

Potomac Highlands Catholic Churches



Pope's Monthly Intentions – December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Feast Days in December

12/08: Immaculate Conception
12/12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
12/13: Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
12/25: Christmas
12/31: The Holy Family

Monthly Devotion

The month of **December** is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.



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.

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.

Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. Advent is a penitential season of abstinence, sacrifice, and prayer in order to prepare our souls for the advent or coming of the Lord. On Gaudete Sunday we celebrate that our hopeful anticipation for the coming of Christ at Christmas is almost over. Rose is the liturgical color used to signify joy, therefore we light the rose Advent candle on the third Sunday of Advent and the priests wear rose vestments. Gaudete Sunday corresponds to Laetare Sunday during the season of Lent. The third candle on the Advent wreath – a pink or rose one – is often called the Shepherd's Candle and symbolizes Joy. It helps us remember to be joyful at the coming birth of Jesus.



“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

Matthew 11:4–6



December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11



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Petersburg, WV 26847

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Second Collection

Next Special Collect is on December 25 for Catholic Charities West Virginia/CCWVa.

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

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24



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=wwXIfr>

Ministry List for December 21, 2025

Lector: Fay Steele

Eucharist Minister: Carol Windett

Prayer List

Mike Adams; Lynn Beatty; Robert Bennett; Andi Boggs; Jim Bradley; Matilda Garcia; Nancy & Kevin Gonshor; Wayne Hedrick; Peggy Harper; Dianna Hevener; Chuck Hiett; 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 Need. We can use just about anything. Most popular items are crackers, peanut butter, cereal, soup.
- Please sign the Christmas cards for Don Mundy and Father Dan.
- Christmas flowers have been ordered. If you would like to contribute to the cost, Please use one of the envelopes in the vestige. Flowers for other occasions are not needed during Christmas season.

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 4:00PM
Sunday 8AM
Sunday 12:00 Noon in
Spanish

Hispanic Faith Formation at
6PM on Friday

Confession

Saturday 3PM to 3:45PM
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, Friday at 12:00 Noon
Thursday at 11:00 AM
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.

*Christmas Eve Mass at 8PM on 24th December;
Christmas Day Mass at 10AM on 25th December.
Confession: Either before or after the weekday masses.*

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

Ministry List for December 21, 2025

Lector: Paul Lawrence **Acolyte:** MC Amerman
Eucharist Minister: Barb DiBenedetto & Tom Hencke

Prayer List

Cleo Alt; Paul Borror; David Brosch; Jerry Fetch; Gina Hinkle; Fr. Hite; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; John Lutz; 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; Dick Henderson;
& Jim Youth.

Announcements

- Petersburg Interfaith Pantry Needs for November would be Canned Meat. Donation can be accepted too. Please make check payable to Petersburg Interfaith Food Pantry.
- Our local Legion of Mary Praesidium has a name - Our Lady of the Valley. This chapter meets on Friday at 5 p.m. in the basement at the center. All are invited. If you know of anyone in need of prayer and visitation, please give the information to Paul Lawrence.
- Christmas dinner will be on 4th January, 2026. We will start with the mass at noon followed by the dinner for the parishioners. All are welcome.