



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WEST VIRGINIA

2024 Cycle of Prayer

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

--Colossians 1:9-10

Proclamation of the date of Easter on Epiphany

There is an ancient tradition of announcing the date of Easter on the Feast of the Epiphany. In the past, when calendars were not common, it clearly had functional value to give the date and feasts dependent on the date of Easter Day. It still has value as a proclamation of the centrality of the resurrection of Christ in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year. The proclamation may occur immediately before the offertory sentences or after the post Communion prayer. A deacon would typically read the proclamation but it may be read by a priest or lay person in the absence of a Deacon.

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the 28th day of March and the evening of the 30th day of March, Easter Sunday being on the 31st day of March.

Each Easter — as on each Sunday — the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 14th day of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the 9th day of May.

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 19th day of May.

And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the 1st day of December.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

January

January 7

The First Sunday after the Epiphany *The Baptism of our Lord*

Grace Church, Elkins
Grace, Middleway
Grace Church, St. Mary's
Grace Church, Ravenswood

January 14

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Confession of Saint Peter: January 18

St. Peter's, Huntington

January 21

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Conversion of Saint Paul: January 25

St. Paul's, Sistersville
St. Paul's, Weston
St. Paul's, Williamson

January 28

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Septuagesima

The Feast of St. Timothy: January 26

St. Timothy's-in-the-Valley, Hurricane

February

February 4

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sexagesima

Zion, Charles Town
Mt. Zion, Hedgesville

February 11

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Quinquagesima

Church of the Redeemer, Ansted

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Ecumenical Partners
& the West Virginia Council of Churches

February 18

The First Sunday in Lent

Church of the Heavenly Rest, Princeton

February 25

The Second Sunday in Lent

St. Matthias, the Apostle: February 24

St. Matthias, Grafton

March

March 3

The Third Sunday in Lent

Diocesan Staff
Standing Committee
Diocesan Council
Diocesan Trustees

March 10

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Laetare Sunday

Episcopal Church Women
& Episcopal Church Men

March 17

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Clergy Spouses and Families

March 24

Palm Sunday

All Christians who face persecution

March 28

Maundy Thursday

Episcopal Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

March 29

Good Friday

The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem

March 30

Holy Saturday

For those preparing for Baptism

March 30

Easter Vigil

For the faith & witness of all Christians everywhere

March 31

Easter Sunday

Thanksgiving for all those who have come to faith

April

April 7

The Second Sunday of Easter

Commission on Racism & Diversity
Episcopal Social Justice & Engagement Ministries
Episcopal Migration Ministries

April 14

The Third Sunday of Easter

Diocesan Reading Camps

April 21

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd, Hansford
Good Shepherd, Parkersburg

April 28

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Mark, the Evangelist: April 25
St. Mark's, Berkeley Springs
St. Mark's, St. Albans

May

May 5

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Philip and Saint James: May 1
St. Philip's, Charles Town

May 12

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Day: May 9
Ascension, Hinton

May 19

The Day of Pentecost – Whitsunday

Commission on Ministry, Postulants & Candidates
for Holy Orders and for those discerning their
vocations

May 26

The First Sunday after Pentecost – Trinity Sunday

Holy Trinity, Logan
Trinity, Huntington
Trinity, Martinsburg
Trinity, Morgantown
Trinity, Moundsville
Trinity, Parkersburg
Trinity, Shepherdstown

June

June 2

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Highland Educational Project

June 9

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

St. Barnabas Day: June 11

St. Barnabas, Bridgeport

June 16

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

West Virginia Day: June 20

The State of West Virginia, its People, and its Future

June 23

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church being held in Louisville, Kentucky, and our elected Deputies from the Diocese of West Virginia

June 30

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Independence Day: July 4

For the People of the United States, for Justice, for Peace, for Prosperity, and for Hope

July

July 7

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Peterkin Camp & Conference Center—for campers, counselors, staff, and its Board

July 14

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of St. Christopher: July 25

St. Christopher, Charleston

July 21

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of St. James: July 25

St. James', Lewisburg

July 28

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of St. Anne: July 26

St. Ann's, New Martinsville

August

August 4

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of the Transfiguration: August 6

Transfiguration, Buckhannon

August 11

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Lawrencefield Parish, Wheeling

August 18

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bishop Matthew & Melissa Cowden

August 25

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Bartholomew Day: August 24

St. Bartholomew's, Leetown

September

September 1

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Students, Teachers, & Education

Paraprofessionals

Seminaries & Schools of Theological Education

September 8

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Suicide Prevention Week

We pray for those who suffer from depression, anxiety, or any mental illness, for the end of any stigma associated with them, and that we may all seek hope and help together.

September 15

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of St. Matthew: September 21

St. Matthew's, Charleston

St. Matthew's Wheeling

September 22

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Children & Youth Ministries

Young Adult & Campus Ministries

September 29

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of St. Michael and All Angels: September 29

St. Michael's, Kingwood

October

- October 6 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Episcopal Relief & Development
Episcopal Service Corps and Volunteers in Mission
- October 13 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Feast of St. Luke: October 18
St. Luke's, Wheeling
- October 20 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center
- October 27 The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Police, Firefighters, Emergency Personnel, and
First Responders throughout our State

November

- November 3 The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost or **All Saints'**
All Saints Day: November 1
All Saints', Union
- November 10 The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Diocesan Convention: November 15-16 at the Stonewall Resort
Our upcoming Diocesan Convention,
including all delegates and committees
- November 17 The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
The Feast of St. Martin of Tours: November 11
St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Summersville
- November 24 The Last Sunday after Pentecost *Christ the King Sunday*
Christ Church, Bluefield
Christ Church, Clarksburg
Christ Church, Fairmont
Christ Church, Point Pleasant
Christ Church, Wellsburg

December

December 1

[The First Sunday of Advent](#)

The Feast of St. Andrew: November 30
St. Andrew's, Oak Hill

December 8

[The Second Sunday of Advent](#)

The Feast of St. Thomas: December 21
St. Thomas', Weirton
St. Thomas', White Sulphur Springs

December 15

[The Third Sunday of Advent](#)

Gaudete Sunday

The Feast of St. Stephen: December 26
St. Stephen's, Beckley
St. Stephen's, Romney

December 22

[The Fourth Sunday of Advent](#)

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist: December 27
St. John's, Charleston
St. John's, Huntington
Olde St. John's, Colliers
St. John's, Marlinton/Chapel-on-the-Mount,
Snowshoe
St. John's, Ripley

December 24

[Christmas Eve](#)

Church of the Incarnation, Ronceverte

December 25

[Christmas Day](#)

Emmanuel, Keyser

December 29

[The First Sunday after Christmas](#)

The Feast of St. Thomas a Becket: December 29
St. Thomas a Becket, Morgantown

Other Holy Days & Holidays

January 1	The Feast of the Holy Name
January 6	The Feast of the Epiphany
January 18	The Confession of St. Peter
January 25	The Conversion of St. Paul
February 2	The Feast of the Presentation
February 24	St. Matthias, the Apostle
April 8	The Feast of the Annunciation (<i>transferred</i>)
April 25	St. Mark, the Evangelist
May 1	St. Philip and St. James, Apostles
May 9	The Feast of the Ascension
May 31	The Feast of the Visitation
June 11	St. Barnabas, the Apostle
June 20	West Virginia Day
June 24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 29	St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles
July 4	Independence Day
July 22	St. Mary Magdalene
July 25	St. James, the Apostle
August 6	The Feast of the Transfiguration
August 15	St. Mary, the Blessed Virgin
August 24	St. Bartholomew, the Apostle
September 2	Labor Day
September 14	The Feast of the Holy Cross
September 21	St. Matthew, the Evangelist
September 30	St. Michael and All Angels (<i>transferred</i>)
October 4	St. Francis Day
October 18	St. Luke, the Evangelist
October 23	St. James of Jerusalem, the Brother of Our Lord
October 28	St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
November 1	The Feast of All Saints
November 2	The Feast of All Souls
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
November 30	St. Andrew, the Apostle
December 21	St. Thomas, the Apostle
December 26	St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
December 27	St. John, the Evangelist
December 28	Feast of the Holy Innocents

A Prayer for the Diocese

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Matthew, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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