



ST. ANN CATHOLIC PARISH

Physical Location: 610 Pike Street, Shinnston, WV 26431
Mailing Address: 43 Mahlon Street, Shinnston, WV 26431

September 26 and September 27, 2020

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Mass Schedule:

Weekday: Tues & Thurs 6:00pm
In the Social Hall
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am



Baptism: Please contact the office to schedule a baptism. Instruction sessions are required with your first child

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment Only
Call 304-592-2733 for the Church Office



Marriages:

Please contact the office at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

To report an incidence 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. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880; Sr. Ellen Dunn, ext 264 or Bryan Minor, ext 263, Mr. Tim Bishop, ext 353, Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Copies of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children are on the bulletin boards in the church vestibule, social hall and office and are available to take.

Offertory and Attendance for September 19 & 20, 2020

To see a history of offertory since reopening has begun, go to the website at www.stannshinnston.com and scroll down to the third page of the bulletin. The data will be archived there for those of you who like to look at the history:

Sept. 19 & 20 Offertory \$1278 Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 44 10am: 52
\$60 Diocesan Collection for Disaster Relief

Ministry Schedule for Oct. 3 and Oct. 4, 2020

10/3/20	5:00pm	10/4/20	10:00am
Reader:	Wesley Benson	Reader:	Mary Sims
Usher:	Joe Sears Helen DeCosta Dave DeCosta	Usher:	Mary C. Fleece Vinnie DeMarco John DeMarco
Cleaner:	Mickey Arco Cindy Hamrick Dave DeCosta	Cleaner:	Cindy Bee Linda Knight Betty Swiger

Mass Intentions:

Saturday	Sept 26	5:00pm	+ For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Sept 27	10:00am	+ Rick Potesta, by Mary Ann Ferris
Monday	Sept 28	No Mass	
Tuesday	Sept 29	6:00pm	+ Stanley Williams
Wednesday	Sept 30	No Mass	
Thursday	Oct. 1	6:00pm	+ Richard Murray
Friday	Oct. 2	No Mass	
Saturday	Oct. 3	5:00pm	+ Jim McDowell, by Pat & Linda Knight
Sunday	Oct. 4	10:00am	+ For the People of the Parish

It Is Time To Let Go

Fall has always been my favorite season. I enjoy the colder weather. One of my favorite things that happens every year in fall is the trees lose their leaves. Do you know why this happens? It's for the survival of the tree. If they didn't lose their leaves in the fall, the weight and burden of the snow on them in the winter would cause them to collapse. So, each autumn, as the temperatures cool down, the trees drop their leaves. Then, in the spring, when the weather warms, they grow new leaves once again.



New Life

There is a lesson here for us. We, you and I, can be burdened by the challenges of life. They can feel heavy, like snow. Our burdens can weigh down upon us. They can even cause us to collapse, to fall. So, this new week, can you and I let go? Can we leave behind, in this church, all the things that are weighing upon us? Can we let go? Today is the Day! Let us start anew. It is time to let go.

Peace, my friends.



This Saturday and Sunday, we have a Diocesan Collection for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church, which takes place the last Sunday in September. This collection is the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. It supports students and helps the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. Please be as generous as possible.

Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 27, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It's a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. The number of priests and ordinations in the U.S. has steadily declined in the past 50 years. Meanwhile, the number of parishes without a resident priest pastor has sharply increased in the same period of time. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before. Let us keep Father Akila and Father Chris in our prayers, especially on this special day!



A Prayer for Our Priests

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.*

*Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.*

*Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen

-US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Also dear Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your continuing patience as we navigate the COVID virus at St. Ann Parish. Currently, we are celebrating Mass on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am, and we have begun celebrating daily Mass every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. After the daily Mass, we need you to sanitize your chair before leaving or fold the chair and lay it on the floor to be sanitized by our maintenance personnel. Please let Pam in the parish office know if you would like to assist with spending a few minutes after Mass to help sanitize. Thank you and May God Continue to bless us at St. Ann's.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "Be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, tolerant of the weak, because someday in your life, you will be all of these." *George Washington Carver*

Don't forget to go to our website www.stannshinnston.com for more information.

Linda Knight is still making homemade face masks. A donation of \$3.00 is asked to go toward the Parish's Poor Box to help our sisters and brothers in need especially during this economic tough times with those unemployed and underemployed. Thank you, Linda for raising monies for the poor box at St. Ann's by producing this very necessary item. To purchase, contact Linda at 304-203-8905. Linda has currently raised over \$300.00 for the poor box at St. Ann's. Thank you so much, Linda.

One-hour video presentations of an overview of the Catholic Faith are available for you to watch by logging onto William A. Anderson, Overview of the Catholic Faith Group, Facebook. This is for anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

The Poor Among Us – During this time, there are a lot of people unemployed, temporarily on hold, and underemployed. Their needs do not go away or lessen during the summer months. The parish gets calls for food, diapers, etc. Any food donation to The Lord's Pantry can be taken either directly to them (304-592-3005 on Thursday mornings 9am to 12 Noon) or dropped off outside the Parish Office door. Any monetary gifts can be taken directly to The Lord's Pantry (Thursday mornings or mail to PO Box 64, Shinnston) or dropped off in the Poor Box located in the church, or the mailbox that has a large locked drawer in front of the Parish Office, like some do for their contributions/envelopes, or mail to the parish (43 Mahlon Street). People still need fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, eggs, meat, etc. that are perishable, and The Lord's Pantry is not able to provide these healthy food items for their tables. These times call us to be creative, to think outside the box. The Lord said: *The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them (Mark 14:7, see also Mt. 26:11 and Jn 12:8).*

Offertory and Attendance since Masses resumed on

May 23 and May 24, 2020

May 23/24	Offertory:	1878.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 22 10am: 21
May 30/31	Offertory:	1913.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 27 10am: 28
June 3		2377.00	Mail Offertory
June 3		1095.00	Mail Offertory
June 4		245.00	Mail Offertory
June 6/7	Offertory:	1733.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 27 10am: 35

June 9		1095.00	Mail Offertory
June 13/14	Offertory:	2321.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 27 10am: 33
June 20/21	Offertory:	1653.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 33 10am: 29
June 27/28	Offertory:	1368.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 22 10am: 35
		9.00	Diocesan Collection – Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa
July 4/5	Offertory:	2913.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 28 10am: 29
July 11/12	Offertory:	1994.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 31 10am: 34
July 18/19	Offertory:	868.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 30 10am: 30
		32.00	Diocesan Collection – Catholic Communications Campaign
July 20		1480.00	Mail Offertory
July 25/26	Offertory:	1693.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 23 10am: 34
Aug 01/02	Offertory:	1898.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 37 10am: 32
Aug 08/09	Offertory:	2684.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 44 10am: 38
Aug 13	Offertory	1405.00	Mail Offertory
Aug 15/16	Offertory	1751.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 44 10am: 25
Aug 22/23	Offertory	2514.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 44 10am: 48
Aug 29/30	Offertory	2356.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 46 10am: 40
Sept 05/06	Offertory	1854.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 49 10am: 38
Sept 12/13	Offertory	1883.00	Weekend Mass Attendance: 5pm: 54 10am: 47
		141.00	Diocesan Collection – Diocesan Scholarship Association
Sept 16	Offertory	1715.00	Mail Offertory
Sept. 19/20	Offertory	1278.00	
		60.00	Diocesan Collection—Disaster Relief