

## Prayer List

**Epiphany** – Rudolph & Maria; Tammie Ayer's; Howard Baker; Edward Banks, Kaleigh Bennett; Ashly Carlson; Sharon Eye and Family; Robin Highlander; Chuck Hiztt; 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 02/13**  
**St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph**  
Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday 02/14**  
**St. Cyril and Methodius**  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday 02/15**  
**St. Claude de la Colombiere**  
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22  
Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday 02/16**  
**St. Gilbert of Sempringham**  
Gn 9:1-13  
Mk 8:27-33

**Friday 02/17**  
**Seven Founders of the Servite Order**  
Gn 11:1-9  
Mk 8:34—9:1

**Saturday 02/18**  
**Blessed John of Fiesole**  
Heb 11:1-7  
Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday 02/19**  
**St. Conrad of Piacenza**  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48

**February 12, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 15:15-20  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-3

**Pastor: Fr. Dan Pisano**

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**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 March 12 for Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund.

## Ash Wednesday (02/22) Mass Schedule

8:00 A.M. - Epiphany in Moorefield  
Noon - St Mary's in Petersburg  
3:00 P.M. - St. Elizabeth Seton in Franklin

## Mass Intentions **Members of the Parish Every Sunday**

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

- Don't forget our Mardi Gras Bingo on Saturday, February 18 after 5:00 Mass. we will have pizza and salad.
- Bring a side or dessert and can goods for the Food Pantry.
- Join us for some socializing. We especially would like new parishioners to join in to get acquainted.

## The Fullness of Righteousness

*Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20-22*

The scribes and Pharisees were masters of the Old Law. Now that the Messiah had arrived, they were unwilling to go deeper and move beyond the Old Testament teachings that they often misrepresented. They preferred a black-and-white approach to morality that had been with them for centuries and did not want to change when presented with Jesus' new and higher calling.

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which began with the Beatitudes. In today's portion of Jesus' sermon, we are taught about anger, adultery and oaths. In every case, Jesus refers to the Law as it was taught in the Old Testament but then elevates it to an entirely new level. The line quoted above makes it clear that the only way to accept these new teachings of Jesus was to surpass the "righteousness" of the scribes and Pharisees. And the dire result of not surpassing their righteousness was the loss of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus begins by recalling the Old Testament commandment, "You shall not kill." But then He takes that commandment further by saying that "whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Of course, killing remains a grave sin. But now Jesus explains that the interior attitude of anger, even if not acted upon, is a sin. He goes on to teach a similar lesson about adultery and swearing oaths.

It is helpful to understand these new teachings in the context of the approach that the scribes and Pharisees took in regard to the Old Testament. About that, Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, the primary problem with the scribes and Pharisees is not that they failed to teach the Old Testament Law properly. The primary problem is that now that the Messiah has arrived and has ushered in a new time of fulfillment and righteousness, they would not go deeper and would not embrace the fulfillment of the Law of God. They are not willing to grow in holiness and embrace the fulfillment of all that had been taught before.

Reflect, today, upon the calling given to you by our Lord's new and glorious teachings. If you are to truly embrace the Gospel of our Lord and live in His New Law of grace, then you must be willing to go deep, become truly radical in your faith, and allow God to transform every part of your life. The New Law is one of the fullness of love, mercy, surrender, zeal, conversion and transformation. Commit yourself to surpassing the old and limited righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, and God will do glorious things in your life.

*Lord of all grace, You came and not only taught us about the heights of holiness, but You also lived it and have bestowed upon us all we need to imitate Your every virtue. Please fill me with Your mercy and strength so that I may live a new righteousness of the fullness of love. 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
Chalice (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

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

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

#### Liturgies

Tuesday at 12:00 Noon  
Sunday 12:00 Noon

Lector: Lynn Vandevander

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.

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

#### Liturgies

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon  
Sunday 10:00AM

Lector: Tom Parisi

Eucharist Minister: Jay Bennett and Tom Hencke

Everyone is invited to **the First Friday Mass** every first Friday of the month at 11AM.

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