

## 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 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; Jeannie Stark; 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

## Announcements for Epiphany

- Matthew Wright will be leaving us this week. He will be moving to the island of St. Kitt. We wish him well. God Bless. We will keep you in our prayers!
- Welcome to all of our new parishioners. We want to invite you to participate more fully in our parish life. We are in need of people who would like to serve as Ministers in the church - Greeters, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers to take up collections at Mass, arrange Social events, etc. ( particularly at the morning Mass and special evening Masses( like Ascension). We will provide any training you may need, accommodate any special concerns you may have. We are fairly flexible. Just talk with Louise, Vicki or Sharon or leave your name and phone number on the back table. Please step forward and volunteer to help in any way. It takes many parts of the body to make the Body whole.

Thanks to all who give their time and effort to the church.

## Announcements for St. Elizabeth

- The CAN needs for May are: crackers and canned fruit.

## Calendar

**Monday 05/08**  
**St. Peter of Tarentaise**  
Acts 14:5-18  
Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday 05/09**  
**St. John of Avila**  
Acts 14:19-28  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday 05/10**  
**St. Damien de Veuster**  
**of Molokai**  
Acts 15:1-6  
Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday 05/11**  
**St. Ignatius of Laconi**  
Acts 15:7-21  
Jn 15:9-11

**Friday 05/12**  
**St. Leopold Mandic**  
Acts 15:22-31  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday 05/13**  
**Our Lady of Fatima**  
Acts 16:1-10  
Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday 05/14**  
**St. Matthias**  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
1 Pt 3:15-18  
Jn 14:15-21

**May 07, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7  
1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

**Pastor: Fr. Dan Pisano**

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

## Reminder

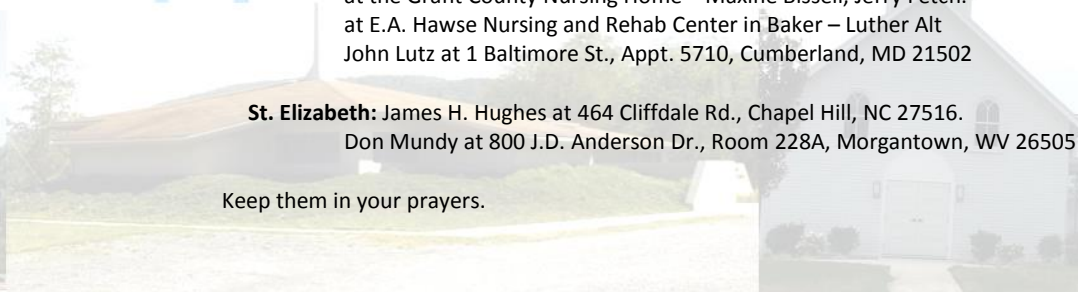
Please remember to send cards to our home bound parishioners including

**Epiphany:** Home Bound members - Ruth Buker, Helen Chambers, Joe Dodd, Patty Gapp, Karolina Yarworth;  
at E.A. Hawse Nursing and Rehab Center in Baker - 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.



## A Troubled Heart

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" John 14:1-2*

These consoling and encouraging words, spoken by Jesus to the Apostles at the Last Supper, come immediately after Judas left to betray Jesus and after Jesus told Peter, in the presence of the others, that Peter would deny Jesus three times before the cock crowed. As a result, the Twelve (now Eleven) would have been discouraged, especially Peter. Jesus senses this and says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled..."

Peter was told that he would soon commit a grave sin against Jesus. As we are later told, as soon as Peter committed these sins, he went out and wept bitterly. Perhaps, as he did, he would have recalled Jesus' words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled..."

Being tempted toward sin can be discouraging. But that can turn into a good thing. If we are not affected by our temptations, then we lack love for God. And if we give into those temptations and fail to experience sorrow, this is even worse. However, discouragement over our sins cannot remain; it must turn into its opposite, the virtue of hope. Hope will result from sin only when we hear and understand Jesus' promise, seen above.

Jesus not only tells the disciples not to be troubled, He also tells them why. Jesus promises them He will prepare a place for them in Heaven and will come to take them to that place in His Father's House, despite their failings. By believing, Peter and the other apostles will be able to dispel the initial discouragement they feel over their failings and turn back to God with the anticipation of Heaven.

Do you get discouraged by your sin? Begin by calling to mind any sin that you regularly struggle with. Habitual sin, especially, will lead to either sorrow, repentance and hope, or to a discouragement that ends in despair and the abandonment of virtue. Like Saint Peter, we must strive to weep bitterly over our sins. We must let our sins, and the temptation toward despair, become a motivation to regain hope, courage, and determination. This will only be possible if we always hear Jesus say to us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled..." We must sense His compassion and tenderness and allow that love to fill us with confidence that we will one day overcome all sin and be welcomed into the Father's House.

Reflect, today, upon any sin with which you regularly struggle. As you do, consider whether your discouragement leads to despair or hope. Hope does not come from your ability to overcome sin on your own. It comes from the compassion of our Lord and His promise to redeem you. If you do have a troubled heart, that is good. It is the starting point for hope. Allow Jesus to lift your troubled heart and to point your eyes to Heaven.

*Most compassionate Lord, though I am a sinner, You speak to me with tenderness and call me to repent so that I will always have hope in Heaven. Please give me a true and holy sorrow for my sins and help me to always turn back to You so that You will one day lead me to the fullness of the Father's House. 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

### 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: Joe Mohr

Eucharist Minister: Sherri Mohr and Tom Hencke

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

The first Sunday of each month is Birthday Sunday at St. Mary's. Please stay after Mass and celebrate everyone who has a Birthday that month with some sort of dessert and good conversation.

