

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

May 18 Monday: **No Mass**
 May 19 Tuesday: **No Mass**
 May 20 Wednesday: **No Mass**
 May 21 Thursday: **No Mass**
 May 22 Friday: 6:00 pm + Sarah Rose by Kathy & Mandy Rose
 May 23 Saturday: 5:00 pm + Ron Gonzales by Sharon Brisbin
 May 24 Sunday: 10:00 am + Buzzy Book by Matt & Mary Fleece
 UHC **No Mass**

5/23/2026	5:00 pm Mass	5/24/2026	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Gina Tate	Readers	Sam DeMarco
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Jim Spadafore Frank DeMarco	Cup Ministers	Sam DeMarco Mary Ann Spadafore
Ushers	Buddy McDonnell Mickey Arco	Ushers	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.

May 10th

Regular Collection

\$2,664.00

Faith in Our Future

\$451.00

Diocesan Collection

\$0.00

Weekend Attendance

127

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!

**Fritti Sale!
 May 23rd**



The Men's Group is having a fritti sale on Saturday May 23rd. The sale starts at 7:00am until sold out. The price is 6 for \$7.00.



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

Upcoming Birthdays

May 18- Donnie Sabatelli



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026

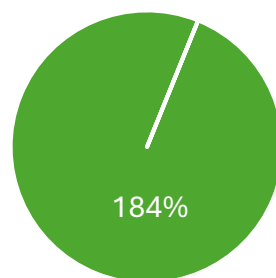


PROGRESS

Goal: \$ 4,800.00

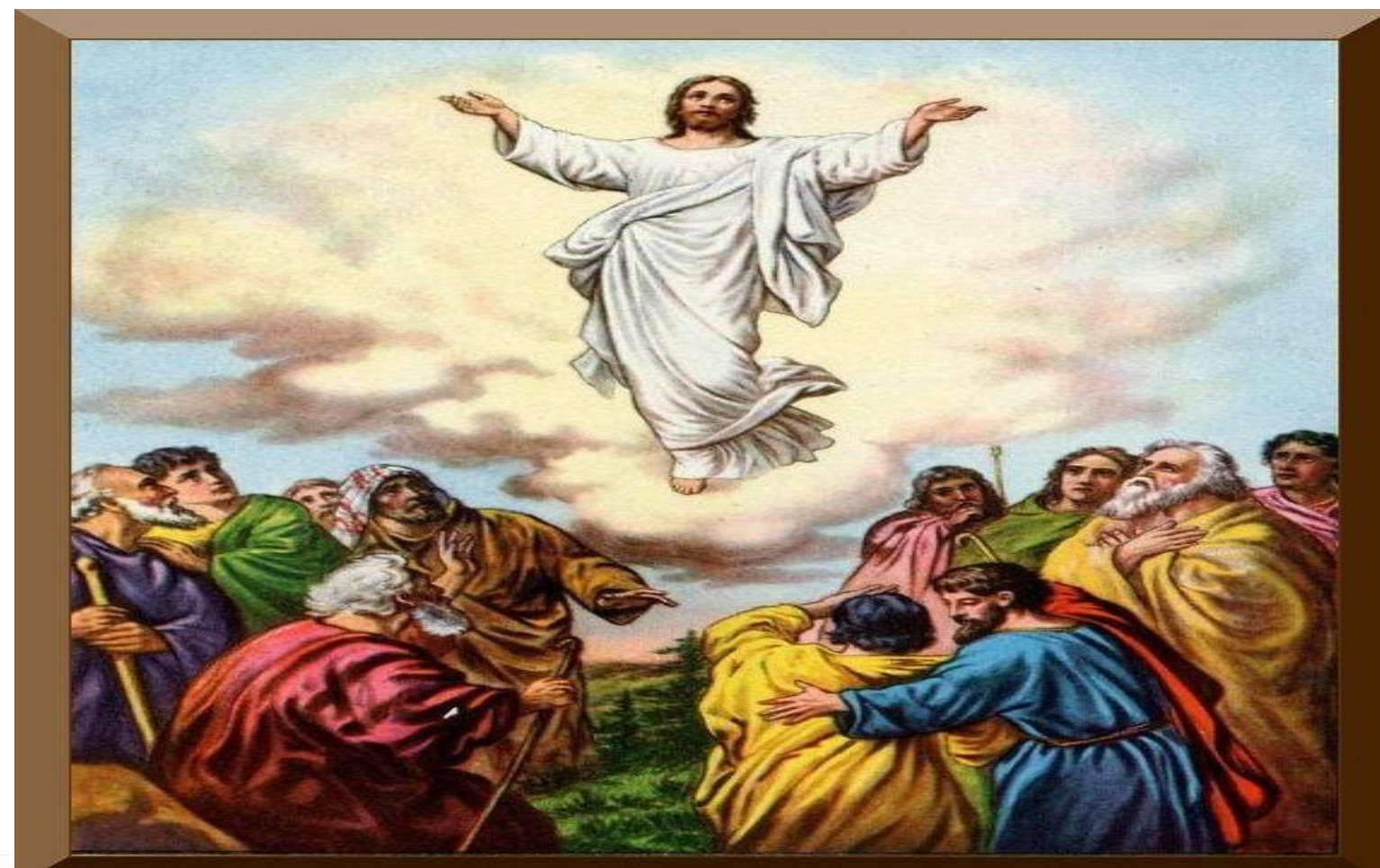
Raised: \$ 8,817.00

Gifts: 28



■ Raised ■ Goal ■

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. With his Ascension into heaven, the presence of the "historical Christ" comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated.

"The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:16-20)

The text precisely states that the mission the disciples received brought them back to the beginning of their experience with Jesus: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? (Acts 1:11, today's First Reading). Galilee is where everything had begun. It was the place where they listened to Jesus, where the Community was formed, of daily life.

The text from Acts offers us some theological-spiritual coordinates to understand the mystery we are celebrating. The text says in Acts 1:11 that Jesus "was taken up". It places emphasis that it was an action of God. A cloud "took him from their sight" (v. 9) recalls the image of the cloud on Mount Sinai (Ex. 24:15), the cloud above the ark of the covenant (Ex. 33:9), and lastly, the cloud on the Mount of the Transfiguration (Mk. 9:7). Jesus's Ascension into heaven, therefore, is not a "separation" but a different way of being. He explains why the disciples were "filled with joy" (see Lk. 24:52). Because Jesus died, rose, and now ascended, the gates of Heaven are open, the gates of eternal life. The "cloud of faith" that envelops our lives today is not an obstacle, but a way through which we can have a living and true experience of Jesus, since we have the certainty that if he has risen and ascended into heaven, the same destiny awaits us, since he is the first fruit (see 1 Cor. 15:20).

We do not await the last day idly, nor do we close ourselves in our own homes. But, as Jesus reminds us, we await the last day dedicated to a mission that reaches the ends of the earth. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:7ff). We are fortified by Jesus's promise: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19), where Jesus is our God, God-with-us (see Ex 3:12), Emmanuel (see Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14). And even if the disciples' faithfulness failed at times, God's faithfulness towards us never fails. This is why the journey of the community and of every disciple of the Risen Jesus is always open to new perspectives and possibilities, for nothing is impossible for God.

May 17, 2026 (The Ascension of the Lord)



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. <i>(Instruction sessions are required with your first child).</i>	 Marriage Please contact the office at least SIX months prior to the proposed date of marriage.
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	 Confessions 4 to 4. 40pm on Saturdays. Or by appointment. For appointments, please call Fr. Joe	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.