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FSA, St. Peter the Apostle Cemetery, OCFS


*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.

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



## September Birthdays

- 3 **Bob Tuite**
- 4 **William Karls**
- 7 **Amanda Villanueva**
- 8 **Zony Warwick**
- 9 **Rosemarie Gongla**
- 10 **Tom Eddy**
- 11 **Carol Warfel**
- Suzanne Gagne**
- 12 **Charles Foltz**
- 14 **Felix Villanueva**
- 16 **Geraldine Schottenbauer**
- Hart Hagen**
- 17 **Doug Martin**
- Andrew Giroux**
- 19 **Ken Kapinskis**
- Jeff Grieger**
- 21 **Mary Loesch**
- 22 **Thomas Baron**
- 25 **Dominador Tejada**
- 28 **Mary Ann Daly**
- Roxanne Grieger**

## Happy Anniversary

**John & Anne Hagen**  
September 10, 1983

**Ben & Catherine Whitaker**  
September 22, 1990

*In Loving Memory of our departed families and friends*

**Bettie & Bobby Berndt**  
The Fitzgerald Family

## Our Lady of the Lake



### Council 9309

#### Officers for 2024-2025

**Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta  
**Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson  
**Chancellor:** Dave Thomas  
**Recorder:** Bobby Berndt, \*PGK  
**Treasurer:** Jay Warfel, PGK\*  
**Financial Secretary:**

Tom O'Neill, PGK\*

**Advocate:** Bob Oravits

**Warden:** Paul Kurilla

#### Guards:

Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK\*

Outside: Richard Rumluk

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

**Trustee One Year:**

Chuck Youse

**Trustee Two Years:**

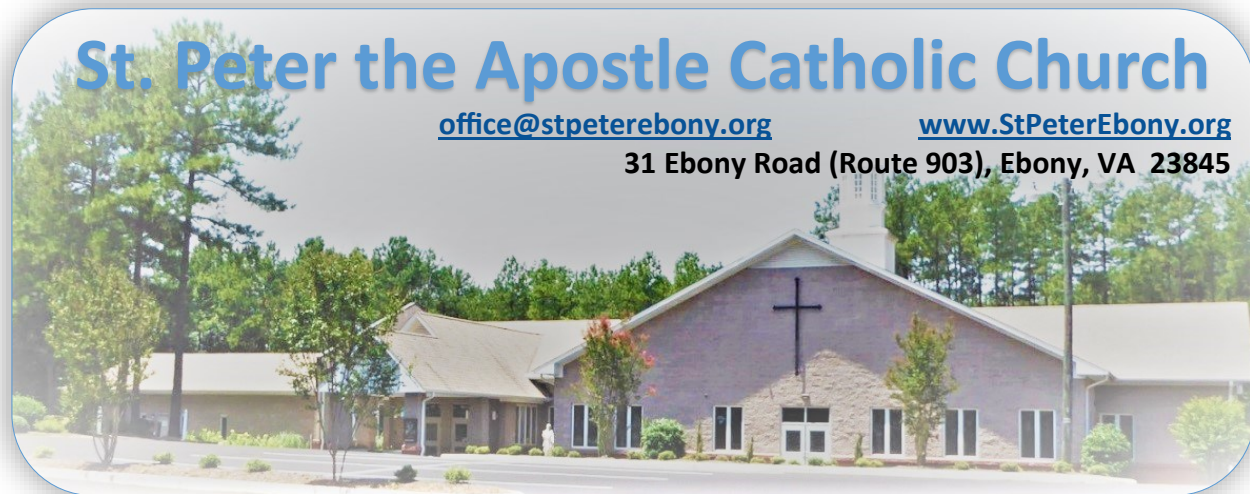
Bobby Berndt, \*PGK

**Trustee Three Years:**

Wilson Youngblood

\*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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[www.StPeterEbony.org](http://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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**Rectory:** 434-636-7782

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Elizabeth Martin

434-636-6277

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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**

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 1, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

In today's Gospel, Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses. Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his

or her words and actions. Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life. We see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method. His first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. At the end of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus addresses his disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and his

disciples. The words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning. Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a  
 Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-10  
 Reading II: James 2:1-5  
 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 31st  
**Our Parishioners**  
 Sunday, September 1st  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

**Aug. 26-Sept. 27-NO DAILY MASS**

# PARISH NEWS



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the church parishioners that donated to the clothes drive for this year. Over 50 bags and boxes of clothes, jackets and shoes were received. These were distributed to the Upper Room Ministries South Hill, Shepard's Inn South Hill and the Union Mission of Roanoke Rapids and Littleton. God bless all that donated.



### St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Chapter

Throughout our lives we give of ourselves in so many ways. We support our Church, pass on the faith, and do our part to ensure that St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church thrives for generations to come.

You, as a member of the St. Peter's family, can leave a lasting legacy to your parish.

The St. Peter's Parish Chapter of the Lumen Christi Legacy Society encourages and assists legacy giving by our parishioners to support the long-term financial future of the parish. We also wish to be a source of end-of-life resources for our members in keeping with the Catholic faith and Catholic teachings.

Learn more about legacy giving to your church home by scanning the QR code or contact the parish office.



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 Sasscer, Bob & Pat Weise, Cheryl Beebe, Jerry Chini, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo Bankard, James Caruso, George Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Jackie & Dale Pfindler, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan & John Holt, Jim Perozek, Helen Gryboski, Eneida Felisha Mendez, Linda Fleegle, Travis Smith, Lori Magussen, Leigh Gautreau, Rose Pascoe

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:	\$3,846.15	\$3,148.41 <b>(\$697.74)</b>
Votive Stand:		\$42.00
Poor Box:		\$23.00
Aluminum Cans (5 mo.):		\$139.95

## Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**August 24th**  
**70**  
**August 25th**  
**141**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Barbara Oravits	John Husson	Chuck Youse	Jackie Pfindler	Marge Youse
	Robert Oravits	Linda Adamos			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Wilson Youngblood	Carl Hagan	Mary Ann Daly	Olvin Rodriguez
	Bob Tuite	Debbie Youngblood			Myrna Rodriguez