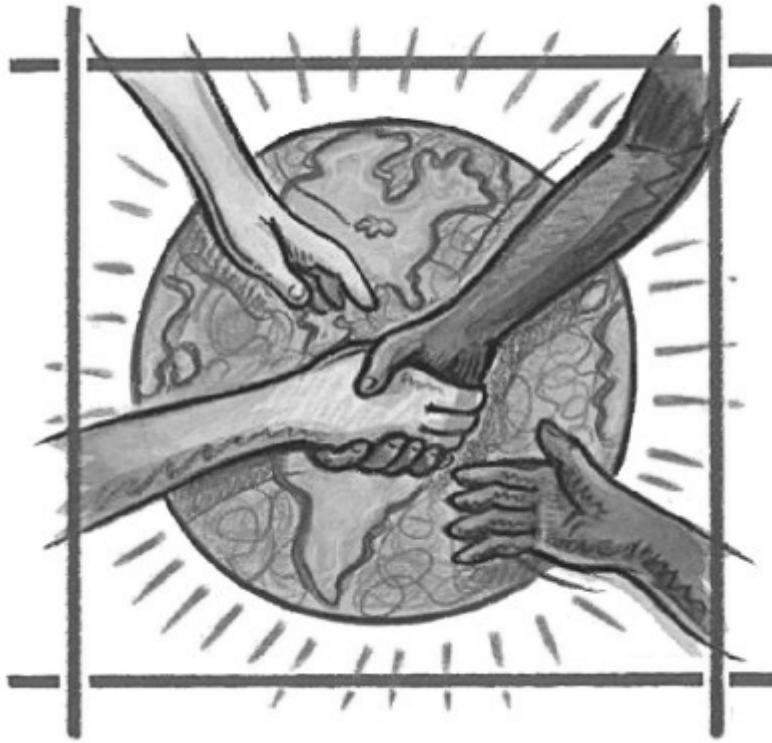


Saint Agnes



St. Agnes is an inclusive Catholic community dedicated to the love of God and service to others. We rejoice in the Gospel, the celebration of the Liturgy, and the Sacraments. We welcome the opportunity to share God's message and to bring all into the life of Christ.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor ~ Rev. T. Mathew Rowgh
Deacon ~ Rev. Mr. Anthony Maciorowski
Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ Brigitte Schmidt
Director of Music ~ Elaine Rendler-McQueeney
Director of Liturgy ~ Rodica Stoicoiu
Parish Secretary ~ Beth Yates
Parish Administrative Assistant ~ Larry Halvey Goodwin
Accounting ~ Lizzie Lowe

Pastoral Council

Betty Gregory ~ Steven Hamilla ~ Jessica Shaffer
Nina Hockman ~ Cathy Halvey Goodwin
Barbara McDonald ~ Tom Ruhf
Julie Wilberding ~ Dan VanBelleghem

Finance Council

Pat Barth ~ Max Derr
Mike Drewes ~ Bob Morrow ~ Sue Kemnitzer
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St. Agnes Chapel

204 South Church Street, Shepherdstown

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9;
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Romans 13:8-10;
the Gospel of Matthew 18:15-20

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8am & 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 12noon

Reconciliation ~ Saturday at 4:30pm

Parish Office ~Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Cash Card Sales ~ After all weekend Masses and weekdays during office hours (please call first)



Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8:00am Mass for the intentions of
Shirley & Ron Burkett



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for the intentions of
Sheila Hennessy

Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Teri Griffith; Donna Eby; Vicki Willman, dear friend of Sydney Yates; Hugh Smith; George Hauter, son of Pat Lewis; Dot Davis; Mary Hart; and Klaus & Regina Opalka, parents of Gabriele Davis. Names are placed in the bulletin for approximately one month and then placed on the sick list near the baptismal font.

Together we pray as a community for all who are listed in the prayer book displayed near the reconciliation chapel in addition to those listed above. Your personal prayer requests may be added to the prayer book at any time.

Do you feel called to serve the community as a liturgical minister (lector, Eucharistic minister or hospitality minister)? Please contact Rodica at liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org.



Youth Mass September 10 at 5pm Ice Cream Social to Follow!



We welcome all youth and their families September 10th at 5:00 pm for Mass. **All are welcome** to join us, and families with children in grades 7 and up are highly encouraged to attend! Don't forget: Youth Mass attendance is mandatory for all Confirmandi students (attendance will be taken).

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Ice Cream reception immediately after Mass. We will gather in the day chapel or outside the church depending on the weather. Thank you, KOC!

Picture Pickup

If you have not received your complimentary photo from your photo session for our new church directory, some have been received in the office. These will be available for pick up after all Masses this weekend. You can also contact the office to arrange pick up at another time.

Upcoming Events at St. Agnes Parish

Sat, Sept 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities • Hospitality Training 10am • Health Screening after all Masses
Sun, Sept 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Grandparents Day! • RCIA 9:15am • Youth Mass 5pm
Mon, Sept 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVdP 7pm
Tues, Sept 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOC 7pm
Wed, Sept 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Serve Homeless Meal 5pm • Finance Council 6:00pm • AA 7pm
Thurs, Sept 14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladies Night Wine & Paint 7pm
Fri, Sept 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Discussion 10:30am
Sun, Sept 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of CFF 9:15am • RCIA 9:15am • Picnic after 10:30am Mass • Campus Mass 6:30pm

Hospitality Workshop!

****Required for all Hospitality Ministers Who Wish to Remain on the Schedule****

If you are interested in becoming a hospitality minister, this workshop is for you, too!

September 9, 10am-12noon

September 10, 12noon-2pm

RSVP to liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This Sunday is National Grandparents Day which gives us the opportunity to recognize all those who lovingly care for their grandchildren. Growing up as the youngest of three children, I remember spending a great deal of time with my paternal grandparents who lived within walking distance of our home. When my two sisters went to school and my parents were at work, each day was filled with a new adventure. With my grandfather I would either be working in the garden or his workshop. In the spring, we would pick dandelions and he would make wine, which I never got to taste. And from time to time, since my grandfather never drove a car, we would take a walk down the road and visit his friends. We would visit Ginger, my favorite milk cow, who continued to provide milk for my family and my grandparents, even though my father sold her to a neighbor. All good memories that remind me of the central role my grandparents had in my life. I am sure that many of you have the same sort of memories around your grandparents. With this prayer, we ask the Lord to bless all grandparents for the goodness they bring into the lives of their grandchildren.

Fr. Mat

RCIA

The weekly *Inquiry* sessions of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* begin this Sunday and will meet each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:15, at our historic chapel (Corner of Washington and Church Streets). This gathering is for those who might want to learn about our Catholic faith and consider becoming a member of our Church. We have four individuals who have expressed an interest in attending. New folks are welcome to join us at any time. *Our mission here at St. Agnes is to welcome others into the life of Christ* and, as a community of faith, to become the presence of Christ in this troubled world.

St. Agnes PARISH PICNIC Sunday, September 17th after the 10:30 Mass

Food, fun, and fellowship with lots of new things!
See the flyer or visit the St. Agnes website
for more details.

If you can help out on the day of the picnic, contact rosanne@mindcross.com or 304.725.2617.

Prayer for Grandparents Day

God, on this day, we remember
Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary,
The grandparents of Jesus Christ,
As we pray for all those called to,
And blessed by,
The vocation of grandparenting.

May all grandparents find joy and meaning
In their relationships with their grandchildren,
Whether they are near or live at a distance.
May grandparents recognize the gifts
They can share with grandchildren,
And embrace the possibilities in their roles
That can bring richness to a child's life,
And delight to their own.

We pray for grandparents
Who are not able to spend time
With their grandchildren
Because of family issues:
May these be resolved,
May relationships be healed,
And bonds be restored.

We also pray for those grandparents
Who must assume the role of parenting
And must take on great burdens
In their later years for the sake of love:
May they find support from many sources
As they nurture another generation.

We pray for all grandchildren
That they may affirm and celebrate
The special and unique gifts
Grandparents can bring to their lives,
And that they may show their gratitude
In respectful attentions and affection.

May the good saints Anne and Joachim
Guide all grandparents so they may be
Wise, and warm, and willing to love abundantly.
Amen.

* Jane Deren, Ph.D.
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Be the Salt and Light

Youth feeding the homeless continues. We will not be meeting to cook this month, but we will serve as usual at our host church, Zion Episcopal, on Wednesday evening, September 13 at 5:30pm. A carpool leaves from the parish hall at 5pm.

Please email Joe Yates, joeyates47@gmail.com, if you would like to be added to his email distribution list for this service activity.

Save the Date

October 22 8am to 2pm
St Agnes Big Tent Event

Keep an eye on the bulletin for
details!



Catechetical Sunday 2017

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017, under the theme of "Living as Missionary Disciples." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Confirmation Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 10 Youth Mass at 5pm
- Sept 17 Confirmation Formation Classes begin 9:15am
Parish Picnic following the 10:30am Mass
- Sept 24 Confirmation Formation Class 9:15am

OCTOBER

- Oct 1 Pancake breakfast for the Hurricane Relief from 8 to 1pm (Service opportunity)
Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m.
Youth Mass – 5 p.m. and Dinner to follow
- Oct 8 Confirmation Formation Class 9:15 a.m. for Students and Parents joint class taught by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.
- Oct 15 Confirmation Formation Class 9:15 a.m. for Students and Parents joint class taught by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.
- Oct 22 Confirmation Formation Class 9:15 a.m. for Students and Parents joint class taught by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.
- Oct 29 Confirmation Formation Class 9:15 a.m. for Students and Parents joint class taught by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.

Mission Trip

St. Agnes Youth are invited to join Shepherdstown Presbyterian in serving those in need:

The Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church has scheduled its annual D.C. youth mission trip for the weekend of February 23-25, 2018. Participants will leave Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 23 and will return around 2:00 pm on Sunday, February 25. We will be staying at The Pilgrimage which is a secure lodging facility in the basement of Church of the Pilgrims. Participants will learn about hunger and homelessness in our nation's capital and will assist in two service activities to help the homeless and underserved populations. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. Cost is \$75 which covers the lodging for two nights. Please contact Kara Rolfe at 410-967-2168 or at kararolfe@frontiernet.net to sign up or if you have questions.

Ladies Wine & Paint Night

Ladies wine and paint night at St. Agnes from 7-9pm on September 14. All are welcome. We will be painting kindness rocks for peace.

Join us for a casual evening and enjoy the company of other women in our parish. We will have the supplies for painting kindness rocks available. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you wish. BYOB. We will supply wine glasses, ice, bottle openers and soda.

A Community Gala

Please join us for Catholic Charities WV Eastern Region's 6th Annual *Cuisine With A Cause Gala*, featuring cuisine from local chefs along with raffle baskets and a live auction. It will be held at Holiday Inn, in Martinsburg, on Monday, September 11th. Doors open for cocktails at 5:30pm. Cocktail Attire. To purchase tickets (\$50 individual, \$90 couple, or \$320 table of 8), please visit www.ccwva.org or call Trina Bartlett at 304 267-8837 x3 for more information or to obtain tickets by cash/check. All proceeds stay locally and help to provide assistance to those in need in our area. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at this event!

Putting An End to Human Trafficking

When you are having your morning coffee, or your child is drinking a cup of cocoa, do you know that slavery could be involved? **GOOGLE** the Fair Trade movement and educate yourself about efforts to ensure that fair prices are paid to those who provide these commodities. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Healthy Bucks:

MORE FRESH FOOD FOR SNAP DOLLARS!

If you receive SNAP benefits, (formerly food stamps), you have the opportunity to get double the amount if you use your card at our local farmers markets for food purchases! Go to the site to learn how it works and which markets are participating:

http://www.wvfreshhealthybucks.com/#_how

Catholic Charities can assist in applying for SNAP benefits. Call 304 267-8837.

Christ the Teacher

Catechetical Stewardship Dinner

Join us as we recognize parish catechists who have reached 5, 10, 25 and 40 years of parish catechetical ministry. The dinners are free to all parish catechists and one guest. The nearest dinner will take place at St James Catholic Church on September 23.

Register for your preferred dinner location at: <http://dwc.org/christ-the-teacher-catechetical-stewardship-dinner/>



Book Discussion

Eileen Dooley at 304-876-3320
dooleywoods@comcast.net

Upcoming Book Discussions

We'll meet on **September 15 at 10:30** to discuss *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard* by Liz Murray. **This is a change in our plans!** This book is the Shepherd U Common Read. Frequently Shepherd schedules guest speakers in conjunction with their Common Read selection so we want to read the book early in the semester. The community is welcome to attend the Shepherd programs offered in conjunction with the Common Read.

October 20 – *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo

November 17 – *Catholic Women Confront Their Church* by Celia Viggio Wexler

Please join us for any or all of these discussions. We meet the 3rd Friday of each month in the Parish Center at 10:30. All are welcome!

The Diocesan Scholarship Association

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, over 30 students from our parishes and Catholic high schools currently receive scholarships to Wheeling Jesuit University through the Diocesan Scholarship Association.

The Diocesan Scholarship Association (DSA) was established in 1961 by Reverend Daniel Kirwin and Archbishop Swint to encourage students from our diocese to attend Wheeling College, now known as Wheeling Jesuit University. Since its inception, the DSA has assisted hundreds of students who chose to attend Wheeling Jesuit University where they received an excellent education at West Virginia's only Catholic institution of higher education.

On the weekend of September 9 and 10, 2017, parishes across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be asking their parishioners to continue to support the Diocesan Scholarship Association so that today's youth might have the opportunity to attend Wheeling Jesuit University.

If you know of a student who would like to apply to the DSA for a scholarship to Wheeling Jesuit University, please contact your parish or any of our seven Catholic high schools or visit <http://www.wvcatholicschools.org/> and click on the Students/Parents tab where you will find Diocesan Scholarship Information.

Message from the Parish Nurses

Lynn Dunlevy, BSN, RN, Faith Community Nurse
Barbara Mueller, RN, Faith Community Nurse

September 2017

HEALTHY LUNCHES HEALTHY SNACKS ~ BACK TO SCHOOL ~

September is back-to-school month! Although school lunches have come a long way in terms of healthful options, some may choose to pack their child's lunch due to limited lunch options, long lines, food allergies, or just picky eaters. No matter if you choose to buy or pack a lunch, nutrient-dense foods should still be at the forefront of your menu. After all, a nutritious lunch will help to fuel your child's growing body and give them the energy they need to focus during the school day.

Visit: www.StAgnesShepherdstown.org for this Parish Health Newsletter and **"Make School Lunches Healthy and Fun"** Click on Parish Health Newsletter

Copies of the Parish Health Newsletter can be found in the narthex of the church.

Please Note: Back issues of the Parish Health Newsletter can be found on the St. Agnes website by opening up Ministries and clicking on Parish Health.

Healing Through Grief Retreat

Day Retreat at Bon Secours in Marriottsville, MD

September 16 @ 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

\$60 – carpool available, contact Dan VanBelleghem

"Grief can be the garden of compassion. If you keep your heart open through everything, your pain can become your greatest ally in your life's search for love and wisdom." ~Rumi

The concept of grieving the loss of a loved one as a journey allows human beings to understand the healing process in stages, with accompanying tasks, and with needs that are both universal and unique. Yet, there are many faces to grief and innumerable ways of expressing it.

Because this group retreat focuses on naming these rites of passage as a viable access to healing, participants will be engaged in prayer, meditation and dialogue throughout the day while also having time for solitude and personal exploration. A variety of exercises and resources will be offered to empower participants on their journey as they reveal their respective story. Attention will be given to some of the tasks inherent to grieving the loss of a loved one while incorporating creative interventions for moving forward. A journal is a great companion for this program. Guided by Gordon Creamer.

CASH CARD CORNER

getting cash back for St. Agnes!



\$117.00 Earned from Last Week's Sales
\$5,275.00 in Sales
24 Participating Families

We offer in stock cards 7 days a week and can special order cards for 300+ merchants for quick delivery! Cards are sold after all Masses and in the Parish Office Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

Catholic Daughters Fundraiser

Catholic Daughters Court Martinsburg 392 is selling Rada Cutlery & Products now through October 10. The cutlery is made in the USA and has a lifetime guarantee. Contact a CDA member to see a catalog or log on to radacutlery.com, scroll down, and click on "Fundraising Catalog" to see the wide variety of products and prices. Contact Donna Hollmann at 681-242-2367 or donnar710@gmail.com for more information.



The 4th Annual LARCUM Conference
(Lutheran, Anglican,
Roman Catholic, United Methodist)
September 11-13, 2017
Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center

This year's conference will focus on the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation with the theme:

"Our Respective Reformations"

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. on Monday and the conference will end after lunch on Wednesday. The only cost for participants for the entire conference is \$99.00 per person for double room occupancy (roommate must be listed), \$119.00 for single room occupancy or \$20.00 fee for commuter registration. Additional information can be found on the bulletin boards both in the church and parish center.



Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$7,735
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,517
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$9,252
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,000
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ -\$2,748

Tithe to help those in need	\$774
<small>(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)</small>	

Collections – Year-To-Date (thru August)

Offertory Collections	\$325,192
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$62,840
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$388,031
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$420,000
Total Collection Compared to Target	↓ -\$31,969

Tithe to help those in need	\$32,519
<small>(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)</small>	

Campus Ministry

The Good Shepherd House at 101 W. High St. invites all students and community members to join us for Sunday evening Mass at the St. Agnes Chapel in Shepherdstown and our Thursday night event dinners! We are open every day of the week for study, discussion or just to recharge your batteries. Visit www.gscem.org for hours and more information or email us at shepherdcatholic@gmail.com. See you soon!

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline 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 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.