

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: Dec 15 **No Mass**
Tuesday: Dec 16 **No Mass**
Wednesday: Dec: 17 **No Mass**
Thursday: Dec: 18 6:00pm + Sam & JoeAnn DeMarco *by DeMarco Family*
Friday: Dec: 19 6:00pm + Elizabeth Libicer *by Stephen Libicer Jr*
Saturday: Dec: 20 5:00pm + Mary Tate *by Nancy & Bonnie Tate*
Sunday: Dec: 21 10:00am Intentions of Carmie O' Connor

12/20/2025	5:00 pm Mass	12/21/2025	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Gina Tate	Readers	Carmie O'Connor
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Robbie Spadafore Sandy McDonnell	Cup Ministers	Mandy Bowen Sam DeMarco
Host Minister	Jim Spadafore	Host Minister	Steven Bee
Ushers	Buddy McDonnell Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie De Marco John DeMarco Mary Fleece

Birthdays

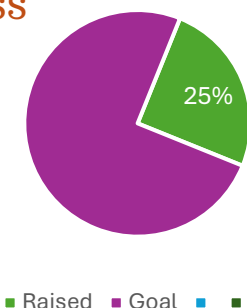
December 15th John DeMarco
 December 17th Malissa Fitzwater
 December 18th Mary Lisa Taich
 Carla Yaquinta
 December 19th Fred Salentro
 Audrey Gladwin
 December 21st Clay Riley



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL PROGRESS



Raised: \$ 3,554
 Goal: \$ 14,400
 Gifts: 18



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.

Dec 6/7, 2025

Regular Collection
\$3,818.00

Faith in Our Future
\$640.00

Immaculate Conception
\$275.00

Weekend Attendance
141

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.

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

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 10 Am, 11 Am, 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!



Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, Dec 16th

St. James Catholic Church

7:00pm

Wednesday, Dec 17th

St. Ann Catholic Church

06:00pm



Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec 24th

Christmas Eve Mass; 4:00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass; 10:00pm

Thursday, Dec 25th

Christmas day Mass; 10:00am

New Catholic Mass Scheduled In United Hospital Center

We are holding a Catholic Mass at the United Hospital Center chapel (UHC) on **Christmas Day, December 25th at Noon.** The regular weekend masses will begin from **Sunday Dec 28th at noon.**

Offertory Envelopes-2026

The Offertory boxes for 2026 are on the back table for you. Please do not use them until January 1, 2026. If you did not receive a box of offertory envelopes, please call the office, and we will prepare one for you.

Volunteers Needed...

Looking for adult and youth volunteers to participate in a live nativity at St. Ann on Saturday December 20th from 6:30-8:30. There are no speaking parts, and we will have some small heaters. Snacks will be served. Please contact Cindy Bee @ 304-709-2908 to volunteer.

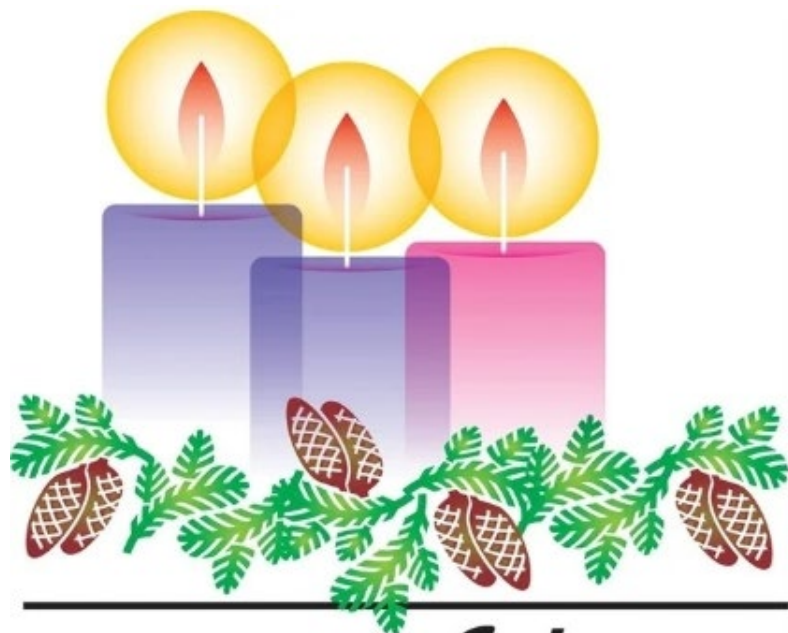
Gratitude

On behalf of St. Ann Parish, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible hard work and dedication in making our recent bake sale such a success. Your generosity of time, talent, and effort truly reflects the spirit of our parish community. Thank you for sharing your gifts so generously. May God bless each of you abundantly for all you do for our parish family.

Thanks to The Knights

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating \$200.00 toward the shipping costs for the Christmas Boxes that the St. Ann Parishioners prepared for children across the world. Thank you, parishioners, for helping to make a child happy and thank you Knights of Columbus for helping us get the boxes to the children.

"He loves, he hopes, he waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant." (St. Maria Goretti)



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Gaudete Sunday/Rejoice Sunday
 Gaudete Sunday, or "Rejoice Sunday," is the third Sunday of Advent in Western Christianity, a brief pause in the otherwise penitential season to celebrate the imminent arrival of Christmas and Christ's birth. Its name comes from the Latin "Gaudete," meaning "Rejoice," echoing the opening words of the Introit, and is marked by a shift to rose-colored vestments (instead of violet) and a theme of joyful anticipation, reminding believers to find joy and hope as the Lord's coming draws near.

Celebrating JOY during Advent

During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!

Advent Wreath 3rd Candle

The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. The third candle on the Advent wreath is a pink (rose) one, often called the "Shepherd's Candle," which is lit on Gaudete Sunday.

Priests' Vestments

Priests wear rose-colored vestments during the Mass on this day, a color used only twice a year (the other time being Laetare Sunday during Lent).

Pink (Rose) Color

The color rose represents the happiness and hope for the approaching celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. It is a "subdued joy" or a "gimpse" of the full joy of Christ's arrival. The rose color is a deliberate contrast to the darker purple, serving as a visual reminder that the period of waiting is nearing its end and the joyous celebration is close at hand.



St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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DECEMBER 14, 2025 (3rd Sunday of Advent, Year-A)



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