

## 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 Hizzt; Bob Hurst; Jonny Kisamore; Diane Janthgato; Katie Johnson; Rick McMiuian; 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; David Poole; 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

### Announcements for Epiphany

- We are very informal and always looking for more/ new readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Greeters. Training will be provided. Fr Dan is easy to work with. We would love for more folks to join in. We are all better when all participate.

### Announcements for St. Elizabeth

- 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.

### Announcements for St. Mary'S

- 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.

## Calendar

**Monday 08/28**  
**St. Augustine of Hippo**  
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday 08/29**  
**St. John the Baptist**  
1 Thes 2:1-8  
Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday 08/30**  
**St. Jeanne Jugan**  
1 Thes 2:9-13  
Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday 08/31**  
**St. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus**  
1 Thes 3:7-13  
Mt 24:42-51

**Friday 09/01**  
**St. Giles**  
1 Thes 4:1-8  
Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday 09/02**  
**Bl. John Francis Burte and Companions**  
1 Thes 4:9-11  
Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday 09/03**  
**St. Gregory the Great**  
Jer 20:7-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

**August 27, 2023**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

**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.

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 September 24 for the Catholic University of America.

### Mass Intentions

Sunday August 27, Ann Lipari

### 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

**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.



## The Foundation Within

*Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Matthew 16:13*

Today's Gospel scene takes place about twenty miles north of the Sea of Galilee outside of Herod's jurisdiction and away from the Pharisees' watchful eyes. This is a private conversation between Jesus and His disciples that took place where they could speak freely. For that reason, this conversation is particularly personal in nature in that the disciples felt free to express their personal convictions without fear of retribution.

As the conversation unfolds, Jesus asks two consecutive questions. First, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Second, "But who do you say that I am?" By asking these two questions, Jesus first invites the disciples to identify the different opinions floating around about Him and then gives the disciples an opportunity to speak their own conviction. Peter responds on behalf of them all when he solemnly professes, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

If Jesus were to ask you these two questions, what would you answer? First, what is the general opinion about Jesus that most people have today? When asked, most Christians would give the correct answer. Jesus is God. He is the Savior. He is the Son of the Father. But sometimes those answers are more theoretical than they are personal. Often it is easy to believe things about Jesus rather than believing in Jesus. So if you were to answer the second question, what would you say? Ideally, you would answer that Jesus is your Savior, your God, your Shepherd, your Lord. Faith in Jesus must not only be theoretical, it must be deeply personal, flowing from the depths of your heart.

Deep personal faith in Jesus can only come from one source. It comes from the Father speaking

to your heart in a real and personal way. After Peter professed His faith in Jesus, Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Peter's personal faith in Jesus was not just something he heard from others, it was not just a popularly accepted opinion, it was something that the Father in Heaven personally revealed to him. This is the gift of faith.

Peter's personal profession of faith became the rock foundation on which Jesus built His Church. "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." This reveals Jesus' plan to establish Peter as the head of the Church and to give to him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven for the whole Church. Similarly, our personal profession of faith will become the unshakable foundation within our souls upon which God's Church becomes alive in each one of us. When our faith is based upon a personal revelation from the Father in Heaven, spoken within the secrecy of our souls, then nothing can extinguish this faith. The gates of the netherworld cannot prevail against it.

Reflect, today, upon this holy conversation between Jesus and His disciples. As you do, know that Jesus wants to have the same conversation with you. As Jesus took the disciples away to this quiet and safe place, He wants to take you away through prayer to the privacy of your own soul. There, within you, He seeks to elicit a response of personal faith. He wants you to identify Who He is to you. He wants you to profess your faith to Him. This faith is your personal solid foundation, and upon that foundation our Lord will build up His Church in you and through you.

*Glorious Lord, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I believe this with all my heart. Please continue to deepen my faith in You by revealing to me Who You are. As You do, I pray that this gift of faith will become a rock foundation upon which You form me more fully in the life of holy virtue and grace. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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### 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

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## Ministry List for September 03, 2023

Lector: Regina Hedrick

**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.

Lector: Kevin McDonald

Eucharist Minister: Tom Hencke & M.C. Amerman

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.

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