



Pope's Monthly Intentions – May: working conditions


Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Prayer for our late Pope Francis

With the passing of Pope Francis, let us pray for the eternal repose of his soul and for the College of Cardinals as they embark on their sacred duty to elect Pope Francis' successor.

Monthly Devotion

In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God ... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne.

**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.



Fr. Mario Richard Claro
September 19, 1940
— **April 19, 2025**
Franklin, WV

Fr. Mario Richard Claro, 84, of Franklin, WV passed away Saturday, April 19, 2025 at UVA Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA.

The funeral mass for Fr Mario will be held Friday, May 16th at 11.00 am at the St Elizabeth church, FRANKLIN. Bishop Mark E Brennen will be officiating at the funeral mass.

Obaugh Funeral Home will announce complete funeral arrangements.

To order [memorial trees](https://store.condolences.com/obaugh-funeral-home-highland-county/a38a9584-d045-475d-839c-f142f460d246/trees) (<https://store.condolences.com/obaugh-funeral-home-highland-county/a38a9584-d045-475d-839c-f142f460d246/trees>) or send flowers to the family in memory of Fr. Mario Richard Claro, please visit the [flower store](https://store.condolences.com/obaugh-funeral-home-highland-county/a38a9584-d045-475d-839c-f142f460d246/flowers) (<https://store.condolences.com/obaugh-funeral-home-highland-county/a38a9584-d045-475d-839c-f142f460d246/flowers>).

Potomac Highlands Catholic Churches



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:9



May 04, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19



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Second Collection

Next Special Collect is on May 25 for Catholic Relief Services.

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.

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

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30



**Epiphany of the Lord
Catholic Church**

2029 State Road 55
Moorefield, WV 26836

Confession

Saturday 4PM to 4:45PM
or call to schedule

Liturgies

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
at 12:00 Noon
Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 8AM
Sunday 12:00 Noon in Spanish

Hispanic Faith Formation at
5PM on Friday

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Epiphany-of-the-Lord-Catholic-Church/100064725694768/>



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

Liturgies

Tuesday at 12:00 Noon
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.

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1XHzzPwsVH/?mibextid=wwXIfr>



**St. Mary's Catholic
Church**

4 Grant Street
Petersburg, WV 26847

Liturgies

Wednesday, Thursday, 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.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Catholic-Church/61569546391435/>

Ministry List for May 11, 2025

Lector: Chris Bright
Eucharist Minister: Carol Windett

Lector: Joe Mohr **Acolyte:** Sherri Mohr
Eucharist Minister: Sherri Mohr & MC Amerman

Prayer List

Mike Adams; Anthony & Marlene Ciccolella; Bill & Susie Craig;
Gerry & Jean Conner; Cam Duncan; Julie Giblen; Chuck & Tracy
Hiett; Jon Hill; Lesley Hill; Eric Kweder; Lanzo Family; Lanz
Family; Family of Julie Markwood; Lisa Milbe; Roger Paredes Jr;
Roy & Kathy Ratcliff; Ring Family; Jesus Rodriguez; Helen
Skidmore; Lea Wetzel; Yarworth Family; Rudolph Zuber Family.

Home Bound members - Joe Dodd; Juanita Martin; Karolina
Yarworth.

Mike Adams; Lynn Beatty; Robert Bennett; Andi Boggs; Matilda
Garcia; Peggy Harper; Dianna Hevener; Chuck Hiett; 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

Cleo Alt; Paul Borrer; David Brosh; Jerry Fetch; Dick Henderson;
Mary Frances Idleman; Tommy Kimble, Nola Lawrence; John
Lutz; Mike & Megan Mayo; 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.

Announcements

- Welcome to all of our Weekend visitors If you have recently moved to the area, please join us for Mass.
- Helen Chambers has now moved to Columbus, Ohio with her family. Her address is Coventry Senior Living, 3240 Tremont Road, Unit 208, Columbus, Ohio 43221. She can be contacted by her cell phone number.

- Anything can be used at CAN.
- SEAS has a great new Facebook page administered by our own Megan Obaugh. Look for it under St Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church - Franklin, WV
- Spring has Sprung and so has the grass. Assistance with lawn maintenance and mowing is desperately needed. Please contact Steven O'Toole.

- DeeAnna is in the office on Tuesdays from. 11 to 2. If anyone needs something business related, please come and see her.



Pope Francis was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 17 December 1936 to Italian immigrants. He was one of 5 children. He was ordained a Jesuit priest on 13 December 1969. He was appointed as the Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires in May 1993 and succeeded his predecessor as the Archbishop of Buenos Aires. In 2001, Pope John Paul II created him Cardinal and on 13 March 2013, he was elected 266th Pope of the Universal Catholic Church,

Pope Francis was known for his humility, simplicity and special care for the marginalized. His Papacy focused on mercy, creation, justice, synodality and encounter. Major milestones included: Two synods on the family, the Jubilee year of Mercy and the Synod of synodality. His Encyclicals focused on compassion, mercy and justice for the poor. He was a champion of Inter-faith dialogue. He said, 'there can be no peace without freedom of Religion, thought, expression and respect for others. He exhorted the believers by saying that Faith must be lived and not merely believed.

Earlier as the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, he often said, "My people are poor, and I am one of them". He lived in an apartment and cooked his own meals. He travelled by buses and subways to reach out to people. He urged priests to show mercy and courage and to keep their doors open. He warned against, "Spiritual- Worldliness" – being self-centered and called for social justice. His simple message: 'to follow Christ is to recognize that trampling on human dignity is a grave sin'.

Pope Francis died on Easter Monday at 7.35 AM, 21st April 2025 in Rome, after more than 12 years as Bishop of Rome and shepherd of the Universal Catholic Church. We entrust the soul of Pope Francis, our beloved shepherd of the Church to God's mercy, whom he served so faithfully and with mercy. Amen.