

## 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 Hizzt; Bob Hurst; Jonny Kisamore; Diane Janthgato; Katie Johnson; Rick McMiuan; 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; Sherry Fogel; 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; Richard Ours; Roy Reynolds; Liz Simpson; Jim Sindledecker, 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.
- Thanks to all who helped with the Mardi Gras pizza party.
- Please pick up your church envelopes in the back of the church. If you need envelopes, please leave your name, address and phone number.
- Lent begins on Feb 14th. Services to be announced soon.

### Announcements for St. Elizabeth

- CAN needs for the month of February are: canned vegetables 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 Easter celebration music please contact one of the guitarists after Sunday Mass.

## Calendar

**Monday 02/12**  
**St. Apollonia**  
Jas 1:1-11  
Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday 02/13**  
**St. Giles Mary**  
**of St. Joseph**  
Jas 1:12-18  
Mk 8:14-21

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Wednesday 02/14**  
**St. Cyril and Methodius**  
Jl 2:12-18  
2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday 02/15**  
**St. Claude de la**  
**Colombiere**  
Dt 30:15-20  
Lk 9:22-25

**Friday 02/16**  
**St. Gilbert of**  
**Sempringham**  
Is 58:1-9a  
Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday 02/17**  
**Seven Founders of the**  
**Servite Order**  
Is 58:9b-14  
Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday 02/18**  
**Bl. John of Fiesole**  
Gn 9:8-15  
1 Pt 3:18-22  
Mk 1:12-15

## **February 11, 2024** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1  
Mk 1:40-45

**Pastor: Fr. Arul Anthony**

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**Joined Parishes website:** [www.potomachhighlandscatholic.org](http://www.potomachhighlandscatholic.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.

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

10:00 A.M. - Epiphany in Moorefield (Tentatively. VoiceShot will be sent on Monday for actual time.)

Noon - St Mary's in Petersburg

4:00 P.M. - St. Elizabeth Seton in Franklin

### Second Collection

Next Special Collect is on March 3 for Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund.

### 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

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

**St. Mary's:** Home Bound members - Cleo Alt, Jim Sindledecker, and Alice Veach at the Grant County Nursing Home –Maxine Bissell, Jerry Fetch.  
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.

## Restoration

*A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-41*

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 14, God gave Moses a purification rite to be used for those who were cured of leprosy. This detailed rite that spanned several days was used to reintegrate a healed leper back into society. After Jesus healed the leper in today's Gospel passage, He ordered him to "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Thus, Jesus not only healed the man but instructed him that he was ready to be restored to the community.

At that time, leprosy was a horrible disease, not only for its physical effects, but also because the leper was not permitted to be a part of the society. This was because leprosy was quite contagious. By keeping those infected separate, the disease did not spread as easily to others.

As we ponder this healing, try to imagine not only the pain caused by the leper's disease, but especially the pain caused by his isolation. Obviously, there were no phones at that time, no video chatting, and no means of communication from a distance. Therefore, isolation would have meant a complete loss of the person's relationship with his family and friends, as well as his former livelihood, home and all that was a part of his life.

On a spiritual level, the various illnesses that Jesus cured are, in part, to be seen as symbols of sin. In the case of leprosy, we should see this illness as a symbol of the effects of mortal sin. And mortal sin, unless it is cured by God's forgiveness, has the effect of completely isolating a person from the life of grace. One becomes cut off from a relationship with God, as well as every other relationship that is centered in Christ. When one commits mortal sin and remains in that sin, that person is not capable of true love, since all grace is gone from their life. Therefore, their relationships become self-centered, demanding and unholy.

For those who have fallen into mortal sin, this leper is a symbol of the way out. First, he came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. He humbled himself before our Lord, acknowledging that Jesus was the answer to his ailment. He then begged Jesus for help. But the way he begged Jesus is also revealing: he did not demand a healing but instead simply professed his faith in the fact that Jesus could heal him. And then he knelt there in trust and hope. This leper teaches us the perfect way to approach our Lord when we struggle with serious sin.

Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down.

*Most merciful Lord, You desire all of Your children to be healed of the many sins that keep them from communion with You and with Your people. Please give me the faith and trust I need to always be able to humble myself before You so as to receive the restoration to Your grace I so desire. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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### Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

2029 State Road 55  
Moorefield, WV 26836

#### 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

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## Ministry List for February 18, 2024

Lector: Regina Hedrick

**Priest in Attendance: Fr. Mario Claro (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: Tom Parisi

Eucharist Minister: Jay Bennett & Tom Hencke

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.

