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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,  
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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.



## July Birthdays

- 1 Lil Meyer
- 2 Edward Maynes
- 5 Michael McDonald
- 9 Estela Giroux
- Jacob Husson
- 12 Lewis Keipe
- 13 Betty Morris
- 15 Daniel Jones
- 16 Laurie Coughlin
- 18 Robert DeFelice
- 19 Jaimie Martin
- 25 Myrna Rodriguez
- 26 Isaac Bette
- 28 Robert Kapinskis
- 30 Mary Purdy

## Happy Anniversary

- Linda & Joseph Ferreira**  
July 1, 1972
- Elizabeth & Doug Martin**  
July 6, 1996
- Nancy & Paul Arena**  
July 18, 1981
- Carol & Bernie Haefner**  
July 19, 1967
- Natalie & Ronnie Carlson**  
July 20, 1968
- Jennifer & Mark Foran**  
July 22, 1989

**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  
**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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**Business Manager:** Elizabeth Martin  
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**Pastoral Council:** Luis Medina: 757-692-5498  
**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**

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 13, 2025

Encountering the Word with Jeff Cavins. Luke 10:25–37

The parable of the Good Samaritan offers a timeless lesson on mercy, compassion, and what it means to truly love our neighbor. When asked, “Who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29), Jesus responds with a parable that turns expectations upside down. The priest and Levite, figures typically seen as righteous, walk past a man beaten and left for dead. But it’s the Samaritan—someone culturally despised—who becomes the unlikely hero, offering aid and showing

mercy. This parable reminds us that true compassion is not about status or convenience, but about taking action when others are in need. Jesus calls us to go beyond societal norms and expectations, to be the neighbor who extends mercy. Like the Samaritan, we are invited to bind wounds, care for the suffering, and love those who are hurting, even when it’s difficult or inconvenient. Today, being a Good Samaritan is more accessible than we may realize. Mother Teresa exemplifies this—she didn’t hesitate to touch and

care for the wounded, even when it meant sacrificing her own comfort. Her actions remind us that mercy and love are not remote ideals but practical choices that can transform lives. How do you respond when you encounter someone in need? Like the priest and Levite, do you sometimes pass by? If so, why? Where may God be calling you to step out and proclaim his kingdom, even in the face of wolflike resistance?

Praying With Next Week’s Readings

Reading I: Genesis 18:1-10A  
Responsorial Psalm:  
15:2-3, 3-4,5  
Reading II: Colossians 1:24-28  
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 12th  
**Our Parishioners**  
Sunday, July 13th  
**Our Parishioners**

Upcoming Events

- July 17-Finance Council
- July 29: Book Club Kickoff
- July 31: Holy Hour
- Aug 1: First Friday Devotion

Last Week’s Offertory

	Needed	Actual	
Offertory:	\$4339.87	\$7941.46	<b>\$3601.59</b>

Mass Attendance

Date	No. People
7/5/25	85
7/6/25	228

Online Giving: (a) <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stpeterebonyva> or (b) Text GIVE to 434-686-6277

PARISH NEWS

Capital Campaign

St. Peter the Apostle Parish is a community of highly engaged, faith-filled and committed people. **There is a tremendous spirit of community, parish pride and deep seeded faith among the people.** Your love for and faith in your pastor is universal. Every capital campaign is a great challenge, however, with the dedicated leadership of Father Jong, and the Grace of God, St. Peter the Apostle Parish can achieve success and has begun a capital campaign. Please visit the parish website for the complete **Feasibility Study Report** located under Parish Info and look forward for more information and updates in our success.

School Supply Drive

The Justice & Peace Committee is having their annual **School Supply Drive** this month, supporting students and staff of Meherrin-Powellton Elementary School.

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

- 3 Subject Notebooks (wide rule)
- Glue Sticks
- Tissues
- Index Cards (3" x 5" and 4" x 6")
- Pencil Pouches (not pencil boxes)
- Highlighters (any color)
- Folders (plastic; 3-prong with pockets)
- Folders (plastic; no prongs/pockets only)

Faith Formation & Communications News/Events

Email: [faithformation@stpeterebony.org](mailto:faithformation@stpeterebony.org) Phone: 434-636-6277

- Tues July 29, 10:00 AM, St. Peter’s Fellowship Hall. **New Adult Book Club** centered on exploring our Catholic faith in an informal setting with various genre. We will meet every 4-6 weeks to discuss what we’ve read. Our first book will be “Death Comes for the Archbishop” by Willa Cather. Sign up by Fri July 25: contact Jennifer Foran via email or phone above.
- NOTE: **All announcements and bulletin information** previously provided to Elizabeth Martin, should now be provided to Jennifer Foran via email or phone number above.



Rose Gongla, Ann Mogilnicki, Mary Purdy, Tom Eddy, 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, Travis Smith, Leigh Gautreau, Rose Pascoe, Bernice Jiano, Kip Boisot, Lori Snelling, Fulton Greiner, Sadie Waters, Alexandra Roy, Louis Keipe, Carlos Mendez, Kathy Beil, Chuck Youse, Ann Marie Hancock, Denise Leclereq, George McCall

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	Barbara Oravitzs	Mark Fracassa	Dan Moyles	Marge Youse	Jackie Pfendler
	Bob Oravitzs	William Defelice			Bettie Berndt
Sunday	Marilyn Tuite	Wilson Youngblood	Isaac Bette	Mary Ann Daly	Jim Burke
	Robert Tuite	Debbie Youngblood			Keith Percic