

Calendar

Monday 08/14

**St. Maximilian
Mary Kolbe**

Dt 10:12-22

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday 08/15

St. Alipius

RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB

1 COR 15:20-27

LK 1:39-56

Wednesday 08/16

St. Stephen of Hungary

Dt 34:1-12

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday 08/17

St. Joan of the Cross

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday 08/18

St. Louis of Toulouse

Jos 24:1-13

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday 08/19

St. John Eudes

Jos 24:14-29

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday 08/20

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

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.

Mass Intentions

Members of the Parish Every Sunday

Sunday August 13, Andrew and Henrietta Borden

Wednesday August 15, Jared McDonald

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.

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

Lector: Louise Miller

August 13, 2023 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

Pastor: Fr. Dan Pisano

General Office email address: stmarypetersburgwv@gmail.com

Rectory address: 5 Pierpont St., Petersburg, WV 26847

St. Elizabeth website: setonparishwv.org

Second Collection

Next Special Collect is on August 27 for Education of DWC Seminarians.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Aug. 15

Vigil Mass: Monday Evening @ 6:00 PM Moorefield

Mass of the Day: Tuesday @ Noon Franklin

Tuesday @ 6:00 PM Petersburg

Ministry List for August 20, 2023

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

545 Walnut Street
Franklin, WV 26807
304-358-7012

Liturgies

Tuesday at 12:00 Noon
Sunday 12:00 Noon

Lector: Mary Stephenson

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
Eucharist Minister: Kelly Kuh & Loretta Alt

Ministry List for August 20, 2023

Lector: Mary Stephenson

Announcements

Planning Committee Meeting -Wednesday, Aug. 16 in Office - Bring plans

Priest in Attendance: Fr. Mario Claro

Home 304-902-9118 and Cell 304-668-1929

Deacon: John Windett

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. Elizabeth desperately needs Eucharistic ministers. Anyone interested should contact Deacon John.
- Deacon John has been moved to Blue Ridge Rehabilitation and Health Service on South St. in Harrisonburg, VA.

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.

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.

- Thank you to everyone who has provided desserts for Birthday Sunday. Additional volunteers are always appreciated to help with refreshments. Sign up individually or with a buddy. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.
- If you would like to join in the music ministry in some way, please see either of the guitarists after Sunday Mass. Talents can include vocalists, musicians, percussionists and anyone who is enthusiastic about this part of the liturgy.



Overcoming the Impossible

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Matthew 14:22–23

Our Gospel today presents us with two different images to ponder. The first one is recorded above, and the second one is the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the second story, the disciples were rowing against the wind and waves in the early morning before the sun rose. Jesus appeared to them walking on the water, and they were frightened. Jesus confronts the fear they experience and calls Peter to walk on the water as a sign of his faith in Him. Peter begins to walk on water, and then in fear, he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus Who catches Him and then gently rebukes Peter for his lack of faith.

It is helpful to understand the first image in this Gospel passage as the context for the second. In this first image, we see Jesus dismissing the crowds after feeding the five thousand and going up a mountain to pray all alone. Though Jesus was always in perfect union with the Father and, therefore, had no need for prayer, He prayed nonetheless because it was His human expression of the deep union He had with His Father. As He prayed, He also set forth an example to all who would follow Him, teaching them by His example about the importance of private prayer. The primary lesson He taught on this occasion was that prayer is the remote preparation we need so as to overcome all apparent obstacles in life and to confront fear with perfect faith.

First, the obvious “obstacle” Jesus overcame through His prayer was symbolized by His walking on the stormy sea. No one walks on water. It’s physically impossible. But that’s the point. When we make our life of personal prayer a priority, God will lead us to accomplish that which appears to us to be impossible. It might not be walking on water literally, but His walking on water after spending the night in prayer is symbolic of every apparent impossibility we face in life. The lesson is that if God wills it, nothing is impossible. We will know that if we make personal prayer our first priority.

A second obstacle that Jesus confronts is fear. Fear is paralyzing and results in us “sinking” when life becomes difficult. Again, personal prayer is the necessary preparation for overcoming fear. What’s interesting is that we have two witnesses of prayer. First is Jesus’ witness. He prayed because it was good and right to pray. The second is Peter. He prayed when he started to sink. He said, “Lord, save me!” This is the prayer of one who failed to have faith and prayed out of a present need rather than out of pure love of God. Too often, Peter exemplifies the prayer life that many Christians have. We often wait to pray until we need help and are sinking. But what if Peter had also spent the night in prayer simply out of love of God? What if he had just finished praying all night when he was invited to walk on water? Perhaps then he would have easily walked to Jesus and would not have given into fear.

Reflect, today, upon making your life of prayer the number-one priority in your life. Maybe you have many responsibilities in life. Nothing is more important than praying—and not only when you feel trapped or feel like you are sinking. Instead, we must all establish an unbreakable habit of prayer to God for the singular reason that it is good and right to do so. The fruit of such a life of prayer is that no matter what obstacle comes our way, we will have the faith we need to follow every command of our Lord, overcoming even that which appears to be impossible.

My prayerful Lord, You spent the night in prayer to Your Father not because You needed help, but because of Your love. Your prayer was an expression of that love and was a natural requirement of it. Please help me to also establish an unbreakable habit of prayer so that my love for You will remain strong and so that I can follow You through every apparent obstacle in life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

Father Mario has been transferred to Pendleton Manor (Room 211) in Franklin. Please keep him in your prayers.

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 Hitzt; 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; 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; Gavin Yonce

Tri-Parish Picnic 2023

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be hosting this year’s tri-parish picnic. It will be held on August 20th at Ruddle Park on Rt. 220 near Upper Tract. (Pavilion # 3) There will only be ONE Mass on this day and it will be at 11:00 am at the Park. Two large tents will be provided for Mass. Please bring your own chairs. Parishes are asked to provide the following:

St. Elizabeth’s will provide: The meats (pulled pork with sweet sauce and hot dogs), Dinner plates, dessert plates, cups, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, Hamburger buns, hot dog buns, ice, mustard, ketchup, relish, onions, and homemade chili sauce, Name Tags, Pens, and tablecloths. All set-ups for Mass

St. Mary’s will provide: All side dishes

Epiphany will provide: All desserts and Non-alcoholic drinks- Tea, lemonade, water, etc.

Please bring your own serving utensils and put your name on them.

We will need a number count from each parish to plan for food. Please email Brenda Huey at brenda.huey.bh@gmail.com with your name, parish, how many are coming with you, and what you are bringing by August 12th or fill out the sign-up sheet at your parish by August 13th and give to Fr. Dan.

Please pray for good weather and hope to see you all there!

