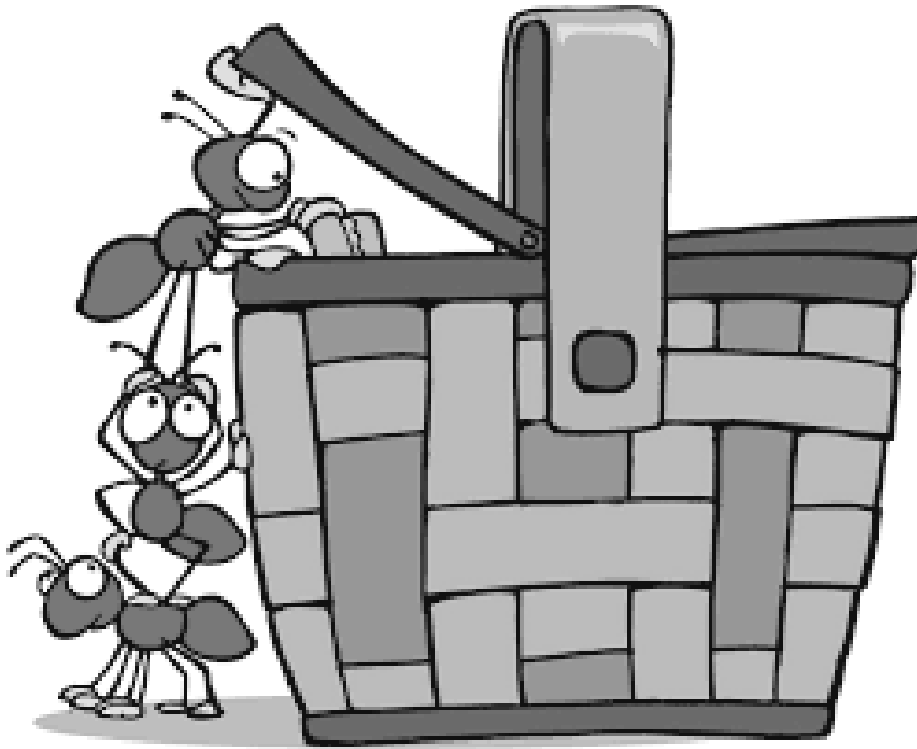


Saint Agnes

**Parish
Picnic
Sunday**



**Please
Join
Us!**

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
Richard Walton ~ Patricia Wright

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St. Agnes Chapel

204 South Church Street, Shepherdstown

Sunday Readings

Sirach 27:30-28:7;
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Romans 14:7-9;
the Gospel of Matthew 18:21-35

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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
Phyllis Thomas



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for
Jeannette VanBellegem

May Jeannette share in the fullness of God's
mercy and peace.

Upcoming Events at St. Agnes Parish

Sat, Sept 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Charities Collection for Hurricane Relief
Sun, Sept 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Charities Collection for Hurricane Relief • First Day of CFF 9:15am • RCIA 9:15am • Picnic after 10:30am Mass • Campus Mass 6:30pm
Tues, Sept 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Concerns 7:15pm
Wed, Sept 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Council 6:30pm • AA 7pm
Thurs, Sept 21	Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Sat, Sept 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catechist Dinner, St. James, Charles Town, following the 5pm Eucharistic Celebration
Sun, Sept 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFF 9:15am • RCIA 9:15am • Campus Mass 6:30pm

Requesting Masses for the Living & Deceased

Mass intentions for the living or deceased may be arranged by simply calling or emailing the parish office or use one of the Mass Intentions Request Envelopes available in the narthex. Mass cards are always provided.

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; and George Hauter, son of Pat Lewis. 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.

Save the Date

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

Keep an eye on the bulletin for
details!

St. Agnes PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, This Weekend!
after the 10:30 Mass

Food, fun, and fellowship
with lots of new things!

Don't Miss It!!!

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend we join the parishes and mission churches of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, as we make our donations in support of those recovering from the recent hurricanes, storms, and flooding in the southern region of our nation. All the monies collected from across the diocese will be directed to Catholic Charities, USA, and then to the local offices in each diocese affected by the storms. The Catholic Charities offices have an excellent record of directing all donations to the people in need.

As you know we only pass the offertory basket once during the Mass. Please mark clearly what you intend for Hurricane Relief and what you intend for support of our parish. For those who might not have remembered to prepare for the collection, a basket will be available near the baptismal font for cash donations.

Today is **Catechetical Sunday** when we begin our Sunday morning Continuing Faith Formation (CFF) classes for our young people. I want to express our gratitude to Brigitte Schmidt, Coordinator of Religious Education, for her hard work in organizing our program, recruiting our catechists, and working so well with our parents and families. I also want to say thank you to those who have come forward with a willingness to serve as catechists. This commitment of time and presence to our young people is so very important. Our catechists are there in the classroom but the parents and the setting of the home is the place where the faith is lived and shared. Throughout the year we offer classes and sessions for parents that they might be more comfortable in this role of faith formation. I urge parents to take every advantage of these sessions. As Continuing Faith Formation for *our young people* takes place on Sunday morning, Continuing Faith Formation for *adults* happens each Sunday at the Eucharistic Liturgy and in sessions offered throughout the year. Faith Formation is something that happens throughout our lives.

Fr. Mat

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 24, 12noon-2pm

RSVP to liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

RCIA

The weekly *Inquiry* sessions of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* have begun 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. New folks are welcome to join us at any time.

WV Eye Institute September 21, 2017 9 AM to 1:30 PM

Eye exams will take place, free of charge, in Charles Town.

If there is need for glasses, it will be a \$20 to \$40 dollars and must be paid in cash at the time of the exam.

Call Michele Goldman (540-539-0498) if you wish an appointment. She will also give the location of the examine which will be in Charles Town.

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 shepherdatholic@gmail.com. See you soon!

CANTOR WORKSHOP

All St. Agnes cantors are requested to attend a session on the ministry of cantor. Bring Respond and Acclaim. It will be held on Saturday, September 30, from 11 to 12:30.

CFF Alert!

Our first CFF class is scheduled for September 17th at 9:15.

Parents please do not stop your car in front of the upper entrance door of the parish office to drop off or pick up your child. You will need to stop and park your car in the parking lot to avoid a back-up in traffic at the parking lot entrance. We want to be able to ensure the care and safety of all of our parishioners at St. Agnes.

Kindergarten, first, and second grade students must have an adult or older sibling come to the classroom to pick him or her up at 10:15. We want to ensure the safety of our students, especially with our busy parking lot. The lower entrance/exit door by the classrooms in the parish center will be open and available for use.

Confirmation Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 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.

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/>



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, 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.

Catechist's Prayer

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.

Amen.



Our 2017-2018 CFF Team

Coordinator: Brigitte Schmidt

K/1 Jennifer Alarcon and Karen Wilson

2 Brandi Farmer

3 Sandy Lord

4/5 Michael Hippchen and Amy Hayden

6 Jennifer Hayes

7 Jaime Bowden

Confirmation: Mimi Malin and Joe Yates

Substitutes: Noreen Albright, Beth Hughes, Stephanie Cline

Hall Monitors: Kerri Godfrey, Stephen Campbell and Bruce Schmidt

Youth Mass Hospitality Coordinator: Cynthia Carter

Social Concerns Sunday September Response

We sold 13 bags of Haitian Coffee plus a \$10 donation, and received \$88 in cash donations and two \$25 cash cards for parishioners serving dinners to the homeless. Thank you!

In October, we have enough funds to provide \$125 in cash cards to our youth who serve the homeless the 2nd Wed. of each month, and about \$100 remaining to provide cash cards to parishioners who'll provide meals on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of October. All contributions to replenish our Dinners for the Homeless Fund are greatly appreciated! Our next Social Concerns Sunday is October 6/7, 2017.



Book Discussion

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

Upcoming Book Discussions

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

November 17 – *Catholic Women Confront Their Church* by Celia Viggo 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!

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.

Save the Date!

2017-2018

Diocesan Middle School &
High School Rally/Confirmation Gathering

November 12, 2017

St. James, Charles Town

International Day of Peace Thursday, September 21, 2017

The United Nations first celebrated the International Day of Peace in 1982. In 2013 the day was dedicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to peace education. Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21st. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The theme this year is **"Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All."**

This year, the International Day of Peace will focus on engaging and mobilizing people throughout the world to show support for refugees and migrants. Its messages will be shared with communities hosting refugees and migrants as well as people concerned that refugees and migrants may bring physical and economic insecurity to their lives.

The Day will highlight solidarity with refugees and migrants and showcase the shared benefits of migration to economies and nations, while also acknowledging legitimate concerns of host communities. Ultimately, it will be about bringing people together and reminding them of their common humanity.

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.

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** (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

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.

CASH CARD CORNER

getting cash back for St. Agnes!



\$187.50 Earned from Last Week's Sales
\$3,975.00 in Sales
29 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.

Song, Scripture, and Silence

St. James in Boonsboro welcomes everyone to our monthly Taize prayer service on Friday, September 22, at 7:00 pm. This meditative candlelit service was developed by an ecumenical Christian community in France and has been practiced over decades to help quiet distractions in order to listen to the Holy Spirit. Sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we will hear scripture from the coming Sunday's Mass, sing a short, simple song that repeats meditatively (just listening is okay too!), and keep silence for a period. Please call Barbara at 703-297-5571 with any questions. St. James is located at 121 North Main St. in Boonsboro.

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$9,381
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$2,640
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,021
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,000
Total Collections Compared to Target	↑ +\$21

Tithe to help those in need **\$938**
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)



Get to Know Goretti
goretti.org

GORETTI OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 29, 2017

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Want to learn more about how the 41 students in the class of 2017 earned **\$6.8 million in college scholarships** and completed over **7,000 hours of community service**?

Attend our Open House to:

Learn about our **college prep curriculum**, our emphasis on **faith and community service**, and our close-knit, **welcoming environment**.

Take a student-led, individual family tour of our campus.

Learn about our 1:1 Chromebook Program!

Want more information? Have questions? Contact our Director of Admissions, Holly Katrina, at hkatrina@goretti.org.

TRADITION & FAITH & EXCELLENCE

Columbus Day Dinner Dance

Sons/Daughters of Italy in America

Dan Di Mucci Lodge No. 2465

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Elks Lodge, Hagerstown, MD

\$35 per person

Social Hour 5:30-6:30pm Dinner 6:30-7:30pm

Program 7:30-8:30pm Dance 8:30-11:30pm

Music by: The "Giovanni Live"

Cash Bar Drawing at 10pm



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.