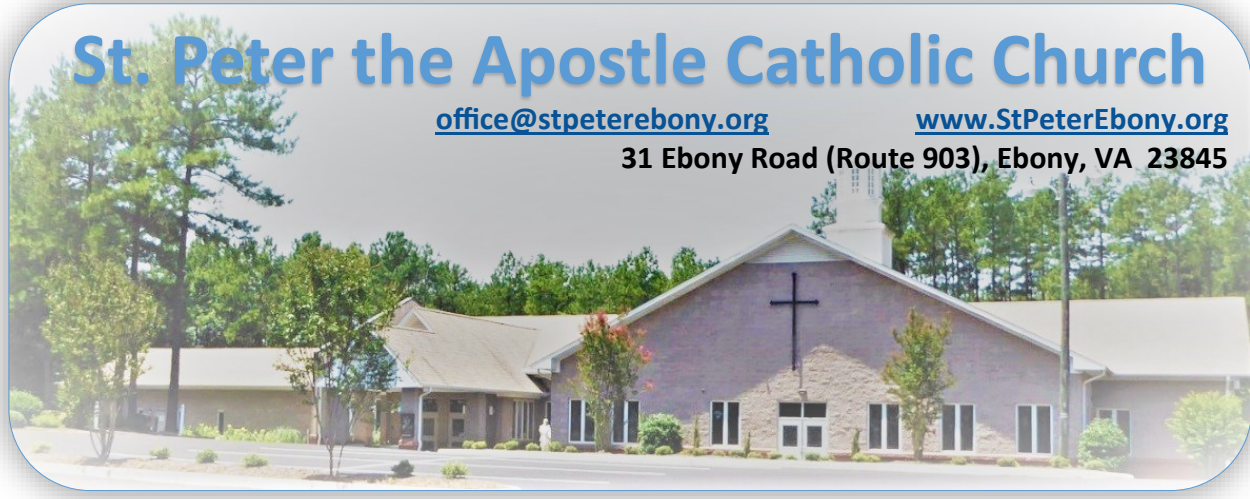
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Officers for 2023-2024

- Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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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)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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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 5, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading John 15:9-17

Today's Gospel follows immediately after last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. We learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. We hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which

leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love. In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used, agape and philia. Agape is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. Philia is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God. Here

Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11
 Responsorial Psalm: 47:2-3,
 6-7, 8-9
 Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 4th
Our Parishioners
 Sunday, May 5th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

- May 10-**NO DAILY MASS**
- May 11/12-Diocesan Home Missions Collection
- May 14-**NO DAILY MASS**
- May 27-Office Closed
- May 28-Knights Meeting
- June 1-Blessing of the Boats

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHT NEWS



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Mother's Day Masses next weekend and invite all mothers to attend and be recognized for the very special people they are. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The Knights of Columbus will once again participate in the Walk for Life sponsored by the Pregnancy Support Center of Roanoke Rapids at 1021 Roanoke Avenue, Roanoke Rapids, NC on May 18th at 9am. The Knights would like to invite everyone to join us to show our support of Pro-Life. This is one of the most important charities the Knights support. If you are interested in walking with us and/or making a donation to this great cause, please stop by our table after Mass or contact John Husson at 919-740-8405 or email at hussbucksfan@gmail.com.

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church will hold a Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, May 25 from 8 am to 12 pm.

We will have tables available for \$10 each if you have items you would like to sell that day. All are welcome to join us.

For more information, contact Anne O'Neill at 252-578-0512 or Nancy Gilliard at 610-972-7625.



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, George McCall, Jean Sasser, 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, Jim Perozek, Helen Gryboski, Eneida Felisha Mendez, Linda Fleegle

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	\$4,125.41
Votive Stand:		\$57.00
Poor Box:		\$115.00
		\$702.33

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

April 27th
57
April 28th
90

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Patricia Moyles	Chuck Youse	Teri Oswald	Marge Youse	Linda Adamos
	Dan Moyles	Bettie Berndt			Jackie Pfendler
Sunday	Lewis Medina	John Husson	Bob Hathaway	Jay Warfel	Olvin Rodrigez
	Bobby Berndt	Mark Fracassa			Tom O'Neill