



# St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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



September 21, 2025 [25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time]



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.

*(Instruction sessions are*



### Marriage

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

### 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) 592-5106

### Confessions

**4 to 4.40pm  
on Saturdays.**

Or

any other time

*For appointments,  
please call Fr. Joe*



### 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.

### Contact Us

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## 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

Monday: Sept. 22 No Mass  
 Tuesday: Sept. 23 No Mass  
 Wednesday: Sept. 24 No Mass  
 Thursday: Sept. 25 No Mass  
 Friday: Sept. 26 No Mass  
 Saturday: Sept. 27 5:00 pm + Eddie Haislop *by Sam & Lisa DeMarco*  
 Sunday: Sept. 28 10:00 am + Melissa Gouzd Petrucci *by Steeve & Cindy Bee*

9/27/2025	5:00pm Mass	9/28/2025	10:00am 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	James Spadafore Cindy Hamrick	Cup Ministers	Steven Bee Sam DeMarco
Host Minister	Mickey Arco	Host Minister	Mary Ann Spadafore
Ushers	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie De Marco John DeMarco Mary Fleece

### READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 22 – 28

<p><b>Monday /9/22</b> <i>Weekday</i> Ez 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18</p>	<p><b>Wednesday /9/24</b> <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6</p>	<p><b>Friday /9/26</b> <i>Weekday</i> Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43: 1-4 Lk 9:18-22</p>	<p><b>Sunday /9/28</b> <i>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday In OT</i> Am 6:1 a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31</p>
<p><b>Tuesday /9/23</b> <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122: 1-5 Lk 8: 19-21</p>	<p><b>Thursday / 9/25</b> <i>Weekday</i> Col 1: 9-14 Ps 98: 2-6 Lk 5: 1-11</p>	<p><b>Saturday /9/27</b> <i>St. Vincent De Paul</i> Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b,13 Lk 9:43b-45</p>	

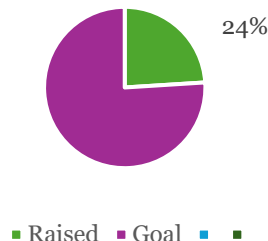
### CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL PROGRESS



**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 14<sup>th</sup>

Regular Collection

**\$ 2,370.00**

Faith in Our Future

**\$ 556.00**

~~Special Collection~~

~~\$ 00.00~~

Weekend Attendance

**145**

*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.

### Urgent need for Adorer

The 8:00am-9:00am hour on Fridays has suddenly come open and needs a permanent adorer. If interested, please contact the church office at 304-592-2733.

### Religious Education

Registration for this year of Religious Education classes has begun. Forms are available on the back table in the church, or by contacting the church office. Please contact Mandy Bowen with any questions. Classes begin on Sunday October 5th right after 10:00am mass.

### Confirmation 2025

4 of our kids will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday September 28th @ St. James Parish @ 11:00am. (Frank Bowen; son of Shane and Mandy Bowen. Taylor Keener; daughter of Ryan and Sarah Keener. Annalise Lear; daughter of Matt and Teresa Lear. Ayden Strugarek; son of Stephen Strugarek). Please join with our kids as they make their profession of faith.

Sunday October the 5th @ 10:00am mass we will be congratulating them in our Parish.

### Birth Days

Sept 23rd – Reed DeMarco

Sept 25th –Roberta DeMarco



### Appreciation

We would like to congratulate and thank the **Altar Society and all the volunteers** for another successful Baked Steak dinner. Your hard work and dedication are vital to the success of our Parish and the community.

We would also congratulate and thank **Men's group**, for another successful Fritti sale. We appreciate all their hard work and support for our parish community.

### Catechetical Sunday-2025

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 21, and the theme is "Always be ready to give an explanation ... for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). The 2025 theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner Saint Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect. We are called to be Eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ. Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

"God in his omnipotence could not give more, in his wisdom he knew not how to give more, in his riches he had not more to give, than the Eucharist". (St. Augustine)



## Why Do we Celebrate Catechetical Sunday ?

In 1935, the Vatican published “On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education,” a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church’s teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. For the first few years after Catechetical Sunday was established, national catechetical congresses were held in conjunction with the celebration. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB’s Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. When the Committee on Catechesis, now named the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis, was named by the conference as a standing committee, it continued to publish Catechetical Sunday materials each year. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

## What does ‘catechetical’ mean?

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word “catechism” for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church’s teachings. The root word, “catechesis,” is from a Greek word meaning “to echo or resound.” Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church’s teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

## Why do we have a special day to commission catechists?

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, “Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church’s life ... her inner growth and correspondence with God’s plan depend essentially on catechesis” (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

## How are parents recognized on Catechetical Sunday?

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

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