

**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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

**MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS**

- April 6 **Monday:** **No Mass**
- April 7 **Tuesday:** 6:00 pm + Rose Luka by Jim & Peggy Matish
- April 8 **Wednesday:** 6:00 pm + James & Joyce Belcastro by John & Tammy Greco
- April 9 **Thursday:** 6:00 pm + Fortney family by Cheech Fortney
- April 10 **Friday:** 6:00 pm + Irene Becker by Paul & Colleen Driscoll
- April 11 **Saturday:** 5:00 pm + Phyllis Rife- Thompson by Gloria Hawkins
- April 12 **Sunday:** 10:00 am + Kathryn DeMary by Walt Post family
- UHC** 12:00 pm + Buzzy Book



**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 29<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Collection

**\$ 3,506.00**

Faith in Our Future

**\$653.00**

Special Collection  
 Palm Sunday

**\$734.00**

Weekend Attendance

**182**

**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**

- April 8<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday;** 6.30 pm **Men's Group Meeting**
- April 11<sup>th</sup> **Saturday;** 6.00 pm **Parish Evangelization team Meeting**
- April 12<sup>th</sup> **Sunday;** 11.30 am **Spring Pasta Dinner**

**Scholarship-2026 For Students**

St. Ann's Men's Group is offering a new Scholarship Program, for,

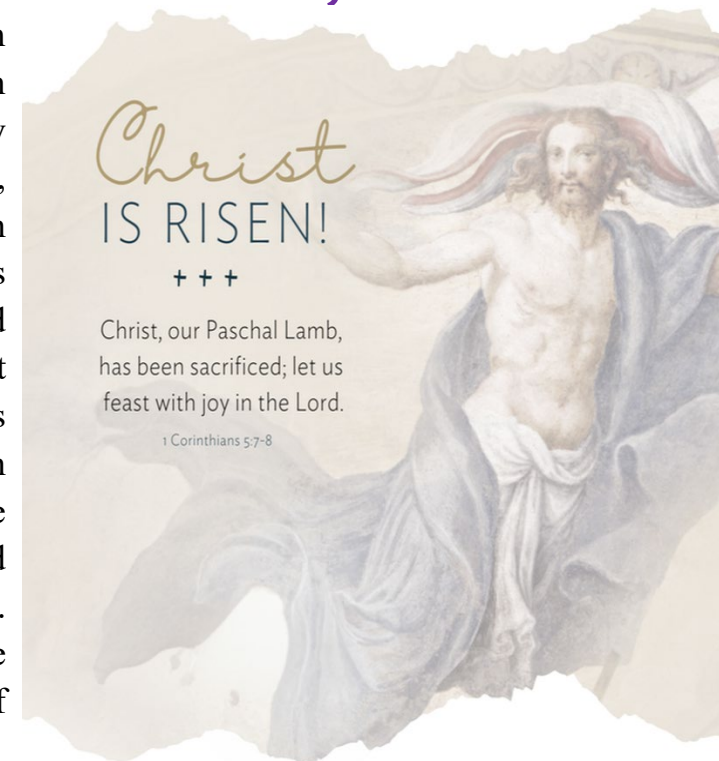
**The High School Senior or currently enrolled as a post-secondary student.**

The applicant must be a Registered parishioner of St. Ann Catholic Church or a dependent or relative of a registered Parishioner. A member in good standing, actively participating in faith, Parish life and service, in any of the local Churches with a recommendation from the Pastor.

**Scholarship Amount \$1,000.00**  
**Application Deadline 4/17/2026**

**Christ is Risen. Risen, Indeed!**

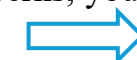
This triumphant faith filled acclamation is an Easter greeting used in many parts of the world, particularly in Eastern Europe. It clearly affirms what is celebrated and remembered at Easter. That the Lord Jesus who was Crucified and died on Calvary LIVES. That the Incarnate God who died and was buried LIVES. He Lives. He Is Risen. This is the foundational confession of our Christian faith.



**Christ is Risen. Risen, Indeed!**

We spend six weeks of Lent getting ready for Easter and then seven weeks of the Easter Season celebrating the mystery of the Risen Christ. It is a joyous celebration. Easter Joy. It is a hope-filled celebration. Easter Hope. It is a life-giving celebration. Easter Life. It begins on Easter Sunday and continues for 50 days as if it is one Sunday. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

May you experience in your life the JOY of Easter. Enough of sadness. Enough of troubles. Enough of illness. Enough of stress. Enough of worries. Let the JOY of the Resurrection mingle with your tears, your concerns, your pain so that in your life you may know Easter JOY.



*"Christ has been raised from the dead... Death no longer has power over him". (Romans 6:9)*

**Upcoming Birthdays**



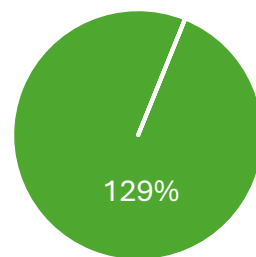
- April 5 Jim Demus  
George Patrick
- April 6 Gabe Kellar
- April 7 Keith Dumas
- April 8 Sandra Gonzales  
Matt Post
- April 11 Sofia Tate

**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026**



**PROGRESS**

Goal: \$ 4,800  
 Raised: \$ 6,185.00  
 Gifts: 15



■ Raised ■ Goal ■

## Christ Is Risen! Risen, Indeed!

May you experience in your life the HOPE of Easter. Enough of despair. Enough of discouragement. Enough of emptiness. Let the HOPE of the Resurrection mingle with your despair, your doubts, your questions so that in your life you may know Easter Hope. The same power that resurrected Jesus from the dead can happen to you and touch your life with Easter Hope and Easter Joy. And, not just at Easter. God is risen every day of the year, not just one day. Every day you can experience Easter Hope and Easter Joy.

The colorful flowers of Easter announce that the earth is awakening from its winter sleep as Christ in the tomb awakened from death to life. Easter eggs remind us that Jesus broke out of the grave with full life as a chick hatches out of the confines of its shell. Easter bunnies remind us of the Easter message of New Life. Rabbits are prolific animals. Christ was given an abundance of new life, both human and divine, at His Resurrection.

These popular symbols, eggs, bunnies, flowers point to the new life we share with Christ as a result of Baptism. The new life He was given at His Resurrection from the dead is poured into us in the waters of Baptism. It is ours for the taking, And, take it we will. We will walk in a "newness of life" as the Church reminds us at the Renewal of our Baptism promises at Easter. We will have hope and joy.

Our faith in the Risen Lord can hold in check the many fears, anxieties, troubles and concerns that we deal with. He has defeated sin and death. The tomb could not hold Him down. The stone was rolled away. Their manifestations in our lives do not have to hold us down. Faith can help to roll them away. Easter is a new beginning for Christ and for us Christians. I pray that its power touches you every day. May you have a Blessed Easter Sunday and a Joy-filled and Hopeful Easter Season.

## Christ Is Risen! Risen, Indeed!

### Blessed Easter Season...

## Welcome New Members

With great joy, we welcome our new family members into the Catholic Faith. Through the Sacraments of initiation, they have entered more fully into the life of Christ and His Church, and we are blessed to have them as part of the St. Ann Parish Community. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen them as they grow in faith, hope, and love. We offer our prayers and support as they continue their journey of discipleship. **Welcome home!**



**Tiffany DeMarco**



**Angela Swiger**



**Brooklyn Swiger**



**Brady Swiger**

Described the Resurrection as the taking away of the "hardest stones" like fear and sin.— Pope Francis



# St. Ann Catholic Church

Shinnston WV 26431

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



## April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday)



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).



### Marriage

Please contact the office  
at least **SIX months** prior  
to the proposed date of  
marriage.

### 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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