

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

Mar 16	Monday:	No Mass
Mar 17	Tuesday: 6:00 pm	+ Buzzy Book
Mar 18	Wednesday: 6:00 pm	+ Betty Felosa <i>by Cindy Hamrick</i>
Mar 19	Thursday: 6:00 pm	+ Bobby Hamrick <i>by Cindy Hamrick</i>
Mar 20	Friday: 6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Mar 21	Saturday: 5:00 pm	Family of Max Mastromichalis <i>by Chris & Anita Ballard</i>
Mar 22	Sunday: 10:00 am	+ Ron Gonzales <i>by Chris, Anita, & Matthew Ballard</i>
	UHC 12:00 pm	+ Wendt family <i>by Nancy Hall</i>

3/21/2026	5:00 pm Mass	3/22/2026	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Nancy Hall	Readers	Mary Ann Spadafore
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Jim Spadafore Cindy Hamrick	Cup Ministers	Steven Bee Sam DeMarco
Host Minister	Mickey Arco	Host Minister	Mary Ann Spadafore
Ushers	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie Demarco John DeMarco

Upcoming Birthdays

- March 15- Kavin Richardson
- March 17- John Greco
- March 19- George Patrick
Chad Riley
- March 20- Frank DeMarco
Kylea Radcliff
- March 22- Tiffany DeMarco
Whitney Riley



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026

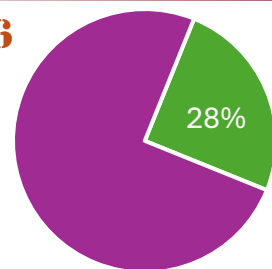


PROGRESS

Goal: \$ 4,800

Raised: \$ 1,350

Gifts: 02



■ Raised ■ Goal ■



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.

March 8th

Regular Collection

\$ 3,251.00

Faith in Our Future

\$484.00

Diocesan Collection

\$260.00

Weekend Attendance

153

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 hour that still needs an adorer for Tuesday is 11pm-12.00 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!

Upcoming Events

March 18th Wednesday; Lenten Service at United Methodist Church; @ 12.00pm

March 20th Friday; Stations of the Cross & Lenten Dinner, @ 6.00 pm

March 26th Friday; Lenten Penance Service at St. Ann @ 6.00 pm

March 27th Friday; Easter Bake Sale @ 9.00am -1.00pm

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Dinner, @ 6.00 pm

March 28th Saturday; Breakfast @ 8 am -11 am

Easter Bake Sale @ 8.00am -1.00pm

March 29th Sunday; Palm Sunday Mass @ 10.00am & UHC Mass @ 12.00pm

April 2nd Holy Thursday; Mass & Washing of the Feet @ 6.00pm

Common Adoration @ 6.00 to 7.00pm

April 3rd Good Friday; Good Friday Service (*The Passion of Our Lord*) @ 6.00pm

April 5th Easter Sunday; Easter Vigil @ 8.00pm (Saturday)

Easter Sunday Mass @ 10.am & UHC Mass @ 12.00pm



— THE SEASON OF —
LENT

Safe Environment

****SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE****

All those who were part of the large Safe Environment training in our church hall in March of 2023, now need to update their background check which is required to be done every 3 years. It literally takes 5 minutes to do. Log into www.virtusonline.org, go to background check at top of page and update there.

The Diocese does a yearly audit to make sure everyone is in compliance and that is coming up in two weeks, so it is important for you to update your background check within this next week.

If you have questions or need help, contact Anita Ballard at Akballard52@outlook.com or 304-592-1801 and leave a message and I will get back to you.

New Opportunity

If anyone is interested in joining in the St. Ann's choir, as a cantor or, pianist or to play any kind of musical instruments for the liturgical celebrations, please contact Colleen Driscoll.

OLPH Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner

Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Stonewood will be having a carry-out only Spaghetti dinner on **Sunday March 22nd from 11am-4:00pm.** Adult meals are **\$12.00** and **\$9.00** for children. Meatballs and sauce will also be available for purchase. **½ dozen meatballs w/sauce for \$12.00.**

"Lent is a time for us to empty ourselves of worldly distractions and allow God to fill us with His love, His grace, and His peace." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)



Fourth Sunday of Lent

LAETARE SUNDAY
REJOICE!
EASTER IS NEAR

Why is the Fourth Sunday of Lent called Laetare Sunday?

- ❖ The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass, "*Laetare Jerusalem*" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".
- ❖ The fourth Sunday marks the half-way point of the Lenten season, even though the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the actual middle day of Lent.
- ❖ Signs of joy are allowed on this day, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- ❖ Symbolizing joy, **rose-colored Mass vestments** may be worn instead of purple, to indicate the contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays of Lent. According to the Roman Missal, instrumental music is permitted and the altar may be decorated with flowers.
- ❖ The tradition of using the color rose is thought to come from the tradition of the Golden Rose; at one time popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this Sunday.
- ❖ The Fourth Sunday of Lent was once called Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, for the miracle of the boy with loaves and fishes in the Gospel of John.
- ❖ The Fourth Sunday of Lent was also previously observed as Mothering Sunday, in reference to Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, where the faithful are called "sons and daughters of God". **Families visited the church where they were baptized, or made offerings to the cathedral, or mother-church, on this Sunday.**

How can we observe Laetare Sunday in our home ?

- ✚ Surprise someone with a rose or have roses on the dinner table.
- ✚ Plant a rose bush at home or for a friend.
- ✚ Share stories of where family members were baptized; take a drive to "Your mother church".
- ✚ Go to Mass at your Parish Church.



St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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



March 15th, 2026 (4th Sunday of Lent)



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



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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"Lent is a time of grace, a time for conversion, a time to come home to God." — St. Maximilian Kolbe