

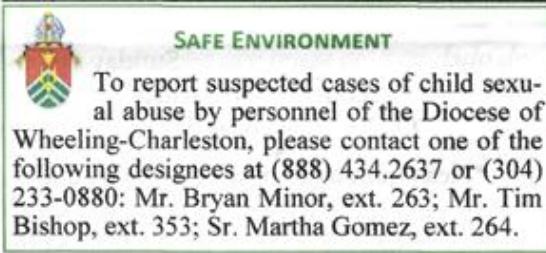


## Pope's Monthly Intentions – January: For prayer with the Word of God

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.*

### 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. **Next Special Collect is on February 8 for Church Missions within the United States.**

## Potomac Highlands Catholic Churches



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

John 1:29–30

January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34



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**304-233-0880**  
**1311 Byron St.**  
**P.O. Box 230**  
**Wheeling, WV 26003**

### 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

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**Deacon: John Windett**

#### Liturgies

First Tuesday of the Month at Noon  
Saturday Vigil at 3PM  
Sunday Communion Service at 11AM

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 January 25, 2026

**Lector:** Bill Mallow  
**Eucharist Minister:** Chris Bright

#### 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, toothbrushes, and shampoo.

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

2029 State Road 55  
Moorefield, WV 26836



#### Liturgies

Thursday at Noon  
Saturday Vigil 5:30PM  
Sunday 8AM  
Sunday Noon in Spanish

Hispanic Faith Formation at  
5PM on Friday

#### Confession

Thursday after the noon mass  
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 Noon  
Sunday at 10AM

Please join us for Rosary Prayer on Sunday at 10:30 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 25, 2026

**Lector:** Paul Lawrence **Acolyte:** Matthew Parisi  
**Eucharist Minister:** Kelly Kuh & Lesley Parisi

#### Prayer List

Cleo Alt; Paul Borror; 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.