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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
- 14 **Nicholas Foran**
- 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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St. Peter the Apostle
Catholic Church Chapter

Our Lady of the Lake



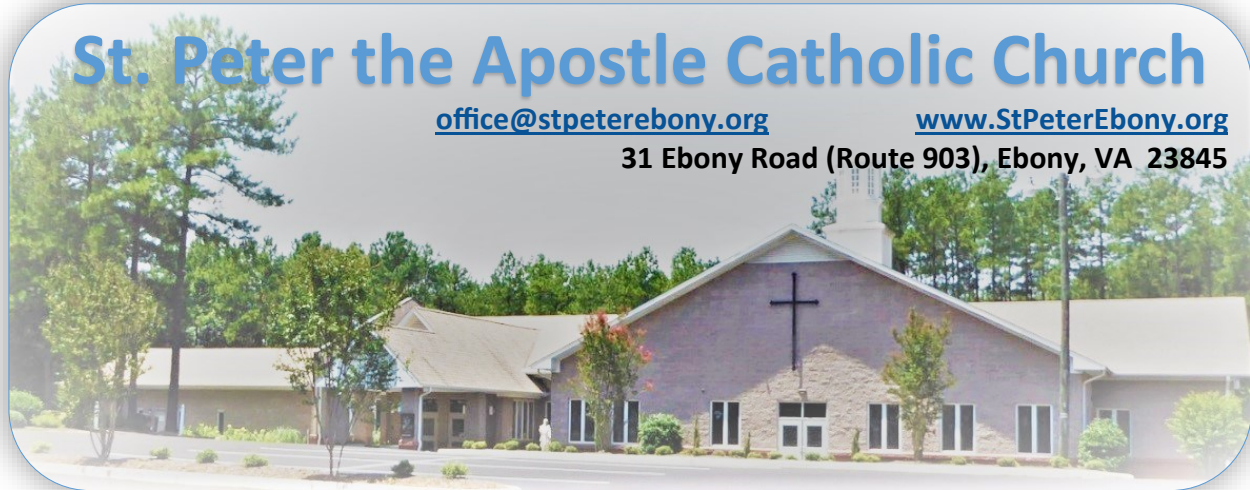
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Officers for 2024-2025

- 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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 - Inside: Kip Boisot, PGK*
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- BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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 - Trustee Two Years:** Bobby Berndt, PGK*
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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

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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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 Fourth Sunday of Advent-December 22, 2024

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 1:39-45

On the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah. The Gospel recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel.

Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary.

Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy. It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I:

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Responsorial Psalm:

84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Reading II:

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 21st

Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 22nd

Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 23-Jan. 3-Office is closed

Dec. 24-Christmas Vigil Mass-7pm

Dec. 25-Christmas Day Mass-8am

Dec. 26-27-NO DAILY MASS

Jan. 28-Praying for Priests

Jan. 1-Solemnity of Mary-holy day of obligation-Mass at 9am

PARISH NEWS

May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace as you trust in him.

Romans 15:13

Sending you the warmest wishes for a holiday filled with joy, laughter, and love!
Merry Christmas!



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

January 1, 2025

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation on January 1, 2025. Mass times are 9:00 am at St. Peter and 5:30 pm at St. Richard.

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.

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Bobby Berndt	Mark Fracassa	Chuck Youse	Patricia Moyles	Marge Youse
	Jim Perozek	Bettie Berndt			Jackie Pfendler
Sunday	Joan Medina	Bob Hathaway	Tom O'Neill	Barbara Jones	Jim Burke
	Luis Medina	Carol Agee			Mary Ann Daly



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, Lori Snelling

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	\$4,152.86 \$306.71
Immaculate Conception:	\$367.30	

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

December 14th

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December 15th

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