

## Prayer List

**Epiphany** – Rudolph & Maria; Tammie Ayer's; Howard Baker; Edward Banks, Kaleigh Bennett; Ashly Carlson; Sharon Eye and Family; Robin Highlander; Chuck Hitzt; Bob Hurst; Jonny Kisamore; Diane Janthgato; Katie Johnson; Rick McMiuan; Nora Murray; Kathy Ratliff; Fransis Rodel; Sam Ross; Bill Santman; Hamme Tahan; Evelyn, Harley, & Manoles Brian Yarworth

**St. Elizabeth** - Susan Adams; Lynn Beaty; Jimmy Bennet, Tom DeByl; Jim Hughes; Deacon John; Chad Kimble; Kim Kline; Mary Catherine Loudermilk; Fr Mario; Don Mundy; Deacon Rue Thompson; Ruth Zimmers; Residents of Pendleton Manor.

**St. Mary's** – Luther and Cleo Alt; Maxine Bissell; David Brosh; Jerry Fetch; Dick Henderson; Gina Hinkle; Jim Hughes; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; John Lutz, Susan and Steve Mongold; Richard and Toni Ours; Roy Reynolds; Becky Rogers; Liz Simpson, Elizabeth S. A. Sites, Alice Veach; Mary Wood

## Announcements for St. Elizabeth

- Can needs for the month of Feb. Includes air brushes, combs, and toothbrushes.
- "Souper Bowl" on Feb. 12th. Be sure to vote for your favorite team in the vestibule. One can of soup gives you one vote to predict the winner of the Super Bowl later that evening.
- If you would like a poinsettia, please take it with you. Thank you.

## Announcements for St. Mary's

- 3 Lenten Luncheons will be held on Feb. 22, March 15, and April 5. Our responsibilities include:
  - Feb 22: making ham salad and desserts;
  - March 15: making desserts;
  - April 5: nothing.Luncheons are \$5.00. CWU needs help serving and cleaning up. For any questions, please see Joyce.
- If you know of someone at home who might be in need of Communion visits, please let Liz know.

## Calendar

**Monday 02/06**  
**St. Paul Miki and Companions**

Gn 1:1-19  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday 02/07**  
**St. Colette**

Gn 1:20—2:4a  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday 02/08**  
**St. Josephine Bakhita**

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday 02/09**  
**St. Jerome Emiliani**

Gn 2:18-25  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday 02/10**  
**St. Scholastica**

Gn 3:1-8  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday 02/11**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Gn 3:9-24  
Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday 02/12**  
**St. Apollonia**

Sir 15:15-20  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-37

**February 05, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 58:7-10  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mt 5:13-16

**Pastor: Fr. Dan Pisano**

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**Rectory address: 5 Pierpont St., Petersburg, WV 26847**

**St. Elizabeth website:** setonparishwv.org

## Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Please call the number for St. Mary's or send an email if there is a need for a hospital or home visit. During the current pandemic, visits are restricted, face mask is recommended as is social distancing.

Any information for the bulletin and Mass intentions should be forwarded to the general office email address, by Thursday evening.

## Second Collection

Next Special Collect is on February 12 for Church Missions within the United States.

## Mass Intentions

### Members of the Parish Every Sunday

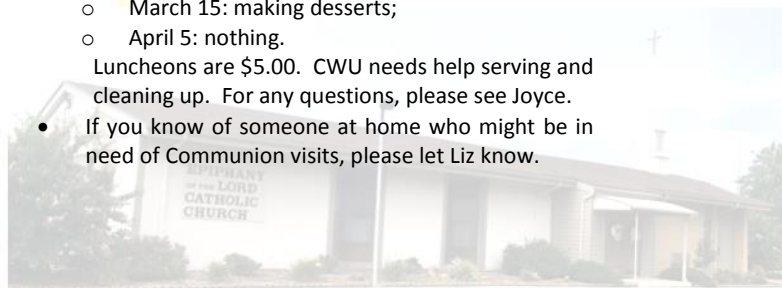
Saturday February 04, Brian L. Buckley

Saturday March 11, Paul & Ruth Crifasi

Note: Please call the office or email St. Mary's to schedule a Mass Intention for someone. On weekday and weekend Mass, we will begin celebrating the Mass for someone's intention. An offering generally made and that offering will be going into a fund for these who have less than we.

## Announcements for Epiphany

- Sat Feb 18 we will have. Mardi Gras get together after Saturday eve Mass. light dinner and Bingo. All are welcome. Can anyone make a King Cake?



## The Light of the World

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:14–16*

We’ve all experienced a time when the lights went out and we were in darkness. In this case, if you were to light a candle and place it in the center of the room, its light would make quite a difference. One candle in a darkened room transforms that room, making it a more comfortable dwelling place.

Using that image, consider the first line in Jesus’ metaphor above. “You are the light of the world.” Try to see yourself as that single candle in the darkness. That is your mission. Just as a single candle can give light to an entire room, so you are capable of being a source of light for many others.

One of the primary missions we have all received in life is to allow the light of God’s grace to “shine before others.” The result of fulfilling this mission is that others will see our good deeds that were inspired by God, and they will, in turn, glorify the Father in Heaven. Thus, your mission of radiating the light of Christ for others results in God being praised and glorified.

This full statement of Jesus is especially helpful to consider when we struggle with pride. Pride is a way of pointing to ourselves. It’s an act of selfishness by which we place ourselves in the spotlight as a way of trying to become the object of others’ praise. But what Jesus tells us is that when we properly fulfill our role of being the light of the world, when we radiate the Light of Christ, others will be inspired not to praise us but rather to glorify God as He acts through us. This is quite a difference.

With that being said, the beautiful thing about God being glorified is that God often wants us to share in that glory. That means that if you were to do an act of charity for another, and they were deeply grateful to you and thanked you, their “thank you” is an act of glorifying God when it is understood that you acted out of a love of God. God is praised when we, His children, give and receive love and honor between each other on account of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon two things. First, think about those upon whom God has called you to shine His light.

Who is it in your life who needs an act of love, charity, mercy, forgiveness or compassion? Commit yourself to becoming God’s light for them in their darkness. Second, think about those who have shone the Light of Christ upon you. When this has happened, how did you respond? Hopefully your response was one of a gratitude that not only returns love to the other but also glorifies God through your gratitude. Be the light of the world to a world in need and seek out that light as it shines brightly through others. This is the only way to step out of the darkness that constantly tries to pervade us.

*Lord, You are the true Light Who dispels every darkness in life. You are the Light of my life and shine brightly for all to see. Help me to see Your light as it shines on others and to glorify You for that gift. And help me to be an instrument of Your light to those who need it the most. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## Announcements

We will be collecting used Religious items that are no longer needed throughout the month of February. Items include:

Vestments including Chasubles, Stoles, Albs, etc. (even if they are soiled or tattered, as we have them professionally cleaned and/or restored if possible so they can be worn, we can also use them to make new vestments, rosary cases or missal covers, we accept any style, color, vintage)	Prayer books/Bibles/Breviaries (Please No Story Type/Regular Books or Pamphlets/Magazines/DVD's or VHS Tapes)
Crucifixes	Monstrances
Statues (any size)	Altar Stones
Rosaries (damaged ok)	Altar Books/Missals/Lectionaries
Chalices (Pottery ok but please not by mail)	Holy Medals
Altar Ware	Holy Cards
Candle Sticks	Linens
Tabernacles	Paraments
	Framed Pictures, etc.
	Used Instruments
	Relics

### Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

2029 State Road 55  
Moorefield, WV 26836  
304-434-2547

#### Liturgies

Thursday at 12:00 Noon  
Saturday 5:00PM  
& Sunday 8:00AM

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

545 Walnut Street  
Franklin, WV 26807  
304-358-7012

#### Liturgies

Tuesday at 12:00 Noon  
Sunday 12:00 Noon

### St. Mary’s Catholic Church

4 Grant Street  
Petersburg, WV 26847  
304-257-1057

#### Liturgies

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon  
Sunday 10:00AM

## Ministry List for February 12, 2023

After Christmas, the Sunday mass will begin at 8:30.

**Priest in Attendance: Fr. Mario Claro**  
**Deacon: John Windett**

Lector: Fay Steele

The 3rd Sunday of each month is Birthday Sunday at **St. Elizabeth**. Please stay after Mass and celebrate everyone who has a Birthday that month with some sort of dessert and good conversation.

Lector: Brian Vance

Eucharist Minister: Lisa Vance and M.C. Amerman

Starting in August, we will have **the First Friday Mass** every first Friday of the month at 11AM.

The first Sunday of each month is Birthday Sunday at **St. Mary’s**. Please stay after Mass and celebrate everyone who has a Birthday that month with some sort of dessert and good conversation.

