

Pope's Monthly Intentions – September: For our relationship with all of creation


Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**Feast Days in September**  
09/08: Nativity of the Virgin Mary  
09/12: Holy Name of Mary  
09/14: Exaltation of the Cross  
09/15: Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa)  
09/24: Our Lady of Ransom (Our Lady of Mercy)



**The Shrine and the Daughters of Charity Archives unveiled a new exhibit, ONE OF US: The Making of an American Saint.**

**Celebrating 50 Years of Sainthood**  
**2025 Marks the 50th Anniversary of the canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**



**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: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264.

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.


- Message/Event for All**
1. 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 any mass intention. An offering generally made and that offering will go into a fund for these who have less than we.
  2. Anyone wishes for the house to be blessed, welcome to contact the pastor.

Potomac Highlands Catholic Churches




Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:25-26



September 07, 2025  
Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33



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5 Pierpont St.  
Petersburg, WV 26847

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

**Second Collection**

Next Special Collect is on September 28 for the Catholic University of America.

**Sacrament 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.

**Next week’s readings**

*Numbers 21:4b-9*  
*Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38*  
*Philippians 2:6-11*  
*John 3:13-17*



### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

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

#### **Liturgies**

Tuesday at 12:00 Noon upon Request  
Sunday 12:00 Noon

**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.

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

#### **Ministry List for September 14, 2025**

**Lector:** Chris Bright  
**Eucharist Minister:** Regina Hedrick

#### **Prayer List**

Mike Adams; Lynn Beatty; Robert Bennett; Andi Boggs; Jim Bradley; Matilda Garcia; Wayne Hedrick; Peggy Harper; Dianna Hevener; Chuck Hiatt; LJ Huey; Deacon John; Kim Kline; Melvina Kolman; Randy Marston; Tony May; Don Mundy; Residents of Pendleton Manor; Rick Waggy.

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

#### **Announcements**

- CAN needs saltine crackers.
- The trip to the Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD, is on September 27. We will arrive/meet at the Shrine at 10AM. We plan to leave there around 4PM.
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Franklin will observe its Golden jubilee (50 years) as a parish on Sunday October 12, 2025. Bishop Mark Brennan will be the main celebrant. Mass will be at 12 noon followed by a luncheon in the community center. All are welcome.

### **Our Sister Parish Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church**

2029 State Road 55  
Moorefield, WV 26836



**Pastor: Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante 304-719-1336**

#### **Liturgies**

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday  
at 12:00 Noon  
Saturday 5:00PM  
Sunday 8AM  
Sunday 12:00 Noon in  
Spanish

Hispanic Faith Formation at  
6PM on Friday

#### **Confession**

Saturday 4PM to 4:45PM  
or call to schedule

Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Epiphany-of-the-Lord-Catholic-Church/100064725694768/>

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

4 Grant Street  
Petersburg, WV 26847  
304-257-1057



#### **Liturgies**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 12:00 Noon  
Sunday 10:00AM

#### **Confession**

Sunday 9:30-9:45AM  
or call to schedule

Please join us for Rosary Prayer on Sunday at 9:30 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 14, 2025**

**Lector:** Kevin McDonald **Acolyte:** Pat Colton  
**Eucharist Minister:** Barb DiBenedetto & MC Amerman

#### **Prayer List**

Cleo Alt; Paul Borrer; David Brosh; Jerry Fetch; Dick Henderson; Gina Hinkle; Fr. Hite; Mary Frances Idleman; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; John Lutz; Megan Mayo and Family; Ben Miller; Levi Miller; Richard Ours; Roy Reynolds; Alice Veach; Mary Wood; Gavin Yonce; Jim Youth.

**Home Bound members** - Cleo Alt, Alice Veach, Larry Whetzel.  
at the Grant County Nursing Home – Jerry Fetch & Jim Youth.

#### **Announcements**

- Barb DiBenedetto will be honored at noon by Church Women United on Sept 13 at the Presbyterian Church.