

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:** Feb 16 **No Mass**
- Tuesday:** Feb 17 6:00 pm + Catherine Matish by Jim & Peggy Matish
- Ash Feb 18 12:00 pm** + Nick Fleece by Pat Post & family
- Wednesday:** 6:00 pm + Fr. Jerimiah Davern by St. Ann Parish
- Thursday:** Feb 19 6:00 pm + Frank & Mary Matish by Anita Ballard
- Friday:** Feb 20 6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
- Saturday:** Feb 21 5:00 pm + Mary Tate by Nancy Tate
- Sunday:** Feb 22 10:00 am + Kathryn DeMary by Monica Beto-Gorrell
- UHC** 12:00 pm + Lisa D. Tate by Bonnie Tate



Pray for our Shut-ins

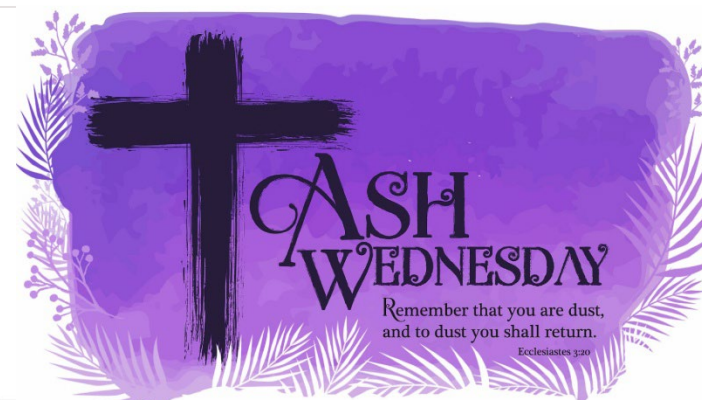
Genny Griffin
 Ursula Koreski
 Saundra Knight
 Gertrude Senchina

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 hour that still need an adorer for Tuesday is 10-11.00 Am.** 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!



ASH WEDNESDAY
 LENT BEGINS

WHAT IS LENT? The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by prayer, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.



WHAT IS FASTING?

One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday Good Friday

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from ages < 18 to 59 >



The sick and expectant mothers are excused from fasting.

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for everyone

↑ older than 14 years old

2/21/2026	5:00 pm Mass	2/22/2026	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Nancy Hall	Readers	Carmie O'Connor
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Jim Spadafore Cindy Hamrick	Cup Ministers	Mary Ann Spadafore Sam DeMarco
Host Minister	Mickey Arco	Host Minister	Steven Bee
Ushers	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie Demarco John DeMarco

Upcoming Birthdays

- Feb 18 Nancy Hall
- Feb 19 Chrissy Knotts- Gladwin
Ramona Davoli
Betty Tate
- Feb 22 Fred Salentro III
Katrina Wilson



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL-2026 PROGRESS

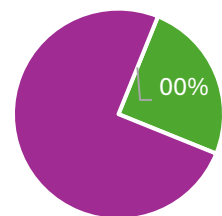


Coming Soon

Raised: \$ 0,000

Goal: \$ 00,00

Gifts: 00



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Feb 8th

Regular Collection
\$2,719.00

Faith in Our Future
\$564.00

Special Collection
\$331.00

Weekend Attendance
135

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday marks the official start of the Lenten season for Catholics, a 40-day period of prayer, penance, and fasting leading up to Easter.

Significance and Symbolism

The Ashes: The ashes used are typically made by burning the blessed palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday. They serve as a *memento mori* (a reminder of death) and an outward sign of interior repentance.

The Phrases: When receiving ashes, the minister usually says one of two refrains:

- o "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (emphasizing mortality).
- o "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (emphasizing conversion).

Catholic Rules for the Day

Fasting (Ages 18-59): Catholics are required to fast.

Abstinence (Ages 14+): Ash Wednesday is a day of universal abstinence from meat (mammals and fowl).

Mass Attendance: Although it is one of the most attended days of the year, **Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Three Pillars of Lent

Ash Wednesday initiates the three primary Lenten disciplines:

Prayer: Deepening one's relationship with God.

Fasting: Practicing self-denial to focus on spiritual hunger.

Almsgiving: Showing charity to those in need.

Who Can Receive

Anyone who approaches the Priest with a spirit of repentance can receive ashes, including non-Catholic Christians, the unbaptized, and even non-Christians because they are a "sacramental" and not a "sacrament".



"...you are dust"
 "Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7)

The Six Precepts (Commandments) of the Church-Part-II

There are **Six main Commandments** of the Church. They are (CCC #2041-43; BC #389)

- 1) You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation.
- 2) You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
- 3) You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- 4) You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
- 5) You shall contribute to the support of the Church and its pastors
- 6) You shall observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.

The Church insists that Catholics should not marry within certain degrees of kindred, nor to solemnize marriage at the forbidden times. When we consider these six principal commands of the Church in particular, we shall see that the duties prescribed by them are duties which God himself expressly demands from us, and that the only part the Church has in them, is to determine the particular time, place, or manner in which we ought to practice them, lest, if left to ourselves, we should neglect them entirely.

The Fifth Precept: Contribute to the support of the Church and Pastors

This Commandment obliges Christians to contribute to the support of their pastors and to bear their share in the expenses of the Church and school (BC # 402). The pastor and his assistants dedicate their whole time and labor to the spiritual good of the souls in their charge. It is our duty to contribute to the support of religion according to our means, so that God may be duly honored and worshipped, and the kingdom of His Church extended. By the commandment to contribute to the support of the Church is meant that each of us is obliged to bear his fair share of the financial burden of the Holy See, of the diocese, and of the parish.

“So also the Lord directed that those who preach the gospel should have their living from the gospel.” (I Corinthians 9:14). According to St. Paul, it is an express command of God, and a law of Jesus Christ, under the gospel, that the pastors of his church should be maintained in their bodily necessities by their flock. "know ye not," says he, "that they who work in the holy place, eat the things of the holy places, and they that serve the altar, partake with the altar? So also, hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the gospel, should live by the gospel," 1 Cor. ix. 13.

The sixth precept: Observe the laws of the Church concerning Marriage

The ordinary law of the Church to be observed at the wedding of a Catholic is this: **A Catholic can contract a true marriage only in the presence of an authorized priest and two witnesses. The Church forbids Catholics to contract marriage with any relative closer than a second cousin.**

The Church discourages mixed marriages of Catholics with non-Catholics because mixed marriages often bring about family discord, loss of faith on the part of the Catholic, and neglect of the religious training of the children in Catholic faith.

Special permission from the diocese, called a dispensation, is required for mixed marriages and marriage between close relatives.

The times in which it is forbidden to marry with solemnity without special permission are from the First Sunday of Advent till after Christmas Day, and from Ash Wednesday till after Easter Sunday. However, the Church allows Catholics to marry during Lent and Advent, though they should do so without much festivity. A Nuptial Mass is now allowed during these seasons. A Nuptial Mass is a Mass which has special prayers to beg God's blessing on the married couple. (L-13)



St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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



February 15th, 2026 (6th 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 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

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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