

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 McMiuian; Nora Murray; Jo Oliver; Jeanne Porreca; 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; Kim Kline; 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; Darleen Secrist, Liz Simpson, Elizabeth S. A. Sites, Alice Veach; Mary Wood

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

Lenten Project

If you are looking for a Lenten Project, consider donating items to Grant Memorial Hospital's Infusion and Cancer Center, which serves communities in Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton Counties. Many of you may have a family member, friend, or neighbor who has been affected by cancer or an illness that requires regular infusion therapy. Being able to receive treatments without long-distance travel helps save time and minimizes gas needed for transportation. Items that can be donated for the Chemo/Infusion Care Bags are:

- Reusable Water Bottles
- Non-Skid Socks/Slippers
- Puzzle Books - Crossword, Word Search, etc
- Adult Level Coloring Books
- Colored Pencils/Crayons
- Lotion
- Chapstick
- Soft Bristle Toothbrushes

There will be a collection box at each church that will be picked up at the end of the Lenten Season. Any contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Calendar

Monday 02/20
St. Jacinta and Francisco Marto

Sir 1:1-10
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday 02/21
St. Peter Damian

Sir 2:1-11
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday 02/22
Chair of Saint Peter

Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 02/23
St. Polycarp

Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday 02/24
Blessed Luke Belludi

Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 02/25
Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 02/26
St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48

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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 March 12 for Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund.

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 St. Elizabeth

- Can needs for the month of Feb. Includes air brushes, combs, and toothbrushes.

Announcements for St. Mary's

- Darlene Secrist will stay at E. A. Hawse Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Baker for another few weeks. Please keep her in your prayer.
- 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.

Loving Even Your Enemies

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.” Matthew 5:43-45

Nowhere in the Old Testament does it say that we should hate our enemies. Note that Jesus did not say “It has been written...” Instead, He says, “You have heard that it was said...” So who said this? Some traditions among the scribes and Pharisees held this erroneous belief. Because some held that position, Jesus addressed it.

In this passage and in many others, Jesus calls us to a new depth of love that many thought impossible. In fact, even Jesus Himself acknowledged the height of His teaching when, at the conclusion of this passage, He says, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Too often in life we settle for everything other than perfection. And though we may never achieve that level of holiness in this life, it must be our constant goal. In regard to our “enemies,” perfect love for them must become our daily mission.

So who is your “enemy?” Though Jesus does not define this for us, we should consider it to be anyone with whom there is some form of tension or discord. Perhaps there is someone who hates or dislikes you and speaks ill of you or treats you poorly. Or perhaps there is someone whom you dislike and find yourself angry at or even judgmental toward. So begin by trying to identify anyone with whom you have a lack of perfect affection. In truth, there might be many more people on that list than on the list of those you “love.”

Once you identify those who fall into the category of enemy to one extent or another, consider whether you love them. One Church Father says that we love our enemy “when we are not sorrowful at his success, or rejoice in his fall.” This is a very helpful definition to consider. Ultimately, this is the definition of envy.

If someone whom you dislike succeeds in something praiseworthy, how do you react interiorly? If there is an immediate visceral reaction or if you find yourself trying to figure out why they should be congratulated, then you might struggle with this sin. Or consider what you think, say or feel if you hear that someone you dislike has some problem, gets into some trouble, or encounters some misfortune. The ideal response is empathy and a desire for their well-being. If this is not the response within you, then pay attention to that.

Jesus concludes His teaching by saying that His Father “makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.” In other words, God bestows His perfect love and mercy upon

everyone equally. The only difference is that some people choose to accept that mercy and others reject it. As for ourselves, just like our loving God, we must offer love and mercy to everyone equally and as completely as we can. And though some may reject that love, just as they reject the love of God, it must always be offered and never rescinded. This is love of neighbor and also love of our enemies.

Reflect, today, upon those with whom you struggle to love to perfection. Perhaps that list is long. Start with those you encounter most often or those to whom you have a strong negative reaction. As you call them to mind, pray for them, for their good and for God’s blessings upon them. Try to see some goodness in them. Try to thank God for them, and try to remove any disordered feelings or thoughts you might have about them. This is the first step in your mission to fulfill Jesus’ new command of love.

My loving Lord, You love and bestow Your unlimited mercy upon all people, the good and bad alike. I pray that I may always be open to that love and receive it deeply into my own life. I pray also that Your love may shine through me into the lives of 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

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

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

Lector: Regina Hedrick

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: Paul Lawrence

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

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