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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.*



## February Birthdays

- 5 Jackie Pfendler
- 7 Carl Hagan
- 8 Timothy Tucker
- 9 Janet Hagan
- Kathy Karpinski
- 11 Tom O'Neill
- 12 Mary Hatch
- 13 Liza Kiger
- 15 Jerry Beil
- Brandon Creede
- 16 Paul Kurilla
- 17 Dawn Free
- 20 Carlos Mendez
- 21 Jennifer Harlow
- 24 Barbara Oravits
- 27 Jerry Becker
- 28 Anna Mendez
- Tom Tuch

## Happy Anniversary



- David & Rosemarie Sanford**  
February 14
- Janet & Carl Hagan**  
February 24, 1968

**Catholic Community Foundation**  
*of the Diocese of Richmond*

### 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

**LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY**

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

## Our Lady of the Lake

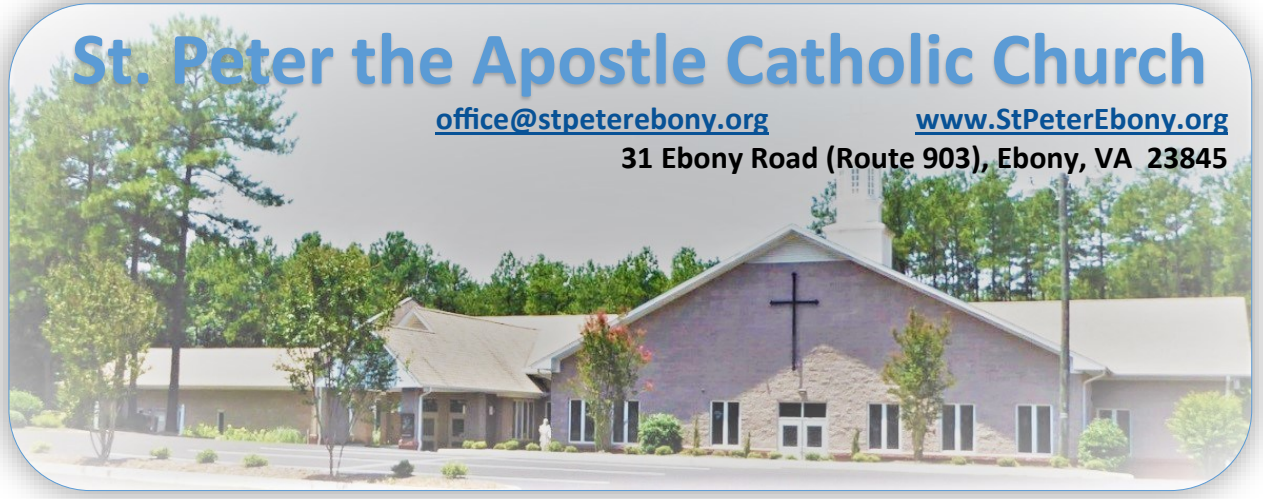


### Council 9309

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

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434-636-6277

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Teri Oswald: 856-889-4760

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Jerry Beil: 252-586-0635

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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 (after DST ends)  
5:30 pm (after DST begins)**
- Sunday-8:00 am**  
Holy Hour w/ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:  
**First Thursday of the month after Mass**
- Reconciliation:  
**Saturday 30 minutes before Mass & by appointment**
- Blessing of the Sick:  
**Last Tuesday of the month after Mass**

# The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 23, 2025

# PARISH NEWS



## Study of the Readings

### Background on the Gospel

#### Reading Luke 6:27-38

Today's Gospel is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel, Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, which is addressed to Jesus' disciples. These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with

the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing. Another point of contrast is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus

contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy. In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

### Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7  
 Responsorial Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-16  
 Reading II:  
 1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
 Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

### Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 22nd  
**Our Parishioners**  
 Sunday, February 23rd  
**Our Parishioners**

### Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 25-Blessing of the Sick
- Feb. 25-Adult Bible Study
- Feb. 25-Knights Meeting
- Mar. 4-Adult Bible Study
- Mar. 5-Pastoral Council
- Mar. 6-Holy Hour
- Mar. 7-First Friday Devotion

## Last Week's Offertory

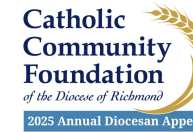
	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$3,770.81 <b>(\$75.34)</b>

## Online Giving

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

MASS  
 ATTENDANCE:

**February 15th**  
**80**  
**February 16th**  
**58**



### 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

When you contribute to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal, you are supporting 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church that help thousands of people across our Diocese with needs such as:

- \* Groceries as well as heating, rent and shelter assistance to children, families in need, and the elderly across the Diocese. **This year we were awarded \$3,000.00 from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund to assist those in our community.**
- \* Health insurance and long-term care for our priests who have given their lives in service to the Church.
- \* Assistance to mission parishes such as funds for capital improvements, outreach ministries, and specific ministry costs.

To see the full list of ministries supported by the Appeal, please visit [richmondccf.org/appeal](http://richmondccf.org/appeal).

### Lenten Schedule

- Ash Wednesday-March 5, 2025
- St. Peter the Apostle Mass at 9 am
  - SVMC Hospital Mass at 12 pm
  - St. Richard Mass at 5:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross-every Friday at 7:00 pm  
 Lenten Reconciliation Service-March 17 at 7 pm



Father needs parishioners as Parish Pastoral Council members. The council meets monthly with Father to ensure that the pastoral needs of the parish are met. Speak to Father or contact the parish office if you are interested.



**Begins Ash Wednesday**  
**All donations will be shared with local food banks and St. Richard's food pantry.**

## Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Jeanne Kurilla	Dan Moyles	Chuck Youse	Patricia Moyles	Jackie Pfendler
	Paul Kurilla	Jo Anne Carino			Marge Youse
Sunday	Joan Medina	Wilson Youngblood	Tom O'Neill	Barbara Jones	Jim Burke
	Luis Medina	Debbie Youngblood			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, 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, Whitney Waters

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