



# St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

43 Mahlon Street



July 20 (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)




St. Ann Catholic Church is to glorify God through vibrant worship, compassionate service, and unwavering commitment to teachings of Jesus Christ. Rooted in Catholic tradition and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to foster a welcoming community that nurtures faith, fosters spiritual growth, and promotes unity among all God's children. With love as our cornerstone, we seek to embody Christ's message of hope, forgiveness, and redemption, spreading His light to all corners of the world. Together, as disciples of Christ, we are called to share God's love, serve those in need, and build a Kingdom of mercy, justice, and peace.



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**Office Hours**  
 Tuesday -Friday  
 09 Am- 02 Pm  
**Closed on Monday**

**Baptism**  
  
 Please contact the office to schedule a baptism. Instruction sessions are required with your first child.

**Marriage**  
  
 Please contact the office at least **SIX months prior** to the proposed date of marriage.

**Adoration Chapel**  
 The St. Margaret of Castello Adoration Chapel is open;  
**Sunday, Wednesday, & Friday**  
**6am to midnight.** For information call John DeMarco at (304) 669-2057 or Cindy Bee at (304) 592-5106.

**Confessions**  
  
 4:00pm on Saturdays, or any other time by appointment.  
*(For appointments, please call the office)*

**For the Sick & Homebound**  
 Please call the church office if you would like to receive communion or have a home visit.  
**Hospital & Sacramental Emergency**  
 Please call; 304-520-0557

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## Safe Environment

To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you. May confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. 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. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

### MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

Monday: July 21 **No Mass**  
 Tuesday: July 22 6:00pm +Adriana Chico Evans, by Mom & Dad  
 Wednesday: July 23 6:00pm +Frankie Tate, by David Leroy  
 Thursday: July 24 6:00pm +Mary Arco, by Junior & Mona Sims  
 Friday: July 25 6:00pm +Sharon Chevront by Mary Chevront  
 Saturday: July 26 5:00pm +Stephen Macadoff by Mary Jo Robert  
 Sunday: July 27 10:00am +Dorothy Harris by Medina- Patrick Family



### Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers:

- Genny Griffin
- Ursula Koreski
- Sandra Knight
- Gertrude Senchina
- Mary Sims
- Eddie Koreski
- Connie Koreski
- Joe Koreski
- VA Nursing Home
- Lena Medina
- Stonerise Health Center

7/26/2025	5:00pm Mass	7/27/2025	10:00am Mass
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Hall	<b>Readers</b>	Sam DeMarco
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen
<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Jim Spadafore Cindy Hamrick	<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Mary Ann Spadafore Sam DeMarco
<b>Host Minister</b>	Mickey Arco	<b>Host Minister</b>	Steven Bee
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	<b>Ushers</b>	Vinnie De Marco John DeMarco Mary Fleece

If you know of anyone that needs to be added to this prayer group, please call the office at 304-592-2733.

### DAILEY READINGS FOR JULY 21 – 27

<p><b>Monday – 7/21</b>  <i>Weekday</i>                  Ex 14:5-18                  Mt 12:38-42</p>	<p><b>Wednesday – 7/23</b>  <i>Weekday</i>                  Ex 16:1-5, 9-15                  Mt 13:1-9</p>	<p><b>Friday – 7/25</b>  <i>St. James</i>                  (The Apostle)                  2 Cor 4:7-15                  Mt 20:20-28</p>	<p><b>Sunday – 7/27</b>  <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT</i>                  Gn 18:20-32                  Col 2:12-14                  Lk 11:1-13</p>
<p><b>Tuesday – 7/22</b>  <i>Mary Magdalene</i>                  2 Cor 5: 14-17                  Jn 20:1-2,11-18</p>	<p><b>Thursday – 7/24</b>  <i>Weekday</i>                  Ex 19:1-2, 9-11                  Mt 13:10-17</p>	<p><b>Saturday – 7/26</b>  <i>St. Joachim &amp; Anne</i>                  Ex 24:3-8                  Mt 13:24-30</p>	

### July 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Regular Collection  
**\$2,530.00**

Faith in Our Future  
**\$925.00**

~~Diocesan Collection~~  
**\$0.00**

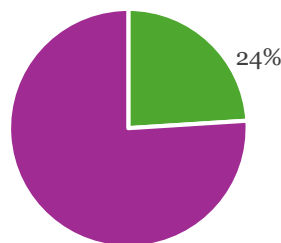
Attendance for Weekend  
**122**

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.

### CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL PROGRESS



**Raised: \$3,420**  
**Goal: \$14,400**  
**Gifts: 15**



■ Raised ■ Goal



**MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER  
FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2025**



[27 July 2025]

*Blessed are those who have not lost hope* (cf. Sir 14:2)

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness.

Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of men and women whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. We can think of Abraham and Sarah, who, advanced in years, found it hard to believe when God promised them a child. Their childlessness seemed to prevent them from any hope for the future.

Zechariah’s reaction to the news of John the Baptist’s birth was no different: “How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years” (Lk 1:18). Old age, barrenness and physical decline apparently blocked any hope for life and fertility in these men and women. The question that Nicodemus asked Jesus when the Master spoke to him of being “born again” also seems purely rhetorical: “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” (Jn 3:4). Yet whenever we think that things cannot change, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power.

*The elderly as signs of hope*

In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, *the first witnesses of hope*. Augustine asks, “What do we mean by old age?” He tells us that God himself answers the question: “Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, ‘When I am weak, then I am strong’” (Super Ps. 70,11). The increasing number of elderly people is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to interpret properly this moment of history.

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## St. Margaret of Castello Adoration Chapel

Since Covid, our Adoration Chapel had to make major changes in its 24/7 operation. As of now, we are only able to have it open for 3 out of 7 days (from 6:00am – 12:00am). We are sincerely hoping to open it another day during the week. With that said, we began last spring asking for people to consider becoming an adorer on Tuesdays. We were able to fill many hours, but not all. **The hours that still need an adorer for Tuesdays are 6:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm.** If you are interested and able to take any of these hours, please contact the church office. Please consider spending one hour a week in adoration with our Lord, the chapel is such a peaceful and beautiful place!



**\*\* If anyone would like to advertise in the church bulletin, please contact the office \*\***

*“The culmination of the Mass is not the consecration, but Communion.”*

*St. Maximilian Kolbe*

### *Day for grandparents and elderly continued...*

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. *Gen* 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

### *Signs of hope for the elderly*

From biblical times, the Jubilee has been understood as a time of liberation. Slaves were freed, debts were forgiven and land was returned to its original owners. The Jubilee was a time when the social order willed by God was restored, and inequalities and injustices accumulated over the years were remedied. Jesus evoked those moments of liberation when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he proclaimed good news to the poor, sight to the blind and freedom for prisoners and the oppressed (cf. *Lk* 4:16-21).

Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten.

Given this situation, a change of pace is needed that would be readily seen in an assumption of responsibility on the part of the whole Church. Every parish, association and ecclesial group is called to become a protagonist in a "revolution" of gratitude and care, to be brought about by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten. Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are. In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled.

That is why [Pope Francis](#) wanted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. For this reason, those who are unable to come to Rome on pilgrimage during this Holy Year may "obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, the elderly who are alone... making, in a sense, a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. *Mt* 25:34-36)" (APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, *Norms for the Granting of the Jubilee Indulgence*, III). Visiting an elderly person is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness.

### *As elderly persons, we can hope*

The Book of Sirach calls blessed those who have not lost hope (cf. 14:2). Perhaps, especially if our lives are long, we may be tempted to look not to the future but to the past. Yet, as [Pope Francis](#) wrote during his last hospitalization, "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope" (*Angelus*, 16 March 2025). We possess a freedom that no difficulty can rob us of: it is the freedom to love and to pray. Everyone, always, can love and pray.

Our affection for our loved ones – for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes. Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort.

These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, give us courage and remind us that "even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (*2 Cor* 4:16). Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass. Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

*From the Vatican, 26 June 2025*