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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.*



## 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  
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**Treasurer:** Jay Warfel, PGK\*  
**Financial Secretary:** Tom O'Neill, PGK\*  
**Advocate:** Bob Oravits  
**Warden:** Paul Kurilla  
**Guards:**  
Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK\*  
Outside: Richard Rumlplik

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


- 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**  
LEGACY SOCIETY

**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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[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

**Business Manager:**

Elizabeth Martin  
434-636-6277

#### Pastoral Council:

Teri Oswald: 856-889-4760

#### 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—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 Third Sunday of Advent-December 15, 2024

## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Luke 3:10-18

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. He tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is

expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles. In the Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly

in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday which is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in the second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. We mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on the Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Micah 5:1-4a  
 Responsorial Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
 Reading II: Hebrews 10:5-10  
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 14th  
**Our Parishioners**  
 Sunday, December 15th  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 17-Knights Meeting
- Dec. 19-Finance Council
- Dec. 24-Christmas Vigil Mass-7pm
- Dec. 25-Christmas Day Mass-8am
- Dec. 26-27-NO DAILY MASS
- Jan. 1-Solemnity of Mary-holy day of obligation-Mass at 9am

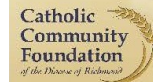
# PARISH NEWS



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

## Luke

The Story of Salvation Fulfilled



The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With *Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled*, you will experience joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives. Join us for this Parish Bible Study beginning January 14th at 10:00 in the social hall and continuing every Tuesday for 8 weeks. To register and purchase a workbook, email the parish office at office@stpeterebony.org.

## Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$4,745.11
Retired Religious:	\$1,004.75	\$898.96

## Online Giving

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

**December 7th**  
**61**  
**December 8th**  
**64**  
**December 9th**  
**44**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Bobby Berndt	Mark Fracassa	Chuck Youse	Jackie Pfindler	Linda Adamos
	Jim Perozek	William DeFelice			Marge Youse
Sunday	Janet Hagan	Bob Hathaway	Tom O'Neill	Jim Burke	Olvin Rodriguez
	Carl Hagan	Carol Agee			Myrna Rodriguez