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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.

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.*




## December Birthdays

- 3 **Bob Oravits**
- Bettie Pasco**
- 7 **Maureen Seelinger**
- 10 **Judy Pelletier**
- 11 **Ginnie Driggers**
- 16 **Marc Seelinger**
- 17 **Eileen Griffin**
- 19 **Mari Driggers**
- 20 **Brian Creede**
- 21 **David Free**
- 22 **Wilson**  
**Youngblood**
- 25 **Maricris Satur**
- 28 **Daniel Bramos**
- 29 **Peter Legler**
- 30 **John Tigmo**  
**Alex Hebert**

## Happy Anniversary

- Jean & Edward Maynes**  
December 12, 1964
- Janet & Mark Fracassa**  
December 17, 1988
- Jeanne & Paul Kurilla**  
December 27, 1969



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## Our Lady of the Lake

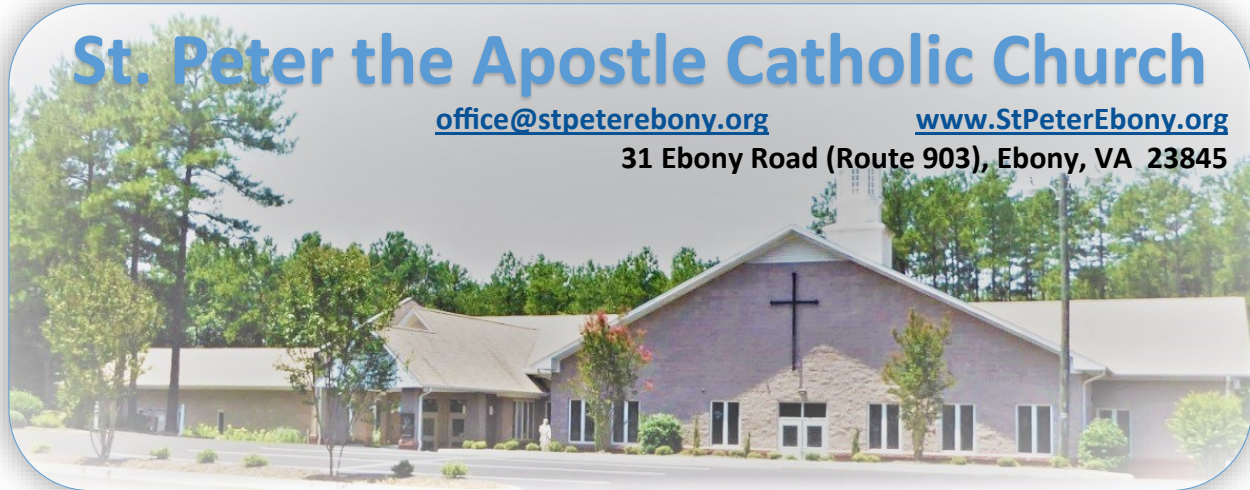


### Council 9309

#### 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\*
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  - Warden:** Paul Kurilla
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- \*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.

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## Liturgical Schedule

Weekday Masses:  
**Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am**

Weekend Masses:  
**Saturday—4:30 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 4:00 pm & by appointment**

Blessing of the Sick:  
**Last Tuesday of the month after Mass**

# The First Sunday of Advent-December 1, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

**Reading** Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter of Luke before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our

Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances. Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Baruch 5:1-9  
 Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-6  
 Reading II:  
 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 30th  
**Andrea Ortiz**  
 Sunday, December 1st  
**Jeannie Hughes**

### Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 3-**Justice & Peace Meeting
- Dec. 4-**Pastoral Council Meeting
- Dec. 5-**Holy Hour
- Dec. 6-**First Friday Devotion
- Dec. 7/8-**Blessing of Ushers
- Dec. 9-**Holy Day of Obligation

## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$3,382.46	<b>(\$463.69)</b>
Votive Stand:		\$44.00	
Poor Box:		\$89.00	



### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**November 23rd**  
**61**  
**November 24th**  
**64**

# PARISH NEWS



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 For your Parish, School, or Ministry

**3 DONATE**  
 \$10 or More

Please return wrapped Angel Tree gifts by December 12th. Details are posted in the Narthex. Blessings to all of you that choose to participate to make someone's Christmas special! For questions call Susan Hathaway at 252-586-1670.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation transferred this year to Monday, December 9th. Mass times are 9:00 am at St. Peter and 5:30 pm at St. Richard.

Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service is December 11th at 7 pm.

### SEARCH

**Saint Peter the Apostle (Ebony) at Lake Gaston**

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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, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Patricia Pruden, Mary Jo Bankard, George Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Stephanie Hathaway, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan Holt, Jim Perozek, Helen Gryboski, Eneida Felisha Mendez, Linda Fleegle, Travis Smith, Lori Magusson, Leigh Gautreau, Rose Pascoe, Bernice Jiano, Zony Carino, Kip Boisot

Please contact the office with updates.  
 Contact Mary Ann Daly at 434-577-2660 to receive Holy Communion at home.

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Barbara Oravits	John Husson	Chuck Youse	Patricia Moyles	Kathy Husson
	Bob Oravits	William DeFelice			Marge Youse
Sunday	Carol Warfel	Hart Hagen	Carlos Mendez	Barbara Jones	Jim Burke
	Jay Warfel	Keith Percic			Anna Mendez