



St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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



September 14, 2025 [Exaltation of the Holy Cross]



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.

Administrator

Rev. D. Joseph MCBS

Email; djoseph@dwc.org

Office; 304 520 0557- Personal; 304 780 8003

Office Manager

Mary K Romeo

Email; romm471@aol.com

Office; 304 5200 559- Personal; 304 203 4429

Administrative Assistant

Mandy Bowen

Email; marandarose@msn.com

Office; 304 520 0559- Personal; 304 672 3853

President-Parish Council

Jimmy Gemondo II

Email; jgemondo1@gmail.com

President-Finance Council

Mary K Romeo

Email; romm471@aol.com

Director-Religious Education

Mandy Bowen

Email; marandarose@msn.com

Safe Environment Coordinator

Anita Ballard

Email; akballard@suddenlink.net

President-Altar & Rosary Society

Renee Book

Email; Rbook0102@hotmail.com

President-Men's Group

Sam DeMarco

Email; zmd21@aol.com

Music- Coordinator

Colleen Driscoll

Email; cdriscollauthor@yahoo.com

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).

Confessions

4- 4. 40pm
on Saturdays.

Or
any other time
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; 304-520-0557

For the Sick & Homebound

Please call the church office if you would like to receive communion or have a home visit.

Adoration Chapel

The St. Margaret of Castello Adoration Chapel is open on.
Sunday, Wednesday, & Friday
6am to midnight.

For information call
John DeMarco at (304) 669-2057 or
Cindy Bee at (304) 502-5106

Contact Us

Office; 304-592-2733/304-592-0077 • Email: stannshinnston@aol.com

Website: stannshinnston.com

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

Monday: Sept. 15 **No Mass**
Tuesday: Sept. 16 6:00 pm + Buzzy Book *by Bud & Sandy McDonnell*
Wednesday: Sept. 17 6:00 pm + Milan & Mary Patric *by George & Socorro Patric*
Thursday: Sept. 18 6:00 pm + Sheila Tichenor *by Sandy McDonnell*
Friday: Sept. 19 6:00 pm + Koreski Families *by Bud & Sandy McDonnell*
Saturday: Sept. 20 5:00 pm + Ron Gonzales *by Sam & Laura Leizear*
Sunday: Sept. 21 10:00 am + Kathryn DeMary *by Rosmary & Dink Yurko*

9/20/2025	5:00pm Mass	9/21/2025	10:00am Mass
Readers	Jimmy Gemondo	Readers	Mary Jo Bastin
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Frank DeMarco Sandy McDonnell	Cup Ministers	Steven Bee Sam DeMarco
Host Minister	Robbie Spadafore	Host Minister	Mary Ann Spadafore
Ushers	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie De Marco John DeMarco Mary Fleece

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 15 – 21

<p>Monday /9/15 <i>Our lady Of Sorrows</i> 1 Tm 2: 1-8 Ps 28: 2, 7-9 Jn 19: 27-27</p>	<p>Wednesday /9/17 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tim 3: 14-16 Ps 111: 1-6 Lk 7: 31-35</p>	<p>Friday /9/19 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tim 6: 2c-12 Ps 49: 6-10,17-20 Lk 8: 1-3</p>	<p>Sunday /9/21 <i>25th Sunday In OT</i> Am 8: 4-7 Ps 113: 1-2, 4-8 1 Tim 2: 1-8 Lk 16: 1-13</p>
<p>Tuesday /9/16 <i>St. Cornelius</i> 1 Tim 3: 1-13 Ps 101: 1b-3b, 5-6 Lk 7: 11-17</p>	<p>Thursday / 9/18 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tim 4: 12-16 Ps 111: 7-10 Lk 7: 36-50</p>	<p>Saturday /9/20 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100: 1b-5 Lk 8: 4-15</p>	

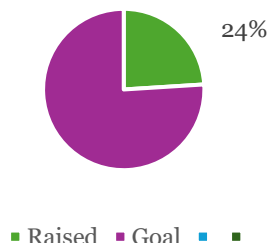
CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL PROGRESS



Raised: \$ 3,470

Goal: \$ 14,400

Gifts: 16



Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers:

Genny Griffin

Ursula Koreski

Saundra Knight

Gertrude Senchina

Mary Sims

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

Mary Mae Book

(Wishing Well Assisted Living 1543
Country Club Road, Fairmont)

Eddie Koreski

Connie Koreski

Joe Koreski

(VA Nursing Home)

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

September 7th

Regular Collection

\$ 3,671.00

Faith in Our Future

\$ 840.00

Special Collection

(Gaza Relief)

\$ 520.00

Weekend Attendance

152

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.

St. Margaret of Castello Adoration Chapel, 43 Mahlon St. Shinnston WV

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, 3:00pm.** 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!

Important Notice on Mass Time

Sunday, September 28th, Mass will be held at 9:00am here at St. Ann instead of at 10:00am due to Confirmation being held at St. James at 11:00am, and our students participating.

Fritti Sale

The Men's Group will be having a Fritti sale on September 20th. The price will be 6 for \$7.00. The sale will begin at 7:00am until sold out.

Catholic Daughters of Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Clarksburg 334 will meet on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6pm. Meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 334 East Pike Street. All Catholic women 18 years old and older are invited to attend and learn about our Court: Please note change in meeting place. Please call Theresa White at 304- 669-6063 with questions.

Harrison County-Open Heart Ministries

Open Heart Ministries is an important part of Harrison County's referral network for those who have been struggling financially. Their Assistance Program works closely with Community Action, the Dept of Health Services and other agencies to help low-income people to pay utilities, rent and meet other needs. In 2024, the ministry spent over \$93,000 in assistance, serving hundreds of adults and children. If you would like more information about Open Heart Ministries, Inc. of Harrison County, please call 304-669-2690.

Birth Days

Sept 16th -Maranda Bowen

Sept 17th -Annalise Lear

Sept 18th -Ella Bowen

Sept 18th -Maria Bell

Sept 19th - William Meredith

Sept 20th -Nathan Drain

Sept 21st -Dana Shaw



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

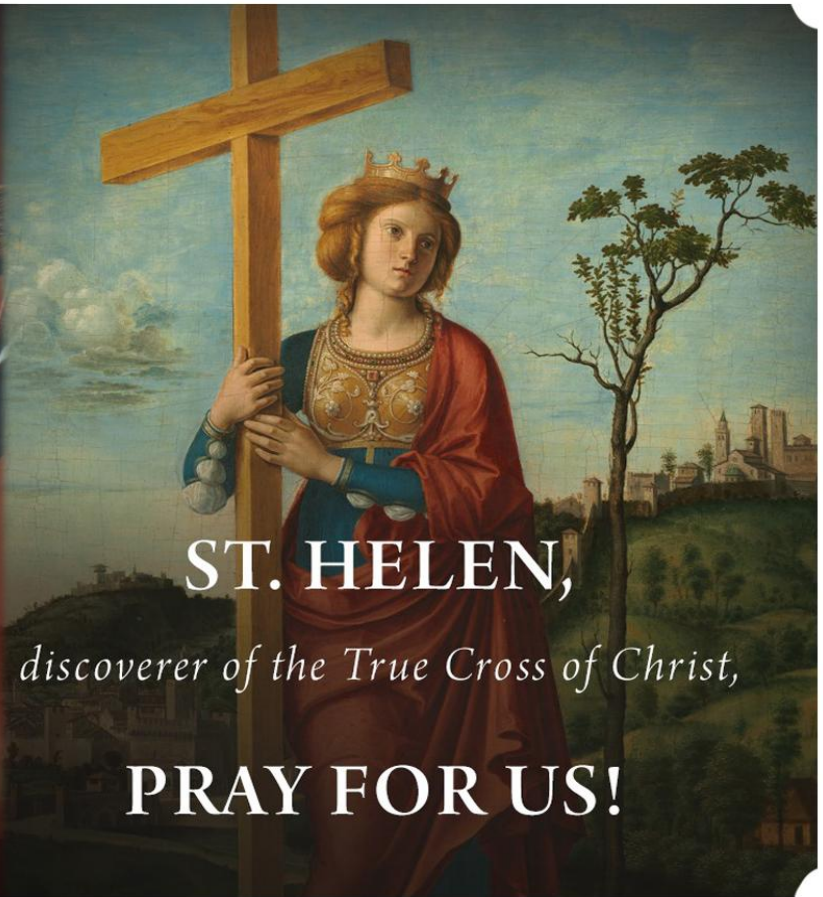
The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

"Ask Jesus to make you a saint. After all, only He can do that. Go to confession regularly and to Communion as often as you can". (St. John Bosco)

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 1** Saint Helena, in the 4th century, found the Holy Cross in Jerusalem.
- 2** In the year 614, the Persians took it as a war trophy.
- 3** Emperor Heraclius recovered it and brought it back to Jerusalem on September 14, 628.
- 4** The wood was divided into parts, sending fragments to Rome, Constantinople, and Jerusalem.
- 5** Splinters were distributed to churches all over the world, known as the "relics of the True Cross."



Doctrines continued from last Bulletin...

The last Six of the Twelve Doctrines of the Catholic Church

- 7. The Sacraments:** The Church recognizes seven sacraments instituted by Christ: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance (Reconciliation), Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. Among these, Holy Communion is particularly significant as it represents the body and blood of Christ. These sacraments are outward signs of inward grace and are essential for the spiritual life of Catholics.
- 8. The Communion of Saints:** Catholics believe in the communion of saints, which includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. This doctrine emphasizes the spiritual solidarity and intercession among all members of the Church.
- 9. The Virgin Mary:** The doctrine of the Virgin Mary holds that Mary is the Mother of God (Theotokos) and was conceived without original sin (the Immaculate Conception). She remained a virgin throughout her life and was assumed body and soul into heaven.
- 10. The Original Sin:** The doctrine of original sin teaches that the first humans, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God, resulting in the fallen state of the human condition. This sin is inherited by all human beings, but through Baptism, original sin is washed away, and one becomes a member of the Church.
- 11. Justification & Grace:** Catholics believe that justification is the process by which a person is made righteous and holy through the grace of God. This grace is received through faith and the sacraments, enabling the faithful to grow in holiness and attain eternal life.
- 12. The Last Things (Eschatology):** The doctrine of the Last Things encompasses beliefs about the end of human life and human history. It includes teachings on death, judgment, heaven, hell, and purgatory. Catholics believe in the resurrection of the body and the eternal life of the soul.

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