

**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 4 Monday: **No Mass**  
 May 5 Tuesday: **No Mass**  
 May 6 Wednesday: **No Mass**  
 May 7 Thursday: **No Mass**  
 May 8 Friday: 6:00 pm + Sam Barnes by Bud & Sandy McDonnell  
 May 9 Saturday: 5:00 pm + Menendez & Rife families by Gloria Hawkins  
 May 10 Sunday: 10:00 am + Frank Matish by Jim & Peggy Matish  
 UHC **No Mass**

5/9/2026	5:00 pm Mass	5/10/2026	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  
 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.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Collection

**\$ 3,354.00**

Faith in Our Future

**\$544.00**

Diocesan Collection

**\$0.00**

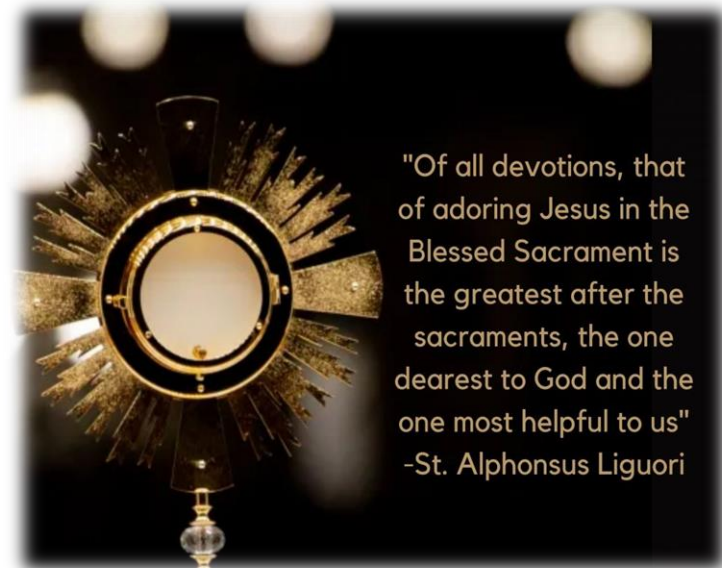
Weekend Attendance

**157**

*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

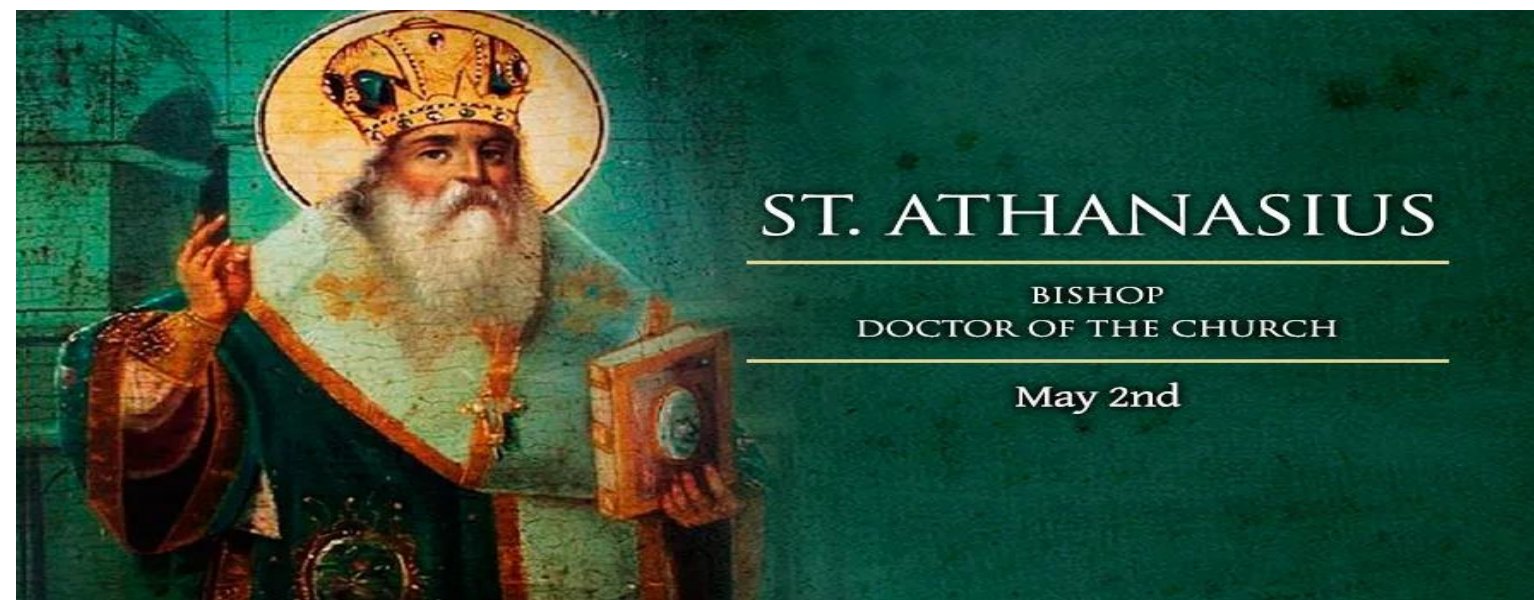


**Adorers Needed**

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**

**St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**



**ST. ATHANASIUS**

BISHOP  
 DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

May 2nd

St. Athanasius was born in Alexandria, Egypt, in 295. He had a strong Christian upbringing, was educated in theology and Scripture, was ordained a deacon in 318, and became secretary to Bishop Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria. St. Athanasius accompanied Bishop Alexander to the Council of Nicea in 325. There was a fierce battle between the orthodox bishops who upheld the teaching that Jesus has two natures, divine and human, and that he is true God and true man, and the Arians who insisted that Jesus is less than God, not divine, and the greatest of all human beings. The Council promulgated the Nicene Creed, condemned Arianism as a heresy, and excommunicated Arius. Bishop Alexander died in 328 and St. Athanasius was elected his successor at the age of 33, the spiritual leader of the city of Alexandria, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the monks in the desert.

**Upcoming Birthdays**



**May 4-** Dana Echard  
 Sandy McDonnell  
 Olivia Whitehair  
**May 6-** Kathy DeMarco  
 Giana Felosa  
**May 7-** Megan Clarida  
**May 8-** Susie Meredith  
**May 9-** Susan Collins

**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026**

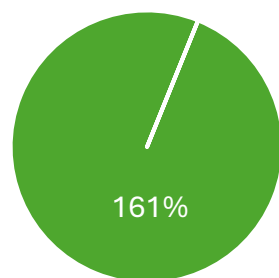


**PROGRESS**

Goal: \$ 4,800.00

Raised: \$ 7,717.00

Gifts: 23

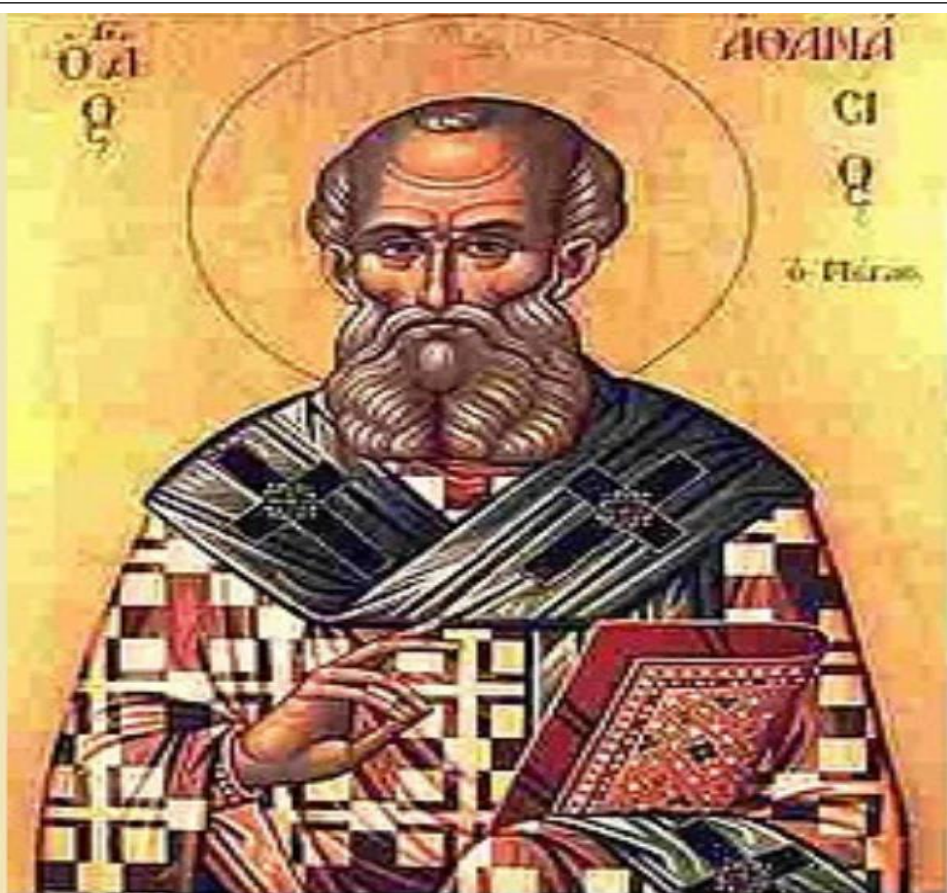


■ Raised ■ Goal ■

To fast is  
to  
banquet  
with  
angels.

St. Athanasius  
of Alexandria

DailySaintsWisdom.com



Even though Arianism had been rejected by the Council, many still espoused the heresy, opposed St. Athanasius, and did everything possible to discredit him and undermine his authority. Over the forty-five years that he served as bishop, his opponents had him exiled five times. On the first occasion his Arian adversaries falsely accused him of personal misconduct, multiple crimes, and collusion in the death of Arsenius, a prominent Arian bishop, who was alive and in hiding. The emperor Constantine summoned him to the Council of Tyre in 335. The bishops, most who were Arians, condemned him, and the emperor who had acquitted him initially reversed himself and had him exiled to Trier, Germany, in 336. After Constantine died, his son, Constantius II, allowed St. Athanasius to return to Alexandria in 338. The same year a synod was called in Antioch, deposed him as bishop, and sent him into exile. An Arian bishop was installed in his place who later died in 346, and St. Athanasius was permitted to return a second time. He remained in Alexandria for ten years, but his opponents were relentless. Two more councils were called, the first in Arles in 353, the second in Milan in 355, and the Arian majorities condemned St. Athanasius each time. Subsequently a band of soldiers attacked his church in 356, he escaped to the Libyan desert, and spent six years in hiding, protected by his priests and monks.

The Arian bishop of Alexandria was murdered, Constantius II died, and the new emperor Julian allowed St. Athanasius to return in 361. Julian ordered a return to pagan practices. St. Athanasius defied the order and was exiled by Julian from October 362 to June 363. Finally, the next emperor, Valens, sided with the Arians and sent Athanasius into exile a fifth time in 365. The emperor revoked his order four months later; Athanasius returned to Alexandria in 366 and spent his last seven years as bishop in Alexandria at peace. St. Athanasius was a prolific writer, a true scholar, a clear teacher, and a powerful defender of the faith. He wrote many homilies and letters, and composed three major works: On the Incarnation, the Discourse Against the Arians which explained the Trinity and Jesus as Son of God, and the Life of Anton, a biography of St. Anthony of the Desert which also explained the beginnings of the monastic movement.

St. Athanasius is one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church, along with St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen, and St. John Chrysostom. He is remembered as the “Champion of Nicea” and the “Doctor of the Incarnation.” He may not have been a martyr, but he suffered greatly for the faith. He died on May 2, 373.



# St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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**May 3, 2026 (5<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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