

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: Jan 26th No Mass
Tuesday: Jan 27th 6:00pm + Frank Rose by Mandy Bowen
Wednesday: Jan 28th 6:00pm + Sims & Naccarato families by Mary Sims
Thursday: Jan 29th 6:00pm + Kathryn DeMary by Cecilia Petitto
Friday: Jan 30th 6:00pm + Caleb Sterling by Jan & Ken Kenlon
Saturday: Jan 31st 5:00pm + Bobby Hamrick by Cindy Hamrick
Sunday: Feb 1st 10:00am + Ron Gonzales by Chris, Anita, & Matthew Ballard
 UHC 12:00pm + Frank Tate Jr. by Bonnie Tate

1/31/2026	5:00 pm Mass	2/1/2026	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Robbie Spadafore	Readers	Sam DeMarco
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Sandy McDonnell Robbie Spadafore	Cup Ministers	Mary Ann Spadafore Sam DeMarco
Host Minister	Jim Spadafore	Host Minister	Steven Bee
Ushers	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie De Marco John DeMarco

Upcoming Birthdays

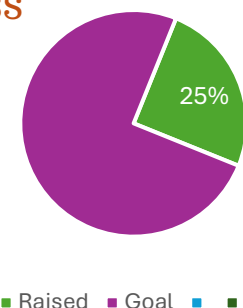
Jan 27 Frankie Bowen
Audrey Fleece
Mary Ellen Knotts

 Jan 30 Matt Fleece
Jacob Kellar



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL PROGRESS

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



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.

Jan 18th

Regular Collection
 \$2,141.35

Faith in Our Future
 \$463.25

Special Collection
 Church In the Developing World
 \$243.00

Weekend Attendance
 133

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 10-11.00 Am and 3-4.00 Pm.** 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!

Become More Actively Engaged! A Journey Through the Holy Mass

I would like to take you on a quick journey through the various parts of the Mass. In doing so, I hope to unveil some of the meanings that too often remain unknown and hidden, and instruct you about ways you can become more actively engaged throughout the Mass.



Introductory Rites

These essentially consist of the entrance procession and song, a greeting, the Sign of the Cross, the penitential act, the Gloria, and an opening prayer.

Entrance: After the people are assembled the entrance song begins. Like every single part of the Mass, the opening song and procession have intended meaning. This song opens the celebration. It is designed to bind us together as a community, to intensify our unity. The song should also be carefully selected to lead our thoughts to the mystery of the particular feast or season.

Engage: Make an effort to sing. You may not enjoy singing, or you may be unable to sing. In that case, follow the words of the song in your hymnal, reflecting on how they challenge or comfort you.

Penitential Act: This is the moment when we acknowledge that some of our thoughts, words, and actions have not helped us become the-best-version-of-ourselves, have prevented other people from being all God created them to be, and ultimately have created an obstacle between us and the infinite love of God.

Engage: Identify a specific thought, word, or action that created an obstacle between you and God this week and ask forgiveness.

Gloria: *Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will . . .* The Gloria is an ancient hymn that praises God. Our earthly relationships have become very transactional. We tend to speak to people only when we want something or if they have done something wrong. This transactional mentality has overflowed into our spiritual lives, and as a result the practice of praising God has fallen largely into disuse.

Engage: Set yourself and your life aside for a moment, and praise God for something specific. Praise God for his goodness. Praise God for creation. Praise God for his wisdom.

Opening Prayer: This is one of my favorite parts of the Mass. I find the opening prayers to be ever fresh and phenomenally profound. They also provide a prelude to what we are about to hear and experience. The opening prayer is designed to place us in the presence of God and focus our hearts and minds.

Engage: Get yourself a *missal/Missalette/worship aid* and begin to follow the prayers of the Mass.

"How happy is that guardian angel who accompanies a soul to Holy Mass!" (St. John Marie Vianney)

Liturgy of the Word

This essentially consists of the Scripture readings, homily, profession of faith, and the general intercessions.

Scripture Readings : The readings that make up the Liturgy of the Word for Sunday Mass include an Old Testament reading, a responsorial Psalm, a New Testament reading, and a Gospel reading. The readings are not randomly selected; they are related to each other in some way and belong to a flow that moves us from the readings last week to the readings next week.

Engage: Take time during the week to read over and reflect upon next Sunday's readings. Find the readings in your Bible and underline them. Over time this will give you a sense of the parts of the Bible you have experienced.

Homily : The average homily lasts approximately seven minutes and for many people this is the only exposure they have to religious education all week. This is the priest's moment to speak to the community and a singular opportunity to nurture Christian life. The challenge the priest faces is to develop some point from the readings and transform it into a powerful teaching moment. Jesus always met people where they were, and from there he led them to a better life. The homily is the priest's opportunity to convince people that Jesus has answers to the issues and questions they are struggling with, and that the life Jesus invites us to is simply the best way to live.

Engage: As a lay participant in the Mass the homily is largely outside of your control. But often God uses a single phrase to speak to us. Listen. Stay open to what God might be trying to speak to you.

Profession of Faith : This is where we proclaim our faith as individuals and as a community. If you really reflect on the Creed I suspect you will have questions or doubts almost every time you say it. Those doubts and questions are invitations to explore and study our faith more, but also to place our trust in God and his Church. Together we have a complete faith.

Engage: Whatever you have questions or doubts about in the Creed, begin to explore them vigorously, one at a time. Examine why the Church teaches what she teaches in each instance and allow your questions and doubts to strengthen your faith rather than diminish it.

General Intercessions : The Mass is the most powerful prayer in human His-tory. At every moment of every day, a Mass is taking place somewhere, and we (the Catholic Church) are praying for the entire human family. At this point of the Mass we offer specific intentions to God as a community. These usually include a prayer for the Church, a prayer for world leaders, prayers for those who are oppressed and those in need, prayer for the local community, and others.

Engage: Consider whom and what you are praying for. Immerse yourself for a moment in that person's need, responsibilities, or pain.

To be Continued...

"Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible." -St. Peter Julian Eymard



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January 25th, 2026 (3rd 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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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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