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Bettie & Bobby Berndt
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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.



January Birthdays

- 2 Nancy Armstrong
- 4 Gregg Lopez
William Treuting
- 7 James Tomazic
- 8 Bobby Berndt
- 10 Carolyn Aldridge
- 11 Liv Fioriti
- 14 Kenneth Armstrong
- 15 Matthew Giroux
- 16 Joseph Ferreira
Rosemarie Sanford
- 17 Janet Fracassa
Caitlin Centamore
Kristine Martin
- 19 Larry Hulse
Sharon Bette
- 20 Bob Hathaway
- 24 Sue Hathaway
John Husson
- 28 Keith Percic
- 29 Robert Driggers

Happy Anniversary

- Anne & Tom O'Neill**
January 4, 1969
- Bettie & Bobby Berndt**
January 26, 1974
- Douglas & Laura Kolb**
January 27, 1962



LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Chapter

Our Lady of the Lake

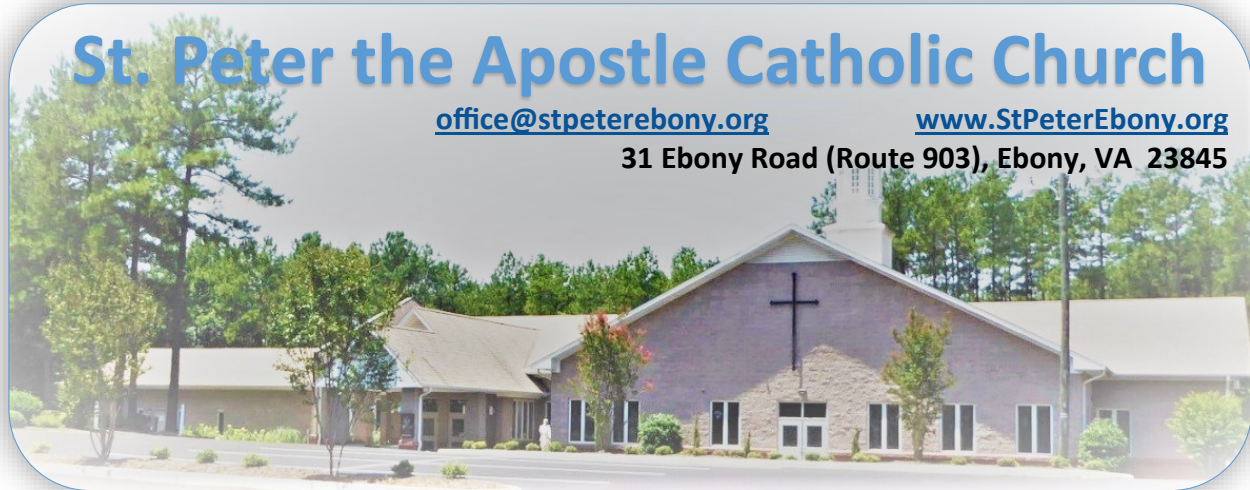


Council 9309

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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 - Financial Secretary:** Tom O'Neill, 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

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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.

Pastor: Fr. Jong R. Bayta
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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 in Ordinary Time—January 26, 2025

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

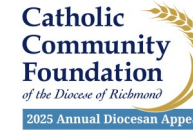
Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Today's Gospel combines two separate passages taken from Luke. First we hear Luke establish the purpose of his Gospel. We learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God." The Gospel then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four, Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the

scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry, which includes bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath

years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed. This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church and enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.



Welcome to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Sharing His Love with Others.*

The 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

It is my sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort. Last year, we raised \$25,040.00 with only 57 donors. We have 148 registered families in our parish.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish, the 2025 Appeal also supports international priests which allows me to serve as your pastor. The Appeal provides the monies for the Fuel and Hunger Fund which is used to assist those in need in our local community through grants we have received from the Diocese. This fund supplies groceries, heating, rent and shelter assistance to families in need, and the elderly across the Diocese and in our local area.

On behalf of Bishop Knestout and myself, thank you in advance for your support of the 2025 Appeal.

Fr. Jong

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, Paul Daly, Fulton Greiner

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

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Malachi 3:1-4
 Responsorial Psalm: 24:7-10
 Reading II: Hebrews 2:14-18
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 25th
Our Parishioners
 Sunday, January 26th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 28-Blessing of the Sick
- Jan. 28-Adult Bible Study
- Jan. 28-Knights Meeting
- Feb. 1/2-Candlemas
- Feb. 1/2-Blessing of Throats
- Feb. 5-Pastoral Council
- Feb. 9-Super Bowl Party

Forty days after the birth of Jesus Christ, on February 2nd, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This was the event in which Our Lady followed Jewish custom and went to the Temple in Jerusalem to present her Son to God. At the Presentation, St. Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms and prayed to God, saying: "Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."- Luke 2:29-32

On the Feast of the Presentation, honor Jesus' coming by bringing candles to Mass to be blessed and to honor Christ as the "Light of the World." This centuries-old tradition, known as "Candlemas," marks the official end of the Christmas season. Candles remind us that Christ is our light in the midst of darkness. When times are troubling, His presence shines the brightest.

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$3,794.16 (\$51.99)
Respect Life:		\$695.00

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

January 18th
58
January 19th
64

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Barbara Oravits	Mark Fracassa	Chuck Youse	Marge Youse	Jackie Pfendler
	Robert Oravits	Jo Anne Carino			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Hart Hagen	Tom O'Neill	Barbara Jones	Elizabeth Martin
	Robert Tuite	Debbie Youngblood			Linda Adamos