



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

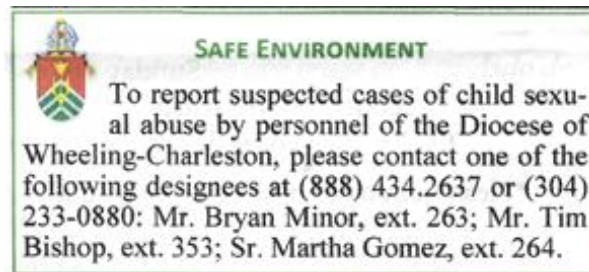
12/13: Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

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.



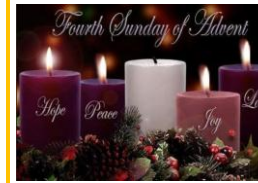
#### Fourth Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

*The last week of Advent can be quite short or an entire week, depending on when Christmas falls. This year we have an entire week to finish our spiritual preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Remember, Christmas doesn't actually begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve! Christmas begins December 25th at midnight and continues until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (this season it falls on January 8th). The fourth candle on the Advent wreath – a purple one – is often called the Angel's Candle and symbolizes peace. It helps us remember the message of the Angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men"*

#### 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.

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Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

Matthew 1:20



December 21, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24



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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

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

*Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*

*Colossians 3:12-21*

*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*



### **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.



*Christmas Eve Mass at 4PM on 24th December*

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#### **Ministry List for December 28, 2025**

**Lector:** Mary Stephenson  
**Eucharist Minister:** Chris Bright

#### **Prayer List**

Mike Adams; Lynn Beatty; Robert Bennett; Andi Boggs; Jim Bradley; Matilda Garcia; Nancy & Kevin Gonshor; 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 Need. We can use just about anything. Most popular items are crackers, peanut butter, cereal, soup.
- 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**

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.*



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#### **Ministry List for December 28, 2025**

**Lector:** Kevin McDonald **Acolyte:** Sherri Mohr  
**Eucharist Minister:** Sherri Mohr & Loretta Alt

#### **Prayer List**

Cleo Alt; Paul Borrer; David Brosh; 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 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.