

**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: Jan 12 No Mass
  - Tuesday: Jan 13 6:00pm + Harold, Rose, & Beckie Martin by John & Tammy Greco
  - Wednesday: Jan 14 6:00pm + Griffin deceased family by Jim & Robbie Spadafore
  - Thursday: Jan 15 6:00pm + David Costelac by Mom Dad & brother Bobby
  - Friday: Jan 16 6:00pm + Tom Harris by George & Socorro Patrick
  - Saturday: Jan 17 5:00pm + Verna Robey by Vilma & Adrienne Robey
  - Sunday: Jan 18 10:00am + Ersel & Winnie Knotts by John & Mary Ellen Knotts
- UHC 12:00pm + Buzzy Book**



**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.

**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!

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**January 11, 2026.** Today the universal Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.



The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

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*"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace." (St. Padre Pio)*

1/17/2026	5:00 pm Mass	1/18/2026	10:00 am Mass
<b>Readers</b>	Jimmy Gemondo	<b>Readers</b>	Sam DeMarco
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Frank DeMarco Sandy McDonnell	<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Mandy Bowen Sam DeMarco
<b>Host Minister</b>	Robbie Spadafore	<b>Host Minister</b>	Steven Bee
<b>Ushers</b>	Buddy McDonnell Mickey Arco	<b>Ushers</b>	Vinnie De Marco John DeMarco Mary Fleece

**Upcoming Birthdays**

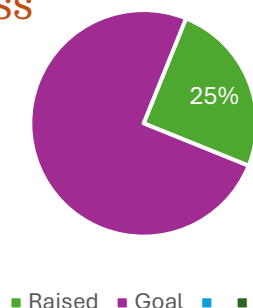
- Jan 13 Rodney Sterling
- Jan 15 Shawn Anderson  
Angela DeMarco  
Mia Ferris  
Trish Moore
- Jan 16 Francie Wagner
- Jan 17 Lily DeMarco



**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL PROGRESS**



Raised: \$ 3,904  
 Goal: \$ 14,400  
 Gifts: 19



- Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Regular Collection  
**\$3,879.00**
- Faith in Our Future  
**\$639.00**
- Solemnity of Bl. Mary  
**\$275.00**

Weekend Attendance  
**173**

*Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.*

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the *'Christification'* of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and *'Christified'* that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of *'Christification,'* Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the *'Christification'* of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men'* (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. *'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'* (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18*).

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



# St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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



**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026** (The Baptism of the Lord)



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 required with your first child).



## Marriage

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

## 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

## Confessions

**4 to 4. 40pm**  
on Saturdays.

Or  
by appointment.

For appointments, please  
**call Fr. Joe**



## 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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