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Purchase a brick for St. Peter the Apostle  
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the Apostle  
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## May Birthdays

- 1 **Al Meyer**
- Joanne Sheppard**
- 6 **Jean Maynes**
- Marietta Soto**
- 11 **Michael VanScoyoc**
- 16 **Jamie Gagne**
- Annette Bramos**
- 17 **Robert Martin**
- 23 **Leon Morris**
- 24 **Jennifer Faleski**
- 27 **Carol Haefner**
- 28 **Jim Perozek**
- Cheryl Shaheen**
- 29 **Linda Becker**
- Jean Sasscer**

## Happy Anniversary

**Cheryl & Pat Shaheen**  
May 8, 1982


**Marilyn & Bob Tuite**  
May 18, 2013

**Lil & Al Meyer**  
May 20, 1967

**Jean & Brian Creede**  
May 22, 1993

**Annemarie & Harlow Martin**  
May 23, 1987

**Nanette & Matthew Stavola**  
May 30, 1980

  
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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

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

**Trustee One Year:**

Chuck Youse

**Trustee Two Years:**

Bobby Berndt, PGK\*

**Trustee Three Years:**

Wilson Youngblood, PGK\*

\*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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[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

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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 (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**

Third Sunday of Easter—May 4, 2025

Study of the Readings

Background on the Gospel  
Reading John 21:1-19

Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples. After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded. Because it follows this apparent conclusion, scholars believe John 21 to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in

the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish. The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did. In today's Gospel, the disciples are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are

unsuccessful. Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish. They have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch

Praying With Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Responsorial Psalm:  
100:1-2, 3, 5  
Reading II:  
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17  
Gospel: John 10:27-30

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 3rd  
**Angelo & Frances Arena**  
Sunday, May 4th  
**Our Parishioners**

Upcoming Events:

May 6-**NO DAILY MASS**  
May 7-Pastoral Council  
May 13-**NO DAILY MASS**  
May 15-Finance Council  
May 24-Blessing of Boats  
May 23-30-Office Closed  
May 27-Blessing of the Sick

Last Week's Offertory

	Needed	Actual
Offertory:	\$3,846.15	\$3,083.16 <b>(\$762.99)</b>
Votive Stand:		\$49.00
Poor Box:		\$128.00

Online Giving

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

MASS ATTENDANCE:

**April 26th 77**  
**April 27th 105**

PARISH NEWS

of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6. There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, “the work of human hands”—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence. After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. “Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep.” These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

JOB OPENING

St. Peter the Apostle seeks a part-time Custodian to perform general cleaning duties at the church building and rectory. Position is for 19 hours a week. Must be dedicated, reliable, detail-oriented, and able to work independently. To apply, email the parish office at [office@stpeterebony.org](mailto:office@stpeterebony.org).



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank and recognize all those who made our Fish Fry Fridays such a resounding success! A special thanks goes out to the wives and all those who made desserts and provided assistance each Friday.

Our parish now has a volunteer for pastoral care of the sick. This minister of care can visit the homebound, those in the hospital or nursing home, can provide transportation for doctor appointments, and can provide companionship and spiritual support. The minister of care can bring communion and pray with you. Please call the office to schedule a visit.



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, Fulton Greiner, Sadie Waters, Ken Armstrong, Martina Dicello, Alexandra Roy, Louis Keipe, Carlos Mendez, Anne O'Neill, Kathy Beil

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

Next Week's Ministry Schedule

	USHERS	READERS	SERVER	BODY OF CHRIST	BLOOD OF CHRIST
Saturday	Bobby Berndt	Mark Fracassa	Dan Moyles	Patricia Moyles	Linda Adamos
	Jim Perozek	Jo Anne Carino			Jackie Pfendler
Sunday	Janet Hagan	Wilson Youngblood	Isaac Bette	Jim Burke	Mary Ann Daly
	Carl Hagan	Debbie Youngblood			Linda Adamos