

Prayer List

Epiphany – Arose family; Rudalph & Maria; Tammie Ayer’s; Howard Baker; Edward Banks, Kaleigh Bennett; Ashly Carlson; Anthony Ciccolella; Marlene Ciccolella; Sharon Eye and Family; Robin Highlander; Chuck Hiztt; Bob Hurst; Jonny Kisamore; Diane Janthgato; Katie Johnson; Rick McMiuhan; Nora Murray; Sophia Poninska; Jeanne Porreca; Kathy Ratliff; Fransis Rodel; Sam Ross; Bill Santman; Roger Saville; Hamme Tahan; Evelyn; Harley; Manoles Brian Yarworth

St. Elizabeth - Susan Adams; Tom DeByl; Chuck Hiett; Deacon John; Kim Kline; Fr Mario; Don Mundy; Deacon Rue Thompson; Residents of Pendleton Manor.

St. Mary’s –Cleo Alt; Maxine Bissell; Paul Borrer; Michael Bowsure; David Brosh; Jerry Fetch; Dick Henderson; Jim Hughes; Mary Frances Idleman; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; John Lutz, Susan Mongold Family; Richard Ours; Roy Reynolds; Darlene Secrist; Liz Simpson; Elizabeth S. A. Sites;; Alice Veach; Mary Wood; Gavin Yonce.

Announcements for Epiphany

- We need 2 Greeters.
- We are looking for individuals who would like to be a Eucharistic minister or a Reader for Sunday morning. Please leave your name and number on the back table. We will provide training.
- Our Nativity statues at Epiphany were all restored in a year long project by Cathy Hottinger. A special thank you to her talent.
- Please take time to look at the Creche. A special thanks to Cathy Hottinger for her work on restoring the statues this past year, particularly Baby Jesus

Announcements for St. Elizabeth

- On January 7th: we will have our annual Biscuit and Gravy Brunch following mass.
- CAN needs for the month of January are: saltine crackers and cereal.

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.
- Anyone interested in helping with Christmas celebration music please contact one of the guitarists after Sunday Mass.

Calendar

Monday 01/08 **St. Angela of Foligno**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
or Is 55:1-11
or Acts 10:34-38
or 1 Jn 5:1-9
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday 01/09 **St. Adrian of Canterbury**

1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 01/10 **St. Gregory of Nyssa**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 01/11 **Bl. William Carter**

1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

Friday 01/12 **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 01/13 **St. Hilary of Poitiers**

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday 01/14 **St. Gregory Nazianzen**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

January 07, 2024 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

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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

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.

Second Collection

Bishop approved a special collection for the Holy Land during the weekend of January 13-14, 2024
Next Special Collect is on January 21 for Church in the Developing World.

Reminder

Epiphany: Home Bound members - Ruth Buker, Helen Chambers, Joe Dodd, Patty Gapp, Karolina Yarworth;

St. Mary’s: Home Bound members - Cleo Alt 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
Mary B. Wood c/o Sarah Ziems at 145 Blackford Road, Buckhannon, WV 26201

St. Elizabeth:
Don Mundy at 800 J.D. Anderson Dr., Room 228A, Morgantown, WV 26505

Keep them in your prayers.



A Manifestation to the World

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

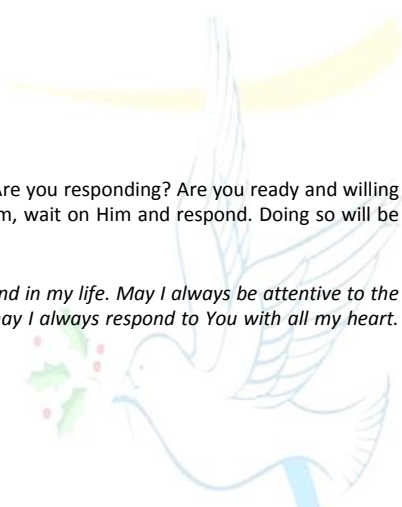
God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that

God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.



Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

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Moorefield, WV 26836
304-434-2547

Liturgies

Thursday at 12:00 Noon
Saturday 4:00PM
& Sunday 8:30AM

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 January 14, 2024

Lector: Lynn Vandevander

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: Joe Mohr

Eucharist Minister: Jay Bennett and Sherri Mohr

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.

