

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 –Cleo Alt; Maxine Bissell; David Brosh; Jerry Fetch; Dick Henderson; Jim Hughes; Mary Frances Idleman; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; John Lutz, Susan and Steve Mongold; Richard and Toni Ours; Roy Reynolds; Darlene Secrist; Liz Simpson; Elizabeth S. A. Sites,; Alice Veach; Mary Wood

Upcoming Event

Mark your calendar for our joined-parish picnic on 08/20. There wouldn't be regular Mass at all three parishes. We will have the Mass at 11 before the picnic.

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 desperately needs lawn maintenance/care personnel. Contact Steve O at 304-668-6419 to volunteer.
- St. Elizabeth desperately needs Eucharistic ministers. Any one interested should contact Deacon John.

Calendar

Monday 07/03

St. Thomas

Eph 2:19-22

Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday 07/04

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Gn 19:15-29

Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday 07/05

St. Anthony Zaccaria

Gn 21:5, 8-20a

Mt 8:28-34

Thursday 07/06

St. Maria Goretti

Gn 22:1b-19

Mt 9:1-8

Friday 07/07

Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz

and Companions

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8,

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Mt 9:9-13

Saturday 07/08

St. Gregory Grassi

and Companions

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29

Mt 9:14-17

Sunday 07/09

St. Augustine Zhao

Rong and Companions

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30

July 02, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Mt 10:37-42

Pastor: Fr. Dan Pisano

General Office email address: stmarypetersburgwv@gmail.com

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.

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 July 16 for Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

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, Susan Mongold, Toni Ours, and Alice Veach at the Grant County Nursing Home –Maxine Bissell, Jerry Fetch, Darlene Secrist. 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.

Selfless Living

*“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
Matthew 10:37–39*

Clearly, this saying is a play on words that is meant to make you pause and think. It’s almost like a holy and sacred riddle, spoken by Jesus to get your attention and to communicate a very deep and foundational truth about how you are to live. Essentially, this saying teaches that those who live in a selfish, self-centered way do not accomplish their goal. The goal of those who are selfish is to elevate themselves with the thinking that this is what is best for them. But Jesus clearly points out that when you live selfishly, seeking to put yourself above others, you lose what is most important in life. You lose your very soul. On the contrary, if you live selflessly, putting others before you, it is in this act that you actually find your true purpose in life and fulfill yourself on the deepest level.

Think, for example, of Jesus. He is God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, existing for eternity in perfect union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. His soul radiates pure love. And for that reason, He chose to become human, suffer greatly and be killed. Was that fulfilling to our Lord? Most certainly. Why? Because His sacrifice went to the heart of Who He is. He is Love itself. And love is always self-giving. It is always fulfilling. It always seeks the good of the other. Love fulfills the lover when it is pure, holy, selfless and total. Jesus’ sacrificial death on the Cross not only redeemed us, but it also manifested the Son of God’s own perfect fulfillment and satisfaction in His human nature because His death was an act of pure love.

Sin confuses us. Selfishness especially clouds our thinking. As a result, it becomes difficult to clearly see that the way to fulfillment in life is by the complete and unwavering sacrifice of our lives given to others, in imitation of and in union with Jesus’ perfect sacrifice. The moment that

sin leads us to think first about ourselves, we begin to become blind to who we are and what makes us truly fulfilled.

Reflect, today, upon the divine mission you have been given to lose yourself for the sake of Christ, which is for the sake of true love. By loving God and others in this pure way, selflessly, you become who you are and who you were created to be. You find yourself only by choosing to lose yourself in this world. Ponder this deep mystery and believe it. Once you do believe it, commit to live sacrificially, casting aside every doubt, so that you will never hesitate to love everyone sacrificially. For in that radical act of selfless love, you will discover and become who you were created to be.

My sacrificial Lord, You are not only the perfect model of human love, Your sacrificial love is the source of human fulfillment itself. Please give me the grace I need to love all people in a perfect and selfless way and, in that act, also discover and become who I was made to be. 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 Jay Bennet

Please join us for Rosary Prayer on Sunday at 9:30 AM.
Everyone is invited to the First Friday Mass every first Friday of the month at 11AM.

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Ministry List for July 09, 2023

