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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.



March Birthdays

- 2 Marilyn Tuite
- 6 George Wall
- 7 Mary Carter Hagen
- 8 Crystal Hulse
- 9 Robert Newman
- 10 Kathy Karls
- 14 Ann Mogilnicki
- 14 Thomas Giroux
- 17 Jenny Hagen
- 19 Davyen King
- 20 Peter Polignone
- 21 Laura Kolb
- 21 Darlene Martin
- 22 Jo Masson
- 24 Alfred Lampazzi
- 26 O'Neill Hagen
- 27 Paul Pelletier
- 28 Hart Hagen
- 28 Daniela Satur
- 29 Mark Foran
- 30 Suzanna Hagen
- 31 Bernice Jiano
- 31 Julie McDonald

Happy Anniversary

- Jackie & Dale Pfindler**
3-4-1994
- Susan and Robert Newman**
3-20-1976
- Carmen & David Quinn**
3-25-2017
- Maribeth & Domingo Aguila**
3-27-1983
- Maricris & Erwin Satur**
3-31-2006

Our Lady of the Lake



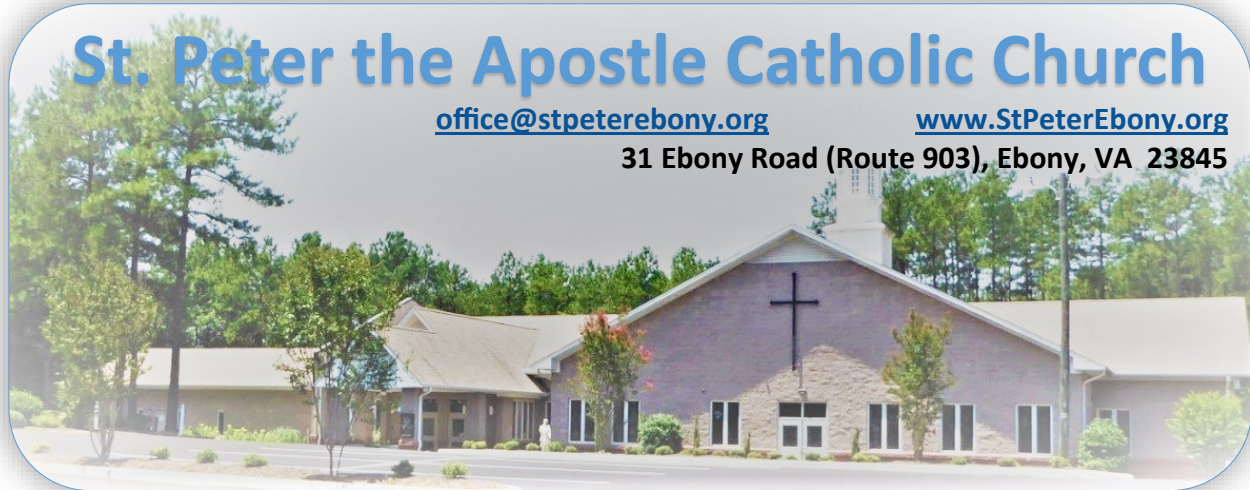
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- Chaplain:** Fr. Jong R. Bayta
- Grand Knight:** Mark Fracassa
- Deputy Grand Knight:** John Husson
- Chancellor:** Dave Thomas
- Recorder:** Bobby Berndt, PGK*
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Catholic men 18 years or older are 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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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

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 30, 2025

PARISH NEWS



Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel

Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today's parable invites us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love. The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees,

however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree. Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message.

We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father. First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being. The younger son takes his

inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in

reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

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, Jean Sasscer, Bob & Pat Weise, Cheryl Beebe, Virgil Frizzell, Betty Morris, Mary Jo Bankard, George Wall, Jeri Schottenbauer, Peter Hamilton, Dale Litzinger, Robert Purdy, Jan Holt, Jim Perozek, Helen Gryboski, Eneida Felisha Mendez, Linda Fleegle, Travis Smith, Leigh Gautreau, Rose Pascoe, Bernice Jiano, Kip Boisot, Lori Snelling, Paul Daly, Fulton Greiner, Whitney Waters, Ken Armstrong, Martina Dicello, Alexandra Roy

Contact Mary Ann Daly at 434-577-2660 to receive Holy Communion at home.

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21
 Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-6
 Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14
 Gospel: John 8:1-11

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 29th
Our Parishioners
 Sunday, March 30th
Our Parishioners

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 2- **NO DAILY MASS**
- Apr. 3- Holy Hour
- Apr. 4- First Friday Devotion
- Apr. 8- **NO DAILY MASS**
- Apr. 9- Pastoral Council Meeting
- Apr. 13-20- Holy Week

Eat In/Take Out
\$14 per plate
Serving 5-6:30 pm
 April 4
 April 11

Ends April 13th
 Thank you for your generosity.

April 4th
April 11th
7:00 pm
 April 9 at 7 pm at St. John the Baptist



Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$4,409.16 \$563.01

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

March 22nd
73
March 23rd
86

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	William Defelice			Kathy Husson
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Hart Hagen	Carlos Mendez	Mary Ann Daly	Olvin Rodriguez
	Robert Tuite	Carol Agee			Myrna Rodriguez