

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 9 **Monday:** **No Mass**
- Mar 10 **Tuesday:** 6:00 pm + Janice Brennan *by Ted Brennan*
- Mar 11 **Wednesday:** 6:00 pm + Anthony & Mary Secreto *by John & Tammy Greco*
- Mar 12 **Thursday:** 6:00 pm + David Costelac *by mom, dad, & brother Bobby*
- Mar 13 **Friday:** **6:00 pm Stations of the Cross**
- Mar 14 **Saturday:** 5:00 pm + Lou Belcastro *by Tina, David, & April Hanna*
- Mar 15 **Sunday:** 10:00 am + Ron Gonzales *by Chris, Anita, & Matthew Ballard*
- UHC** 12:00 pm + Fr. Karl Wohinc *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 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 13th Friday; Stations of the Cross & Lenten Dinner, @ 6.00 pm

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

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

March 27th Friday; 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



3/14/2026	5:00 pm Mass	3/15/2026	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Jimmy Gemondo	Readers	Mary Ann Spadafore
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Frank DeMarco Sandy McDonnell	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 10 Austin Benson
Shane Bowen
- March 11 Bill Benson
- March 12 Addison Riley
- March 13 James Loretta



March 1st

Regular Collection

\$ 4,207.00

Faith in Our Future

\$864.00

Diocesan Collection

Weekend Attendance

155

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026

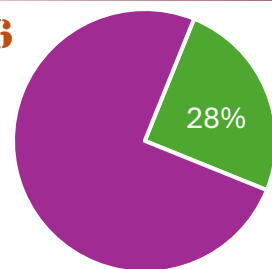


PROGRESS

Goal: \$ 4,800

Raised: \$ 1,350

Gifts: 02



■ Raised ■ Goal ■

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.**

"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring." (St. Catherine of Siena)

Fact of Faith; *WHY IS LENT FORTY DAYS ?*

The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.

The forty-day period of Jesus' trial in the desert echoes a number of events in the Old Testament:

- ❖ The face of the earth was cleansed and purified during the promised period of days and nights that rain poured down during the great flood—"I will bring rain down on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and so I will wipe out from the surface of the earth every moving creature that I have made" (*Gen 7:4*).
- ❖ The face of the earth was renewed during a forty-day period after the mountain tops appeared and the waters of the great flood receded—"The tops of the mountains appeared. At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch of the ark that he had made" (*Gen 8:5-6*).
- ❖ Moses spent forty years as a shepherd in the desert before God called him to lead the Israelites out of slavery—"Moses fled when he heard this and settled as an alien in the land of Midian . . . Forty years later, an angel appeared to him in the desert near Mount Sinai in the flame of a burning bush" (*Acts 7: 29-30*).
- ❖ Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai before receiving the tablets of the covenant—"So Moses stayed there with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments" (*Ex 34:28*).
- ❖ The Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert, as a time of testing, trial and purification of the people, before reaching the Promised Land—"Now the Israelites had wandered forty years in the desert, until all the warriors among the people that came forth from Egypt died off because they had not obeyed the command of the Lord" (*Jos 5:6; see Num 32:13*).
- ❖ The prophet Elijah spent forty days in the desert before encountering God on Mount Horeb—" [Elijah] got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" (*1 Kgs 19:8*).
- ❖ The Ninevites were given forty days before God was going to destroy the city, allowing time for repentance and conversion—"Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,' when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth" (*Jon 3:4-5*).

From USCCB

"Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving." — St. Augustine



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March 8th, 2026 (3rd 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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