

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

Calendar

Monday 03/13
St. Leander of Seville
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday 03/14
St. Maximilian
Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday 03/15
St. Louise de Marillac
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 03/16
St. Clement Mary Hofbauer
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

Friday 03/17
St. Patrick
Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday 03/18
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 03/19
St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

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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 April 07 for Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

Mass Intentions

Members of the Parish Every Sunday

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.

Reminder

Please remember to send cards this Lenten season to our home bound parishioners including

Epiphany: Home Bound members - Ruth Buker, Helen Chambers, Joe Dodd, Patty Gapp, Karolina Yarworth;

at the Winchester Rehab Center - Jo Oliver.

St. Mary's: Home Bound members - Richard Bissell, Toni Ours

at the Grant County Nursing Home – Maxine Bissell, Jerry Fetch.

at E.A. Hawse Nursing and Rehab Center in Baker – Luther Alt

Keep them in your prayers on our Lenten journey.

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.

God needs priests. Is He calling you?
If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.

“First” Friday Visits

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Ave., Weston, MA

Friday, March 31st
5:00 PM

Join the Seminary community either **virtually** or **in person**
for prayer & fellowship

Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

In Person: Dinner with the seminarians and a tour of the Seminary

RSVP or receive more information
Msgr. William Fay at 781-899-5500 ext. 134
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Living Water for a Thirsty Soul

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." John 4:5-7

Today, throughout the world, Catholic liturgies will celebrate the first of three Scrutinies of those adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The word "scrutiny" comes from the Latin word scrutari which means an inquiry, close examination or search of something. It originally referred to rummaging through rubbish so as to find something of value. In a sense, this is what God does with all of us. When we first turn to Him, He sorts through the disorder of our fallen human nature and our sins so as to point to the goodness and beauty of the child He created. As for the liturgical rite that will be celebrated in churches throughout the world today, the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults describes it as follows: "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (#141). The Gospel story we read today depicts this action beautifully. It is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. This story is filled with symbolism, much of which the casual reader could easily miss.

To begin, it is important to prayerfully imagine the scene. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob's Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink. She was a Samaritan. Jews generally considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, Jews would not drink from their vessels. But Jesus broke this unholy custom and looked at her as a daughter of God with innate dignity and value as He engaged her in conversation.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, "Give me a drink." Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn't dwell upon her past; He knew all about it. He could read her soul. All He

wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

As we celebrate the Scrutinies this Sunday, reflect upon this woman at the well. First, she is a symbol of every person coming to faith in Christ and preparing for the Living Water of Baptism this Easter. But she is also a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Hear Him say to you that He thirsts for you and longs to be satiated by the sacred act of the ongoing bestowal of His Divine Mercy, poured forth through the Living Water superabundantly given to you at your baptism.

My thirsting Lord, You see me, peer deeply into my soul, see all the filth of sin and disorder and love me anyway. As You spoke to this woman at the well, so You also speak to me, asking me to satiate Your thirst by being open to Your mercy. I do open myself to You, dear Lord, and pray that Your Living Water will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

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: 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: Tom Parisi

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

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