

# Potomac Highlands Catholic Churches

Then Peter came to Jesus  
and asked,  
"Lord, how many times  
shall I forgive my brother or  
sister who sins against me?  
Up to seven times?"  
Jesus answered,  
"I tell you, not seven times,  
but seventy-seven times."  
- Matthew 18:21-22

"That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt."

Matthew 18:23-25



September 13, 2026  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30—28:7  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35



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Petersburg, WV 26847

Joined Parishes website: [www.potomachighlandwvcatholic.org](http://www.potomachighlandwvcatholic.org)

## Message/Event for All

1. Please call 304-249-8114 or email St. Mary's to schedule a Mass Intention for someone. An offering generally made and that offering will go into a fund for these who have less than we.
2. Next Special Collect is on **September 27 for the Catholic University of America.**
3. Fr. Rusiri will attend a workshop in Morgantown on September 16. We will not have the weekday mass at St. Mary's for the coming Wednesday.

## Mass Intentions

We offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions of all the members and benefactors of our parish, both living and deceased.

## Sacrament by Appointment

Please call or text 304-249-8114 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.

## Next Sunday's readings

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

*Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*

*Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a*

*Matthew 20:1-16a*

## **St. Mary's Catholic Church**

4 Grant Street  
Petersburg, WV 26847  
304-257-1057 or 304-249-8114

**Pastor: Fr. Rusiri K. Wijewickrama**  
rwijewickrama@dwc.org



### **Liturgies**

Wednesday at 12PM  
Sunday at 9:30AM  
First Friday - Adoration at 11:00 AM followed by noon  
Mass  
First Saturday - Holy Mass at noon

### **Confessions**

After Wednesday weekday mass  
or Sunday from 8:30AM to 9:15AM.  
Appointments may also be made by  
calling the parish office.

Please join us for Rosary Prayer on Sunday at 9 AM.

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.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Catholic-Church/61569546391435/>

### **Ministry List for September 20, 2026**

**Lector:** Tom Parisi   **Acolyte:** Matthew Parisi  
**Eucharist Minister:** Lesley Parisi & Loretta Alt

### **Prayer List**

Cleo Alt; Krista Bolyard; David Brosh; Jerry Fetch; Fr. Hite; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; Ben Miller; Levi Miller; Nancy Monahan; Richard Ours; Roy Reynolds; Liz Sites; Alice Veach; Mary Wood; Gavin Yonce.

**Home Bound members** - Cleo Alt, Alice Veach, Larry Whetzel.  
at the Grant County Nursing Home – Jerry Fetch; Dick Henderson.

### **Announcements**

- Petersburg Interfaith Pantry Needs would be Cereal, Canned ravioli or something alike, pasta sauce. Donation can be accepted too. Please make check payable to Petersburg Interfaith Food Pantry.
- Our Lady of the Valley Legion of Mary Praesidium meets each Monday at 6 p.m. in the Narthex. All are invited. Please let Paul Lawrence know of anyone in need of prayer or visitation.
- St. Mary's started the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishioners who would like to have their homes enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are invited to sign up or contact Father or Paul Lawrence for more information.
- There is a regional listening session with Bishop Evelio for our area on Tuesday, September 22, at Our Lady of Grace in Romney. The Eucharistic Adoration starts at 6PM. The listening session will begin at 6:30 PM. Each parish has been asked to have two or three representatives to participate. If you are available and would like to represent St. Mary's, please contact Fr. or MC.
- 2026-2027 CCD will start on September 20 after the 9:30 Mass.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

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

**Liturgies**

Sunday Mass 12:00 pm (Noon)

First and Third Tuesday of the Month at Noon.

Second, Fourth, and Fifth (when applicable)  
Tuesday of the Month at Noon  
with Liturgy of the Word and Holy

**Pastor: Fr. Rusiri K. Wijewickrama**  
rwijewickrama@dwc.org

**Deacon John Windett**  
jwindett1968@gmail.com

**Confessions**

After the weekday mass  
or call to schedule

The 3rd Sunday of each month is Birthday Sunday at St. Elizabeth. Please stay after service and celebrate everyone who has a Birthday that month with some sort of dessert and good conversation.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1XHzzPwsVH/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

**Ministry List for September 20, 2026**

**Lector:** Chris Bright  
**Eucharist Minister:** Carol Windett

**Prayer List**

Brad Alt; Lynn Beatty; Andi Boggs; Emilie DeByl; Charlie Dundas; Matilda Garcia; Lisa Guyer; Wayne Hedrick; LJ Huey; Deacon John; Kim Kline; Melvina Kolman; Don Mundy; Residents of Pendleton Manor.

**Home Bound members** - Don Mundy at 800 J.D. Anderson Dr.,  
Room 228A, Morgantown, WV 26505.

**Announcements**

- CAN Needs would be laundry detergent and bath soap. Cash/check donations can be dropped off at CAN or given to Carol Windett. A little green is always welcome!
- It's that time of year again. The grass is green and growing. Seas needs volunteer help to help mow. Please contact Steven O'Toole to volunteer. Thank you!
- There will be a Parish Council meeting after Mass on September 13. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let Carol Vandevander know by Thursday.
- As we have been celebrating Birthday Sunday once a month on the third Sunday, Fr. Rusiri would like to also celebrate Anniversary Sunday on the first Sunday of the month with a special blessing for all couples who were married in that month.

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Monday 5 pm—7 pm  
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<https://www.facebook.com/people/Epiphany-of-the-Lord-Catholic-Church>

**Weekly Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil**    5:00 pm  
**Sunday**                8:00 am  
12:00 pm (Spanish)

**Tuesday**                12:00 pm  
**Thursday**              Adoration at 11:00 am  
followed by noon mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm  
or by appointment.

**Announcements**

**Are you new to our Parish?** We are so happy you're here! We warmly welcome you to our parish community. If you have not yet registered, please contact the parish office to become a member. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you feel at home.



Pope’s Monthly Intentions – September : For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Feast Days in September

- 09/08: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 09/14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 09/21: Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist
- 09/29: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report suspected cases of child sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact one of the following designees at (888) 434-2637 or (304) 233-0880: Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. (304)230-1504.

Monthly Devotion

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary’s spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary’s suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon’s prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus’ crucifixion and death; Jesus’ sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus’ burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa) is September 15th.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse, call your local law enforcement agency or call the West Virginia Adult/Child Abuse Hotline: 1.800.352.6513

In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please call 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880 and ask for any of the following: Bryan Minor, Ext. 263 • Tim Bishop, Ext. 353 • Sr. Martha Gomez, Ext. 264; Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504 or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742.

In addition to civil authorities, other mechanisms for reporting abuse or concerns include:

- [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) (800.276.1562) if you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct
- EthicsPoint at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) (844.723.8381), click the Accountability tab, then follow the prompts for making a report via internet or phone
- Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click Diocese > Offices > Office of Safe Environment > Download Files and Forms > Complaint Form, then follow the instructions on the form



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

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