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*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.*



## December Birthdays

- 3 **Bob Oravits**
- Bettie Pasco**
- 7 **Maureen Seelinger**
- 10 **Judy Pelletier**
- 11 **Ginnie Driggers**  
**Matthew Stavola**
- 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**

## 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\*
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  - Warden:** Paul Kurilla
  - Guards:**
    - Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK\*
    - Outside: Richard Rumprik
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    - Trustee One Year:** Chuck Youse
    - Trustee Two Years:** Bobby Berndt, PGK\*
    - Trustee Three Years:** Wilson Youngblood, PGK\*
- \*PGK-Past Grand Knight

## Happy Anniversary

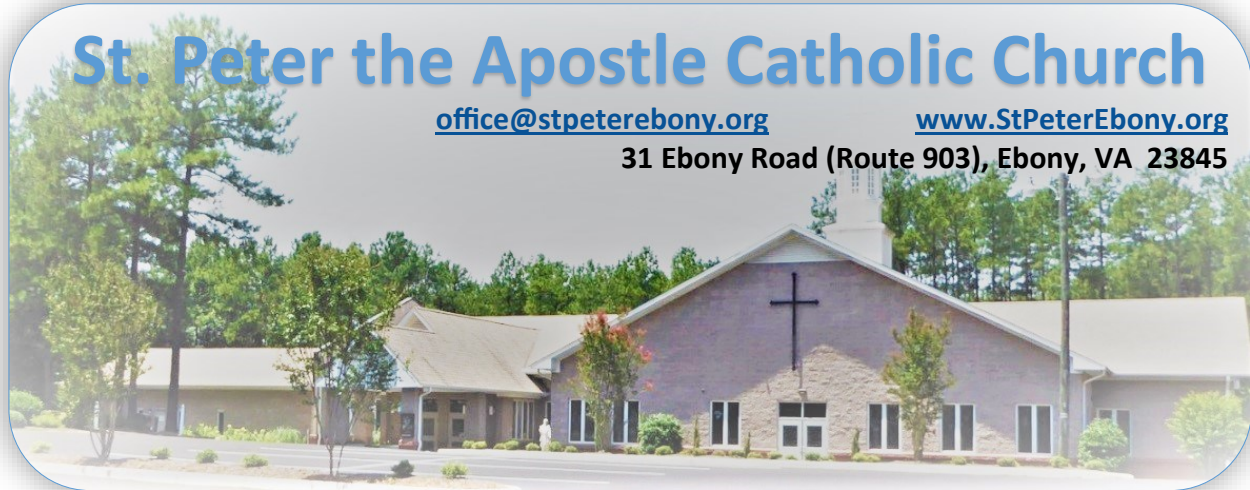
- Jean & Edward Maynes**  
December 12, 1964
- Janet & Mark Fracassa**  
December 17, 1988
- Jeanne & Paul Kurilla**  
December 27, 1969



**LUMEN CHRISTI**  
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**St. Peter the Apostle**  
Catholic Church Chapter

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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Linda Adamos: 434-774-9376

## 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:  
**Saturday at 4:00 pm & by appointment**

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

# The Second Sunday of Advent-December 8, 2024

# PARISH NEWS



## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Luke 3:1-6

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth.

The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for

Christ's own ministry. In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

## Christmas Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:



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

## #iGiveCatholic December 3, 2024

\$28,830.00 Raised • 63 Donors • 64 Gifts

### Bambinelli Blessing

There is a Vatican tradition of blessing Nativity scene figures of the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli in Italian). The tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and ever since, the Bambinelli blessing has been given by the Pope during Third Sunday of Advent. We ask every household to bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to Masses next weekend to be blessed.



Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service is December 11th at 7 pm. We will have 3 visiting priests. Consider celebrating this sacrament to begin your holy Advent season.

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.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm:

Isaiah 12:2-6

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 7th

**Our Parishioners**

Sunday, December 8th

**Ted Whitehurst**

### Upcoming Events:

Dec. 9-Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 10-**NO DAILY MASS**

Dec. 11-Reconciliation Service

Dec. 12-Return Angel Tree gifts

Dec. 14/15-Blessing of Readers

Dec. 14/15-Bambinelli Blessing

Dec. 17-Knights Meeting

## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$7,303.61
Christmas Flowers:	\$703.00	\$3,457.46

## Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

November 30th

77

December 1st

67

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	John Husson	Teri Oswald	Patricia Moyles	Jackie Pfendler
	Paul Kurilla	Bettie Berndt			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Jenny Hagen	Bob Hathaway	Mary Ann Daly	Sue Hathaway
	Robert Tuite	Carol Agee			Linda Adamos