

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 25 Monday: **No Mass**
 May 26 Tuesday: **No Mass**
 May 27 Wednesday: **No Mass**
 May 28 Thursday: **No Mass**
 May 29 Friday: 6:00 pm + Nancy Driscoll by Colleen Driscoll
 May 30 Saturday: 5:00 pm + Rick McCandless by Chris & Jenny Serian
 May 31 Sunday: 10:00 am + John L & Jewel Perri by Margaret Perri
 UHC **No Mass**

6/6/2026	5:00 pm Mass	6/7/2026	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Gina Tate	Readers	Carmie O'Connor
Altar Servers	Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Sandy McDonnell Cindy Hamrick	Cup Ministers	Sam DeMarco Mandy Bowen
Ushers	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie Demarco John DeMarco



Pray for our Shut-ins

Genny Griffin
 Ursula Koreski
 Sandra 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 17th

Regular Collection
\$2,841.00
 Faith in Our Future
\$741.00
 The Ascension
\$180.00

Weekend Attendance
144

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!

Congratulations to our Grads!

High School

Carina Felosa
 Cade Riley
 Andrew Dumas

College

Kendal DeMarco



Adorers Needed

We are seeking for adorers to cover up the open hours on **Tuesdays, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm, and 11pm-12.00 Am. Also, Fridays from 1pm-2pm.** 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



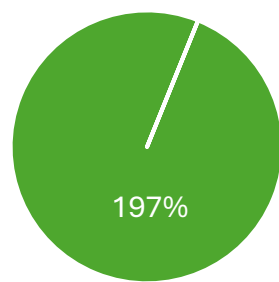
May 26th- Kori Bee
 Mary Sims
May 27th- Andrew Fleece
May 30th- Pam Gemondo

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026



PROGRESS

Goal: \$ 4,800.00
 Raised: \$ 9,467.00
 Gifts: 29



■ Raised ■ Goal ■



Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena – nine days of prayer – because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together “continuously” for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th.

There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu`ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu`ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover.

Originally a harvest feast, Shavu`ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount

Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

Where's that in the bible?

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in Acts 2:13, though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41.

Happy Birthday, Church

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter's sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Pentecost vestments and customs around the world

Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles.

However, in some parts of the world, Pentecost is also referred to as "WhitSunday", or White Sunday, referring to the white vestments that are typically worn in Britain and Ireland. The white is symbolic of the dove of the Holy Spirit, and typical of the vestments that catechumens desiring baptism wear on that day.

An Italian Pentecost tradition is to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues, and so in some places in Italy, Pentecost is sometimes called Pascha Rosatom (Easter roses).

In France, it is tradition to blow trumpets during Mass to recall the sound of the driving wind of the Holy Spirit. In Asia, it is typical to have an extra service, called genuflection, during which long poems and prayers are recited. In Russia, Mass goers often carry flowers or green branches during Pentecost services.



St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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May 24, 2026 (Pentecost Sunday)



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.

"The Pentecost of the Upper Room in Jerusalem is the beginning, a beginning which endures." -Pope Francis

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