

## Prayer List

**Epiphany** – Rudolph & Maria; Tammie Ayer's; Howard Baker; Edward Banks, Kaleigh Bennett; Ashly Carlson; Marlene Ciccolella; Sharon Eye and Family; Robin Highlander; Chuck Hiztt; Bob Hurst; Jonny Kisamore; Diane Janthgato; Katie Johnson; Rick McMiuan; Nora Murray; 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; Jim Hughes; Mary Idleman; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; John Lutz, Susan and Steve Mongold; Richard and Toni Ours; Roy Reynolds; Darleen Secrist; Liz Simpson; Elizabeth S. A. Sites;, Alice Veach; Mary Wood

### Announcements for Epiphany

- 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

- St. Elizabeth's desperately needs Eucharistic ministers. Any one interested should contact Deacon John.
- The CAN needs for May are: crackers and canned fruit.

## Calendar

**Monday 05/22**

**St. Rita of Cascia**

Acts 19:1-8  
Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday 05/23**

**St. Gregory VII**

Acts 20:17-27  
Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday 05/24**

**St. Mary Magdalene**

**de Pazzi**

Acts 20:28-38  
Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday 05/25**

**St. Bede the Venerable**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday 05/26**

**St. Philip Neri**

Acts 25:13b-21  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday 05/27**

**St. Augustine of**  
**Canterbury**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday 05/28**

**Venerable Pierre**  
**Toussaint**

Gn 11:1-9  
or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
or Ez 37:1-14  
or Jl 3:1-5  
Rom 8:22-27  
Jn 7:37-39

**May 21, 2023**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension**

Acts 1:1-11  
Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20

**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;

**St. Mary's:** Home Bound members - Cleo Alt, Richard Bissell, Susan Mongold, Toni Ours, Darlene Secrist, and Alice Veach  
at the Grant County Nursing Home – Luther Alt , Maxine Bissell, Jerry Fetch.  
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.

## Dispelling Doubts

*“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18–20*

These are the parting and final words our Lord spoke while on earth. As soon as He spoke them He ascended into Heaven to remain with His Father forever, preparing a place for us so that we could join Him one day. Never again on earth would the disciples hear Jesus speak to them or see Him in physical form. Though He would soon send the Holy Spirit upon them and speak clearly to them interiorly through prayer, they would not encounter His audible voice and physical presence once again until Heaven.

Just prior to the passage quoted above, we read that the disciples did two things. One was ideal; the other was not. We read: “When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.” Of course, the fact that they worshiped Him is ideal, but the fact that they doubted is somewhat shocking and disappointing. After all that they went through with our Lord, after all they witnessed and heard, they still doubted. They witnessed Jesus cure leprosy, restore sight to the blind, heal the crippled, preach with a new authority, convert sinners, raise the dead and even rise from the dead Himself. And after all of this, they still had doubts.

Perhaps their doubts are recorded in this final encounter with our earthly Lord because it reveals to us our own ongoing doubts. Perhaps the real doubters are not only the disciples but also each one of us.

When you look into your own conscience, what do you see? Do you see a person with perfect faith and trust in God? Or do you see a person who seeks to worship God but also struggles with doubts? A doubt is a lack of faith. It is different from a difficulty, an uncertainty, or a confusion. A doubt is an action by which we positively make the choice to start down the path of disbelief. It’s more than a weakness; it’s a choice and not a good one.

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The good news is that these doubting disciples eventually received something that eliminated every doubt from their minds. They received the Holy Spirit, and this gift of God began to dispel every temptation to doubt as they received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In particular, the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge would deepen their faith in God and enable them to both worship and believe.

As we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, reflect, today, upon the image of these disciples worshipping God and doubting at the same time. If this image strikes a chord within you, then pay attention to it. It is good to worship God, but it is also good to humbly admit where you lack perfect faith. Where you see this lack of faith, hold onto the hope that, just like these disciples, you will receive the full outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit in your life so that every doubt will be dispelled and you will receive true Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge in their fullness.

*My Ascended Lord, You entered the glories of Heaven, body and soul, as Your disciples looked on. They worshiped You but also struggled with doubts. Help me to also worship You with my whole being. As I do, reveal to me my lack of faith and trust in You and dispel these sins by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. 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

### 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 May 28, 2023

**Priest in Attendance: Fr. Mario Claro**  
**Home 304-902-9118 and Cell 304-668-1929**  
**Deacon: John Windett**

Lector: Mary Stephenson

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

Lector: Kevin McDonald

Eucharist Minister: Kelly Kuh and Jay Bennett

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

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