

**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 19 No Mass
- Tuesday: Jan 20 6:00pm + Lisa D Tate by Bonnie Tate
- Wednesday: Jan 21 6:00pm + Mary K Spagnuolo by Mary Queen
- Thursday: Jan 22 6:00pm + Anna & Selim Germanoa by Junior & Mona Sims
- Friday: Jan 23 6:00pm + James & Dolores Driscoll by Paul & Colleen Driscoll
- Saturday: Jan 24 5:00pm + Jim Fortney by Randy & Lisa Knight
- Sunday: Jan 25 10:00am + Mark Salentro by Fleece Family
- UHC 12:00pm + Frank Tate by Bonnie Tate



**Pray for our Shut-ins**

Genny Griffin  
 Ursula Koreski  
 Saundra 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!

**Thanks to Knights of Columbus**

We would like to thank the **Knights of Columbus Clarksburg #872** for their generous donation of **\$2,000/=** to our Parish. We appreciate their continued support.

**Men's Group Meeting**

There will be a Men's Group Meeting on **Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30** in the social hall. If you're interested to attend, you are welcome...

**"Catholics aren't friendly at church"**

"Catholics aren't friendly at church." Ever heard that before? We often hear that; **Catholic Churches aren't welcoming.** How many times have Catholics heard that and then tried to give examples of welcoming activities. Here's what we must learn...

When you walk into most Catholic Churches, the atmosphere is quiet and if one looks around, he probably won't see laughing and back slapping conversations. So, the perception very well could be that Catholics aren't friendly.

In the first place, **Catholics go to church to pray, not for socialization and entertainment.** Catholics view the building they walk into for mass differently. There should be greeters/ushers/hospitality people to help you. They're the ones near the doors with smiles on their faces and outstretched hands. When a Catholic enters, he/she dips his/her fingers in holy water and blesses himself/herself. Hence, he/she immediately has been placed in an atmosphere of sacredness. The holy water reminds him/her that he/she was baptized as a child of God. With that in mind and having **faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist** before he/she enters his/her pew the Catholic will genuflect towards the **tabernacle where the consecrated body of Christ is preserved.** So, the honor and the reverence given to that space is not because we don't know how to have a good time – it's because of who already resides in that space: Jesus our savior.

Secondly, most Catholics arrive a bit early Before Mass and spend time in reflection, prayer, and preparing our hearts to participate in mass. There's not a lot of talking or interaction even amongst spouses and friends. Often people are on their knees praying and meditating. **They are talking to God not each other. Holy Mass is the worship service for Catholics. It is not the time for discussion.**

When Mass is finished, Catholics should kneel down and pray in thanksgiving. Others should know that the atmosphere is prayerful and not to disturb people in prayer. Remember we aren't looking to be entertained or catch up with a friend – we do that outside of mass once we've left Christ's sacred space.

The perception that **Catholic churches aren't friendly often stems from the quiet, reverent atmosphere during Holy Mass,** where focus is on prayer, not socializing, leading to an unintentional "unfriendly" vibe, though Catholics are generally welcoming people who often connect at parish events like coffee hours or through ministries outside of service. Catholics have parish activities where there's plenty of welcoming and fun things going on. There are plenty of smiling faces outside. Outside of Mass, you'll find Catholics to be some of the friendliest and kindest people you will meet. **It's okay to be Catholic.**

*"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)*

1/24/2026	5:00 pm Mass	1/25/2026	10:00 am Mass
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Hall	<b>Readers</b>	Carmie O' Connor
<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 Cindy Hamrick	<b>Cup Ministers</b>	Mandy Bowen Sam DeMarco
<b>Host Minister</b>	Mickey Arco	<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 27 Frankie Bowen  
Audrey Fleece  
Mary Ellen Knotts
- Jan 30 Matt Fleece  
Jacob Kellar



**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Collection  
**\$2,333.00**

Faith in Our Future  
**\$553.00**

Special Collection  
**\$000.00**

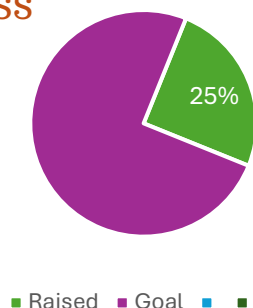
Weekend Attendance  
**114**

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.

**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL PROGRESS**



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



■ Raised ■ Goal ■

## A Friendly Guide to attend Catholic Holy Mass

Before Mass, prepare by arriving early for quiet prayer, examining your conscience, and offering intentions; During Mass, participate actively through scripture, the Eucharist, and hymns, focusing on adoration, thanksgiving, atonement, and petition; and After Mass, they give thanks, reflect on the experience, and sometimes offer specific prayers for indulgences or personal devotion before quietly leaving.

### Before Mass: Preparation

- **Arrive Early:** Aim to get there a few minutes before it starts for quiet reflection, as recommended by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM).
- **Set Intentions:** Pray for guidance, ask for help with worries, offer your day's activities, and pray for the priest and congregation.
- **Spiritual Preparation:** Use this time for personal prayer, reciting familiar prayers, or focusing on the "four ends of the Mass" (adoration, thanksgiving, atonement, petition).

### During Mass: Participation

- **Introductory Rites:** Sign yourself with the cross, greet the priest, and participate in the Penitential Act.
- **Liturgy of the Word:** Listen attentively to the readings, respond to the psalms, and reflect on the homily.
- **Liturgy of the Eucharist:**
  - **Preparation:** Offer the gifts of bread, wine, and your own intentions to God.
  - **Eucharistic Prayer:** Pray along, especially during the Consecration when the bells ring, focusing on Jesus' presence.
  - **Communion:** Pray for readiness (like the Act of Contrition) and offer personal prayers like "My Lord and My God" or "Anima Christi".

### After Mass: Thanksgiving

- **Stay for Silence:** Remain for a few minutes after the recessional to give thanks and praise God in silence.
- **Personal Prayer:** Offer prayers of thanksgiving, ask for grace, or say prayers like the "En ego, o bone et dulcissime Jesu"-"Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus" is a traditional Catholic prayer known as the **Prayer Before a Crucifix** (often associated with indulgences).
- **Reflect:** Take time to internalize the Mass's message and carry it into your day, strengthening your spiritual life.

## Holy Mass Etiquette

BEST PRACTICES WHEN ATTENDING THE HOLY MASS

 <p><b>FAST</b> One-hour fast from food &amp; drink before receiving Holy Communion, with exceptions for water and medicine.</p>	 <p><b>COME EARLY</b> Arrive 10-15 minutes before Holy Mass to have time for quiet meditation before the service begins.</p>	 <p><b>DRESS PROPERLY</b> Dressing respectfully for Holy Mass is a way to show reverence for the Eucharist, the Church and the community gathered for worship.</p>	 <p><b>ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE</b> SING, RESPOND, LISTEN, MEDITATE and PRAY with DEVOTION together with the faithful.</p>
 <p><b>PHONES OFF</b> Turn off mobile phones or silence them to avoid distraction during the Holy Mass.</p>	 <p><b>GENUFLECT</b> Kneel your right knee in the direction of the tabernacle before sitting with deep reverence.</p>	 <p><b>JOYFUL PARTICIPATION</b> Biblical and liturgical tradition does not require a perfect voice; it calls for a "joyful noise". Your participation is about reverence, not performance. Participate fully through the last recessional hymn.</p>	 <p><b>FULL, CONSCIOUS, &amp; ACTIVE PARTICIPATION</b> <i>INTERNAL ACTION:</i> Most importantly, it is the interior engagement of the soul—uniting your own life, sacrifices, and prayers to the sacrifice of Christ on the altar. <i>EXTERNAL ACTION:</i> Joining in acclamations, responses, hymns, and standardized postures like kneeling or standing.</p>
 <p><b>COMMUNE</b> Examine your conscience and read the readings beforehand, carefully preparing for receiving Christ in the Eucharist in a state of grace.</p>	 <p><b>THINK OF OTHERS</b> Respect pew and queue, showing courtesy kindness and consideration to fellow faithfuls nearby in silence peacefully.</p>	 <p><b>BE STILL</b> Don't be in a hurry. Enjoy and feel God's presence and thank Him for his graces. Wait for the final blessing and recessional hymn.</p>	



# St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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



January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (2<sup>nd</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

### 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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