

Potomac Highlands Catholic Churches



The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”

Matthew 22:15–17



October 18, 2026
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21



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Joined Parishes website: www.potomachighlandwvcatholic.org

Message/Event for All

1. Please call 304-249-8114 or email St. Mary’s to schedule a Mass Intention for someone. An offering generally made and that offering will go into a fund for these who have less than we.
2. Next Special Collection is on **November 08 for Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.**
3. Fr. Rusiri will attend the priests' retreat in Charleston from October 26 to October 30. He also will be away for a mandatory priestly workshop in Morgantown on November 4. There will be no noon mass at St. Mary's for 10/28/26 and 11/04/26.

Mass Intentions

We offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions of all the members and benefactors of our parish, both living and deceased.

2026 Holiday Mass Schedule

Mass	Date	Time and Location
All Souls Day Mass	Monday November 1st	9:30 AM at St. Mary’s in Petersburg.
Special Intention for Thanksgiving	Wednesday November 25th	Noon at St. Mary’s in Petersburg.
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Tuesday December 8th	Noon at St. Mary’s in Petersburg.
Christmas Eve Mass	Thursday December 24th	5 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Franklin. 8 PM at St. Mary’s in Petersburg.
Christmas Day Mass	Friday December 25th	9:30 AM at St. Mary’s in Petersburg. Noon at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Franklin.
New Year's Eve Mass	Thursday December 31st	Adoration at 7 PM followed by mass at 8 PM at St. Mary’s in Petersburg.
New Year’s Day Mass	Friday January 1st	9:30 AM at St. Mary’s in Petersburg. Noon at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Franklin.

Sacrament by Appointment

Please call or text 304-249-8114 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 Sunday’s readings

Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

St. Mary's Catholic Church

4 Grant Street
Petersburg, WV 26847
304-257-1057 or 304-249-8114

Pastor: Fr. Rusiri K. Wijewickrama
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Liturgies

Wednesday at 12PM
Sunday at 9:30AM
First Friday - Adoration at 11:00 AM followed by noon
Mass
First Saturday - Holy Mass at noon

Confessions

After Wednesday weekday mass
or Sunday from 8:30AM to 9:15AM.
Appointments may also be made by
calling the parish office.

Please join us for Rosary Prayer on Sunday at 9 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 October 25, 2026

Lector: Paul Lawrence **Acolyte:** Jeth & Lia Segui
Eucharist Minister: Tom Hencke & Kelly Kuh

Prayer List

Cleo Alt; Richard Bissell; Krista Bolyard; David Brosh; Jerry Fetch; Marshall Guyon; Fr. Hite; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; Ben Miller; Levi Miller; Richard Ours; Roy Reynolds; Alice Veach; Mary Wood; Gavin Yonce.

Home Bound members - Cleo Alt, Alice Veach, Larry Whetzel.

at the Grant County Nursing Home – Jerry Fetch; Dick Henderson.

at Berkeley Center – Richard Bissell

Announcements

- Petersburg Interfaith Pantry Needs would be Cereal, Canned ravioli or something alike, pasta sauce. Donation can be accepted too. Please make check payable to Petersburg Interfaith Food Pantry.
- Our Lady of the Valley Legion of Mary Praesidium meets each Monday at 6 p.m. in the Narthex. All are invited. Please let Paul Lawrence know of anyone in need of prayer or visitation.
- St. Mary's started the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishioners who would like to have their homes enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are invited to sign up or contact Father or Paul Lawrence for more information.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

545 Walnut Street
Franklin, WV 26807
304-358-7012

Liturgies

Sunday Mass 12:00 pm (Noon)

First and Third Tuesday of the Month at Noon.

Second, Fourth, and Fifth (when applicable)
Tuesday of the Month at Noon
with Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Pastor: Fr. Rusiri K. Wijewickrama
rwijewickrama@dwc.org

Deacon John Windett
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Confessions

After the weekday mass
or call to schedule

On the first Sunday of the month, we will have a special blessing for all couples who celebrate wedding anniversary in the month.

The 3rd Sunday of each month is Birthday Sunday at St. Elizabeth. Please stay after service 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=wwXlfr>

Ministry List for October 25, 2026

Lector: Chris Bright
Eucharist Minister: Carol Windett

Prayer List

Brad Alt; Lynn Beatty; Andi Boggs; Emilie DeByl; Charlie Dundas; Matilda Garcia; Lisa Guyer; Regina Hedrick; Wayne Hedrick; Ed Hiett; LJ Huey; Deacon John; Kim Kline; Melvina Kolman; Sherry Morris; Don Mundy; Residents of Pendleton Manor.

Home Bound members - Don Mundy at 800 J.D. Anderson Dr.,
Room 228A, Morgantown, WV 26505.

Announcements

- CAN Needs would be Canned fruit, jiffy mix, soup, canned vegetables or anything else! Cash/check donations can be dropped off at CAN or given to Carol Windett. A little green is always welcome!
- Parishioners interested in getting trained on how to use the defibrillator, contact Deacon John after Sunday Mass. If enough interest is shown a training class can be scheduled through the training department of our local Fire and Rescue department.
- Fall is great time to check and replace batteries in your home's smoke detector (fire safety awareness month)
- Franklin Community Chorus has begun Christmas rehearsals. Practice is held Thursday evenings at Main Street Methodist Church next to Pendleton County Bank from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30p.m. during the month of October and eventually move to the music room at the High school in November. There will be two performances: Thursday evening on December 3rd at 7p.m. at Pendleton Manor nursing home and again on Saturday afternoon at 2p.m. on December 5th at Pendleton County High School Auditorium. Voices are welcome especially men!
- Pendleton County Ministerial Association will hold their annual Thanksgiving dinner in the basement of Walnut St. Methodist Church (site of annual Lenten Lunches) on Thursday 12 November at 12 noon. Free will offering will be held and proceeds will go to local food bank C.A.N.
- Sunday November 01 is Feast of All Saints. Be sure to turn your clocks back when you retire on Saturday October 31st or else you will miss being on time for mass.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
12:00 pm (Spanish)

Tuesday 12:00 pm
Thursday Adoration at 11:00 am
followed by noon mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
or by appointment.

Announcements

Are you new to our Parish? We are so happy you're here! We warmly welcome you to our parish community. If you have not yet registered, please contact the parish office to become a member. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you feel at home.



Pope’s Monthly Intentions – October : For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Feast Days in October
10/07: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
10/28: Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
10/31: All Hallow’s Eve



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: Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. (304)230-1504.

Monthly Devotion

*The Catholic Church designates **October** as the Month of the Holy Rosary. During this month the faithful venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary especially under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary, and make special effort to honor the Holy Rosary with group recitations and rosary processions. St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, is the saint to whom Our Lady famously appeared and gave the prayers of the Holy Rosary to assist him as a spiritual weapon in combating heresy and leading souls back to the one, true Catholic faith.*

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse, call your local law enforcement agency or call the West Virginia Adult/Child Abuse Hotline: 1.800.352.6513

In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please call 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880 and ask for any of the following: Bryan Minor, Ext. 263 • Tim Bishop, Ext. 353 • Sr. Martha Gomez, Ext. 264; Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504 or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742.

In addition to civil authorities, other mechanisms for reporting abuse or concerns include:

- www.reportbishopabuse.org (800.276.1562) if you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct
- EthicsPoint at www.dwc.org (844.723.8381), click the Accountability tab, then follow the prompts for making a report via internet or phone
- Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor at www.dwc.org, then click Diocese > Offices > Office of Safe Environment > Download Files and Forms > Complaint Form, then follow the instructions on the form



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

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