




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.

**The Holy Family**  
*Jesus and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his earthly guardian, protector, and foster-father, St. Joseph, make up the Holy Family. God was made incarnate into the embrace of the human family, and the majority of Jesus’ earthly life was spent in the quiet happiness of domestic life with his mother and father. This sacred time, known as the “hidden life” of Jesus, is one of which we know little from Sacred Scripture. The feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. If Christmas falls on a Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30th.*

**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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When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

Matthew 2:13–14



December 28, 2025  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Colossians 3:12-21  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



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**Rectory phone and address:** **304-257-1057**  
**5 Pierpont St.**  
**Petersburg, WV 26847**

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

**Second Collection**

Next Special Collect is on January 18 for Church in the Developing World.

Sacrament by Appointment	Next week’s readings
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.	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 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.



*New Year's Day Mass at Noon on 1st January*

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**Ministry List for January 04, 2026**

**Lector:** Lynn Vandevander  
**Eucharist Minister:** Regina Hedrick

**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.

**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  
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.

*Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at 11PM &  
New Year's Eve Mass at Midnight on 31st December;  
New Year's Day Mass at 10AM on 1st January.*

*Confession: Either before or after the weekday masses.*



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**Ministry List for January 04, 2026**

**Lector:** Joe Mohr **Acolyte:** Sherri Mohr  
**Eucharist Minister:** Sherri Mohr & Tom Hencke

**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.