

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 23 Monday: **No Mass**
- Mar 24 Tuesday: 6:00 pm + Fr. Karl Wohinc *by St. Ann Parish*
- Mar 25 Wednesday: 7:00 pm **(No Mass) Penance Service @ St. James**
- Mar 26 Thursday: 6:00 pm **(No Mass) Penance Service @ St. Ann**
- Mar 27 Friday: 6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
- Mar 28 Saturday: 5:00 pm + Lou Aragona II *by Francie Wagner*
- Mar 29 Sunday: 10:00 am + Mary Matish *by Jim & Peggy Matish*
- UHC 12:00 pm + Gaetano Cerullo *by Anita Ballard*



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 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 at St. Ann

- March 26th Thursday; 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) @ 5.00pm
- April 5th Easter Sunday; Easter Vigil @ 8.00pm (Saturday)
 Easter Sunday Mass @ 10.am & UHC Mass @ 12.00pm



THE SEASON OF
LENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation: A Short Guide !

"Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive". (Pope Francis)

What is Reconciliation?

Reconciliation (officially called the Sacrament of Penance, also known as Confession) is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer us forgiveness for the times we have sinned and turned away from God. At the same time, we are reconciled with the Church because it is also wounded by our sins.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and the Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

The Forgiveness of Sins involves Four Parts.

- **Contrition:** A sincere sorrow for having offended God, and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.
- **Confession:** Confronting our sins in a profound way to God by, speaking them to the Priest.
- **Penance:** An important part of our healing is the penance the priest gives us in reparation for our sins.
- **Absolution:** The priest speaks the words by which we are reconciled to God and are absolved from our sins.

Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy. (St. Isidore of Seville)

What Others See !



What Catholics See !



3/28/2026	5:00 pm Mass	3/29/2026	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Robbie Spadafore	Readers	Mandy Bowen
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Sandy McDonnell Cindy Hamrick	Cup Ministers	Steven Bee Sam DeMarco
Host Minister	Jim Spadafore	Host Minister	Mary Ann Spadafore
Ushers	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie Demarco John DeMarco

Upcoming Birthdays

- March 23 Kristen Bell
- Patsy Felosa
- Jan Kenlon



March 15th

Regular Collection
\$ 3,177.00

Faith in Our Future
\$ 813.00

Diocesan Collection

Weekend Attendance
155

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.

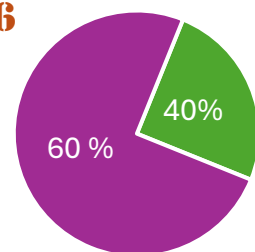
CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026

PROGRESS

Goal: \$ 4,800

Raised: \$ 1,930

Gifts: 4



■ Raised ■ Goal ■



How to Prepare for Reconciliation !

We should begin with **prayer**, placing ourselves in the presence of our loving God.

We then review our lives since our last confession, searching our thoughts, words and actions for that which did not conform to God's command to love God and one another. This is called an **examination of conscience**. Some guided questions which may assist are below, based on the Ten Commandments.

Following the examination of conscience, tell God how truly sorry you are for your sins, and make a firm resolution not to sin again.

Examination of Conscience

My Relationship with God !

- Have I taken steps to help me grow closer to God?
- Have I made myself present to God at Mass and in my daily activities?
- Is there a place in my life for prayer and for getting to know Jesus by reading the Good News in the Bible?
- Do I turn to God, Mary, and the Saints with love and reverence?

Myself !

- Have I shown love and respect for myself as God's good creation?

My Relationship with Family, Friends, and Neighbors !

- Have I set a good example through my words or actions? Do I treat others fairly? Do I speak of others with kindness and generosity? Am I judgmental or compassionate?
- Do I show love, respect, and fidelity to those I love? How have I reached out to those around me - my family, neighbors, friends, the poor and the marginalized?
- Do I insist in getting my own way or am I open to listening to and working with others, even those who do not think like me? Do I see they have equal dignity to me?
- How have I uplifted others and affirmed they are God's good creation?
- Is there room for forgiveness, repentance, and reconciliation in my life?
- Do I show care and respect for all of creation including animals, their habitats, and the ecosystems of our world? What can I do to promote sustainable living?
- Have I taken or damaged anything that did not belong to me? Envious of someone else? Cheated or lied?
- Do I promote and support life in all its stages?

Rite of Reconciliation – What to do !

1. Priest gives a blessing or **greeting**.
2. Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say "Bless me father, for I have sinned.
My last confession was..." (*Give weeks, months, years*).
3. **Confess** all your sins to the priest. (*If you are unsure or uneasy, the priest will guide you.*)
4. The priest assigns a **penance** and offers advice to help you be a better Catholic.
5. Say an **Act of Contrition**, expressing your sorrow for your sins.
6. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then **absolves you from your sins**.

After the Sacrament of Reconciliation !

Rejoice! You have received the forgiveness of Christ! What should you do when you leave? Remember the words you recited in the **Act of Contrition** to do your best, with God's help, to not sin again.

Before you leave the confessional, the priest will give you your penance, which may consist of prayer, an offering, works of mercy or sacrifices. The goal of our life's journey is to grow closer to God. We can do this through prayer, spiritual reading, fasting and the reception of the Sacraments.

"To do penance is to bewail the evil we have done, and to do no evil to bewail." (St. Gregory the Great)



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March 22nd, 2026 (5th 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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09 Am- 02 Pm

Closed on Monday

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Adoration Chapel is open on;
Sunday, Wednesday, & Friday
6am to midnight.

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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
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