Prayer List

Epiphany - Rudalph & Maria; Tammie Ayer's; Howard Baker; Edward Banks, Kaleigh Bennett: Ashly Carlson: Sharon Eve and Family; Robin Highlander; Chuck Hiztt; Bob Hurst; Jonny Kisamore; Diane Janthgato; Katie Johnson; Rick McMiuan; Nora Murray: Jo Oliver: Jeanne Porreca: Sophia Poninska: Kathy Ratliff; Fransis Rodel; Sam Ross; Bill Santman; Roger Saville; 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 04/10 St. Magdalene of Canossa

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 04/11 St. Stanislaus Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 04/12 St. Teresa of Los Andes

> Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35

Lk 24:35-48

Thursday 04/13 St. Martin I Acts 3:11-26

Friday 04/14 **Bl. Peter Gonzalez**

> Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 04/15 St. Ceasar de Bus Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15

Sunday 04/16 St. Bernadette Soubirous Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

April 09, 2023 **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9

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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 May 28 for Catholic Relief Services.

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 being going into a fund for these who have less than we.

Reminder

Please remember to send cards 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 John Lutz at 1 Baltimore St., Appt. 5710, Cumberland, MD 21502

St. Elizabeth: James H. Hughes at 464 Cliffdale Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Don Mundy at 800 J.D. Anderson Dr., Room 228A, Morgantown, WV 26505

Keep them in your prayers.



The Resurrection of the Body

Happy Easter! Our Lord has risen, He has overcome death and He has opened the gates of Heaven to all who believe and receive the gift of salvation. Alleluia! What a glorious day we celebrate!

Today's Gospel concludes by saying, "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." This is evident by the initial reaction of Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Apostle John. Mary first thought that someone had taken the body of Jesus and moved it from the tomb. Peter was confused and ran to see for himself. John also went and when he saw the empty tomb, he believed. Eventually, all of the Apostles would come to understand and believe.

The initial reaction to the empty tomb teaches us an important lesson. Though the Resurrection of Christ is clearly known to us today, our knowledge of this glorious event must continually deepen. This is evidenced by the fact that the disciples of Jesus came to understand the Resurrection over time. They did not comprehend His Resurrection when Jesus first taught them about it. They did not fully understand it when they saw the empty tomb. They did not even fully comprehend it when they saw the risen Lord. It was only after they were given the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that their minds were open to this incredible mystery of faith so that they could begin to penetrate and comprehend this mystery more clearly.

The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event. But it is also an event that transcends time. It's an event that must permeate all time and transform every moment of our lives. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was much different than a simple return to life. He did not simply come back to the life He lived before He died. Instead, His resurrected state was a new beginning. He was now different. He was transformed. His body would now never age. It could not die. It could pass through closed doors. This resurrected body of our Lord, which is perfectly united to His

divine soul, will remain with Him forever.

The resurrected body of our Lord also made it possible for us to share in His resurrected state. We now have hope that, if we share in His suffering and death, we will also share in His Resurrection. But what does that mean? Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that our resurrected bodies will be glorious beyond imagination. We will never age, require no food, never experience illness, be free from all disorders and will live this way forever. Somehow, through our bodies, we will also be able to share ourselves with others in a pure and holy way, communicating to others the love of God alive within our souls. We will have the gift of agility, being able to move from place to place with immediacy simply by thinking it. Our new glorified bodies will manifest the ways that we loved and served God in this world. For example, Jesus' resurrected body had wounds in His hands, feet and side. But now those wounds radiate His glory and forever testify to His act of perfect love.

Reflect, today, upon the Resurrection of the Savior of the World. As you do, reflect also upon His invitation to share in this new life. Though much of our understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus, as well as our hope of sharing in this resurrected state, will only be understood when we share in it, it is important to place these ideas in our minds so that we have something to anticipate. At the very least, we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come.

My resurrected Lord, Your sacred body and soul are forever united as one in a new and glorified state. You now invite all of us to share in Your suffering and death in this life so that we can share in Your Resurrection. Please fill my mind with understanding of this gift in order to fill me with hope so that I will work tirelessly for that day on which I hope to share in Your Resurrection. Jesus, I trust in You.

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

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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 April 16, 2023

Lector: Kevin McDonald

Eucharist Minister: Barb DiBenedetto & Tom Hencke

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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.

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

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