

**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**

May 11 Monday: **No Mass**  
 May 12 Tuesday: **No Mass**  
 May 13 Wednesday: **No Mass**  
 May 14 Thursday: **No Mass**  
 May 15 Friday: 6:00 pm + David Costelac *by mom, dad, & brother Bobby*  
 May 16 Saturday: 5:00 pm + John Marchio *by Marie Marchio*  
 May 17 Sunday: 10:00 am + Mary Paugh *by Mary Kay Romeo*  
 UHC **No Mass**

5/16/2026	5:00 pm Mass	5/17/2026	10:00 am Mass
<b>Readers</b>	Gina Tate	<b>Readers</b>	Mary Ann Spadafore
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Jim Spadafore Frank DeMarco	<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Steven Bee Mandy Bowen
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	<b>Ushers</b>	Vinnie Demarco John DeMarco



**Pray for our Shut-ins**

Genny Griffin  
 Ursula Koreski  
 Saundra Knight  
 Gertrude Senchina

Mary Sims  
 (156 Fazio's Elder Care  
 Stoney Lonesome-Monongah)

Eddie Koreski  
 Connie Koreski  
 Joe Koreski  
 (VA Nursing Home)

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

**May 11-** Adam DeMarco  
 Saundra Knight  
  
**May 15-** Ashlyn Riley  
**May 16-** Anita Ballard



**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026**

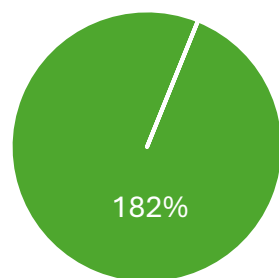


**PROGRESS**

Goal: \$ 4,800.00

Raised: \$ 8,717.00

Gifts: 27



■ Raised ■ Goal ■

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Regular Collection

**\$ 3,499.00**

Faith in Our Future

**\$647.00**

Diocesan Collection

**\$0.00**

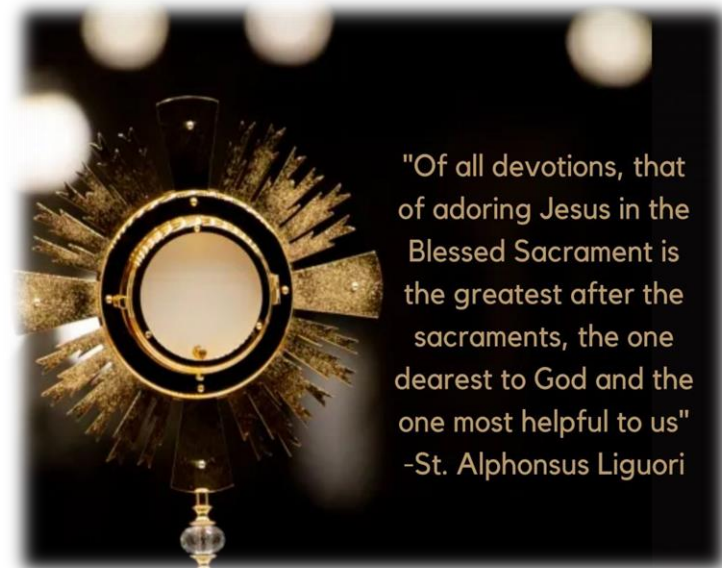
Weekend Attendance

**112**

*Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.*

**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 4 out of 7 days (from 6:00am - 12:00am). We are seeking adorers to cover the open hours on **Tuesday; 1pm-2pm, 6pm-7pm, 10pm-11pm and 11pm-12.00 Am.** 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!



"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us"  
 -St. Alphonsus Liguori



**Adorers Needed**

We are seeking for adorers to cover up the open hours on **Tuesdays, 1pm-2pm, 6pm-7pm, 10pm-11pm and 11pm-12.00 Am.** If you are interested and able to take any of these hours, please contact the church office.

at **304 592-2733**  
 John DeMarco at **304 669-2057**  
 Cindy Bee at **304 592-5106**

**WHY CATHOLICS HONOR MARY**



**All relationships, of course, are a two-way street.** They require something from us — phone calls and visits, acts of thoughtfulness, time spent together. They demand that that we give something of ourselves to the other. In our relationship with Mary, she helps give new life to our souls, prays for us, and provides us with what we need to grow in grace. In return, she deserves our honor and love, just as our earthly mothers do. She deserves our devotion.

Now, Catholics believe that we should not only honor those who excel in the things of this world, but that we should also honor those who excel in the things of the spiritual world (for example, in their devotion to God, their obedience to his will, and their charity to others). That’s why we honor the saints — men and women who, during their earthly life, excelled in their pursuit of holiness. Honoring the saints does not detract from God any more than honoring athletes does. In fact, when we honor saints, we are honoring God, too, for it is by his gifts, and for his glory, that saints are able to excel in holiness in the first place. When we praise those who spent their life pursuing an intimate union with God, we ultimately praise God, who is both the giver and the object of that love.

Now, if it’s fitting to venerate those who have achieved spiritual excellence, isn’t it even more fitting to venerate the woman who achieved it to the highest degree: the woman whom Jesus chose to become his mother in the order of nature and our mother in the order of grace? Of course it is. And in recognition of Mary’s pre-eminent holiness, the special recognition we give to Mary is called *hyperdulia*: the greatest amount of honor we can give to any created person.

Again, this special veneration of Mary is completely different from, and inferior to, the adoration we give to God. We adore God and only God, and since Mary is not God, we don’t adore her. It’s as simple as that. Don’t get confused if you happen to see the expression “worship of Mary” in an old Catholic book. The English language is flexible, and the word *worship* in many of those old books can mean either *hyperdulia* or *latria*. In reference to Mary, though, it never means the kind of adoration due to God alone.

The Catholic Church, in fact, strictly and expressly prohibits the adoration of Mary as divine. Still, because of who Mary is, what she did during her earthly life, and what she continues to do in eternal life, she is more deserving of veneration than any other created creature — man or angel — that ever will exist. That’s why the term *hyperdulia* is used to describe only the type of honor we give to Mary. Let’s go into a little more detail on why Mary merits her own unique level of veneration.

As the Catholic Church understands it, there are three fundamental reasons Mary deserves a higher level of devotion than all other holy men, women, and angels.

The first reason is that God chose to give Mary a *fullness* of grace. From the first moment of her conception, Mary possessed the fullness of grace — the fullness of life — that God originally intended all men and women to possess. Free from Original Sin, she passed on her own immaculate human nature to her son, Jesus. This can’t be said of any other created person. All of the other saints the Church honors, and all of the men and women whose holiness only God knows, received a great deal of grace in their lifetimes, certainly, but they never received the fullness of grace. They were all born with fallen natures, and only a nature free from all stain of sin can possess that fullness. Mary alone was given that privilege. Her possession of such a singular gift makes her deserving of a singular type of devotion.

**To be Continued...**



Physical Address; 610 Pike Street \*\*\* Mailing Address; 43 Mahlon Street

**May 10, 2026 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**



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**

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

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

**Confessions**  
**4 to 4. 40pm**  
 on Saturdays.  
**Or**  
 by appointment.  
 For appointments, please  
**call Fr. Joe**

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

**Hospital & Sacramental Emergency**  
**Please call; 304-780-8003**

**For the Sick & Homebound**  
 Please call the church office if you would like to receive communion or have a home visit.

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