



## Pope's Monthly Intentions – January: For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### Feast Days in January

**01/01: Holy Mother of God (Feast of Our Lady)**

**01/03: Holy Name of Jesus**

**01/06: Epiphany (Celebrated on 01/04 for 2026)**

**01/11: The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord**

### Monthly Devotion

*The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.*



Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him.

Matthew 3:13-15



January 11, 2026  
The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Acts 10:34-38  
Matthew 3:13-17



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

### 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 49:3, 5-6  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

545 Walnut Street  
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**Deacon: John Windett**

**Liturgies**

Weekday Mass upon Request  
Sunday 2PM

**Confession**

Sunday after the 2PM mass  
or call to schedule

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 January 18, 2026**

**Lector:** Regina Hedrick  
**Eucharist Minister:** Carol Windett

**Prayer List**

Lynn Beatty; Andi Boggs; Jim Bradley; Charlie Dundas; 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 Needs would be toothpaste, tooth brushes, and shampoo.

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

2029 State Road 55  
Moorefield, WV 26836



**Liturgies**

Thursday at Noon  
Saturday 4:00PM  
Sunday 8AM  
Sunday 10AM 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 at 12:00 Noon  
Sunday Noon

**Confession**

Wednesday after the noon mass  
or call to schedule

Please join us for Rosary Prayer on Sunday at 11:30 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 January 18, 2026**

**Lector:** Pat Collton **Acolyte:** MC Amerman  
**Eucharist Minister:** Barb DiBenedetto & MC Amerman

**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.
- CWU meeting will be held on Jan. 16 at 10 am in Presbyterian Church to plan Lenten Lunches.

