

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; 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; Mary Idleman; 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

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
- Soft Bristle Toothbrushes
- Chapstick
- Lotion

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 03/06
St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 03/07
St. Perpetua and Felicity
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 03/08
St. John of God
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 03/09
St. Frances of Rome
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday 03/10
St. Dominic Savio
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday 03/11
St. John Ogilvie
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday 03/12
Bl. Angela Salawa
Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

March 05, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

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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.

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. 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.

Continuing the Mission

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This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime.

Moses' encounter with God on the mountain provided the foundation of the Law for the people of Israel. This Law guided them for centuries and ultimately came to fulfillment in Jesus, Who transformed the Law and elevated it to a new level by grace and mercy. Elijah's encounter with God on the mountain gave him direction to anoint kings to lead the people and to anoint Elisha

as the prophet to succeed him. Elijah and Elisha continually preached to the people, calling them back to fidelity to the covenant God had made with them.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will.

Reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfill the mission of God started long ago, until it comes to completion when He returns at the end of time.

- My Transfigured Lord, You spoke Your divine will to the great leaders of old on a high mountain. You also entrusted Your mission to the disciples on a holy mountain. Please give me the grace and determination I also need to journey with You up the mountain of prayer so that I will be entrusted with the mission You give to me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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
Home 304-902-9118 and Cell 304-668-1929
Deacon: John Windett

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: Kevin McDonald

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

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