

S a i n t A g n e s



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.

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Sunday Readings

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm 4:1, 3, 6, 8
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48

Weekly Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am and 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday, 11am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30pm

Parish Office: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

Cash Card Sales: During weekday office hours
(please call first)

The Week at a Glance...

Sunday, April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation Retreat 10am-4:15pm at Priestfield • No CFF • RCIA 12noon • Eden Weller Baptism 10:30am • Intergenerational Mass 5pm
Monday, April 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scripture Sharing Zoom 12noon
Tuesday, April 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic Outreach Committee 2pm • Racial Justice Initiative Zoom 3pm • Board Games Group 3:30pm
Wed, April 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Council 6:30pm
Friday, April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Discussion Group 11am
Sat, April 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Williamson Funeral 11am
Sunday, April 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFF K-Confirmation 9:15am • RCIA 12noon • Earth Day Event 11:30am • Youth Feeding the Hungry Food Prep 11:30am

Service, Justice, and Peace Weekend

The collection last weekend for the various ministries was a bit light. Three bags of Haiti coffee sold for a total of \$30. Mary's Refuge collected \$15, and Kolofata Girls Education collected \$20. The donations for Feed the Hungry was \$5 and for feminine hygiene products and diapers was \$15. Thanks for the donations. Every penny is appreciated.

Baptism

This Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we celebrate the baptism of Eden Paige Weller, daughter of Spencer and Jeannette Weller and little sister to Macy. May the Lord bless Eden as she begins her life in the church!

Haiti Coffee For Sale

There is fresh coffee, whole bean and ground, from Haiti available for sale (\$10/bag) at the Parish Center.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, 5:30pm for
Claire Williamson

Sunday, 10:30am for
Maureen Maidhof

May Claire and Maureen share
in the fulness of God's mercy and peace.

Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill, especially Chet Gore, Barbara Mueller, Amirra Umpenhour, Laddin Audia, and Georgette Rush. Names are placed in the bulletin for one month and then those names are placed on the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.



Easter Flowers



Our parishioners have donated flowers in loving memory of Roger Hedrick, Art & Mae Gedeon, and Scott Rees by Eileen Hedrick; Rex A. Norton by Hilda Norton; Bill Fritchman by Nancy Curry; the Burleigh family, the Thompson family, the Moler family, the Greaser family, and the Robertson family by Judy & Bryan Robertson; Jane Kemerer, Wayne Kemerer, Guy Lattus, and Ann Lattus by Greg & Debbie Lattus; Patricia & Serge Vernice and Howard Shelkowsky by Joe & Teri Vernice; Francis Snowden, Rebecca McCauley, Jasen Quintana, Sophia Hansen, and Sandy Walker by Marie Snowden; Bruce Hughes Schmidt, Sydney Ronald Owens, Donald Eichler, Katherine Ann Dorr, and Mary Jane Mooney by Brigitte Schmidt; George & Dorothy Buys, John & Elsie Piccolomini, and Ron & Shirley Burkett by John & Dotty Piccolomini; Family & Friends by Lyle & Theresa Rush; James & Jeannette Chisholm, James R. Chisholm, and Harry & Harriet Botsford by Dean & Marie Botsford; K. Suzie Stamey by Christine Wiegman & Patrick Green; Kevin James McCormack by Joann McCormack; Ellis Armstrong, Thomas Bonner, Alma Bonner, and Mary Lou Anderson by Leo & Connie Bonner; Gary Dunlevy and Jerry Defilippo by Lynn Dunlevy; Elvira Risi and Almerinto Risi by Maria Lamanna; Philip Mueller and Kenneth & Anna McCullough by Barbara Mueller; Edythe B. Myers by Zach & Tricia Myers; Frank & Cecilia Vassallo by Eric & Anna Sokel; in honor of Fr. Andy Switzer by Zach & Tricia Myers; and as a gift to St Agnes by Raymond & Lucille Nelson, Dennis & Janice Wark, Richard & Delcina Gomes, and John & Terri Griffith.

Dear Parishioners,

We are in this exciting time of the church from Easter to Pentecost as we have invited our newest members into the community at the Easter Vigil through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. The wisdom of the church teaches us how to instruct these newest members through the Rites of Christian Initiation. There is something that many Catholics, I find, are unaware of—that we do not actually teach sacraments to those who have been in formation through RCIA until after Easter. We prepare them to receive the sacraments in faith and then, after that, for their instruction we help them unpack the experience of the sacraments. If you go to the church's Liturgy of the Hours in the Office of the Readings, you will see that the reflections do just that. They are instructions from the earliest days on Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This past Sunday during RCIA class, I unpacked with those who had recently been baptized. I asked them what happened in the waters. They could witness an experience of new birth, and walking a new life in Christ were just some of what they said. I then took them to the Office of the Readings for the day and a homily that St Augustine had written to the newest members, and almost word for word what Augustine had said had been their experience of baptism. These newest members challenge us to renew and to see our faith and our receiving of the sacraments in a new way as a church from Easter to Pentecost. We are renewed, thanks to our newest members, in our youthfulness as a church; no matter what age we are, may we continue to rekindle the flame of faith in this Easter season.

Fr. Andy

Invitation to Discuss New Gathering Space

We would like to invite you to share your thoughts regarding next steps for our faith community. Based upon responses from the synod process, a small group of parishioners, with the support of Father Andy and the initial go-ahead from the diocese, are beginning to explore the need, desire, uses, and challenges of building a future gathering space. We invite you to share your thoughts regarding potential next steps. We are setting up a series of small group meetings following the same format we used for the synod meetings. We have specific questions to clarify the need, desire, uses, and possibility of building a gathering space. We will meet in small groups to pray and talk and listen to each other and invite the Holy Spirit to inform us of the next steps. Sign-up sheets for groups will be available in the Narthex and sign-ups available on the website. We greatly appreciate your valuable time and insight to this evolving project.

Glass Recycling

St Agnes is very fortunate to have a partnership with Jim King so that we can offer glass recycling to our parishioners. You will find the black recycling bin behind the parish center at the north end of the parking lot. It is helpful if you secure your glass in bags before placing in the bin.

2024 St Agnes Scholarships

St. Agnes announces the 2024 Annual Scholarship Award! Active, participating members of St. Agnes who are graduating high school in 2024 are encouraged to apply for a scholarship to assist in furthering their education. The scholarship may be used for any institute of higher learning or trade school. Applications are available in the Narthex, at the parish center, and can be emailed to interested applicants (email office@stagnesshepherdstown.org). **Deadline for application submission to the office will be May 10th.**

2nd Friday Prayer Group

A list has begun for the 2nd Friday in May. If you have names to add or if you would like to join the group, contact Judy Lilga at 301-432-2276 or jslilga8@gmail.com.

Catholic Schools of DWC Giving Day

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be participating in the 5th annual Catholic Schools Giving Day, One Mission One Day to Make a Difference, on Tuesday, May 7th. More info can be found on their website: <https://www.onemissiononeday.org/>

Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet via Zoom (link is on the website events calendar) on Mondays at noon (except holidays). All are welcome!

Mary's Refuge Mother's Day Dinner

Mary's Refuge is holding a Mother's Day dinner on May 5th from 4-6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Martinsburg. All are welcome! More information can be found at marysrefuge.com under events tab. Please RSVP no later than April 19th.



Let the Games Begin!

St. Agnes invites you to join us in the Parish Hall every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 PM. You are welcome to bring your own games and snacks to share but they will be provided regardless. All are welcome! *A parent/guardian needs to be present for any child attending.*

Save the Date!

Community Bible School will be held July 8-12 at Asbury United Methodist Church. Additional information coming soon!

Ministries at St. Agnes

We are always in need of ministers. Will you share your time and talent? Please consider joining one of our ministries at St Agnes. There's so many ways to get involved and grow in your faith. Altar Servers are needed. Contact Helen Harris at liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

Simple Acts to Save Our Planet

With Earth Day fast approaching on April 22nd, our thoughts turn to caring for our planet. Some excerpts from *Simple Acts to Save Our Planet—500 Ways to Make a Difference* by Michelle Neff:

- Reuse old socks or T-shirts for cleaning. Instead of throwing them out, **reuse old clothes** for car cleaning or even general cleaning around the house.
- Keep your fridge free of frost. A buildup of frost and ice only drives up your **energy use**. Check your freezer occasionally to see if there is unnecessary frost.
- Don't put hot food in the fridge. Putting hot food in the fridge makes the fridge work overtime trying to cool it down. Let it cool to **room temperature** before putting the food in the fridge.
- Use natural gas instead of charcoal for grilling. Charcoal produces tiny particles that pollute the air. By using propane or natural gas instead of charcoal, you won't be contributing to air pollution. Better yet, use an **electric grill** that is powered by the sun or wind and you'll really be grilling green!



Ode to Gardens

Thank you, Lord for creating gardens
A place where I find peace.
When all the world is in utter chaos,
This place I can escape.
You, my Lord, have supplied the seeds,
And with my hands, I may sow
Through my tearful eyes, and blistered hands.
I am blessed To watch them grow.
At this present moment,
I may be in the desert,
But thanks to you, Lord,
I know this one thing for certain
That one day soon,
I'll be sitting in the garden
You created just for me.
Thank you, Lord, for creating gardens.
- Tammy R. Brooks

WV Severe Flooding Relief Efforts

Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month. West Virginia encountered tornados, microbursts, strong winds, heavy rains, and mudslides. Several counties have experienced moderate to substantial flooding, notably along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The National Weather Service has confirmed 5 tornadoes in West Virginia – Huntington (Cabell/Wayne), St, Albans (Kanawha), Cross Lanes (Kanawha), Quick (Kanawha) and Lavista (Fayette). A State of Emergency has been declared in 17 West Virginia Counties.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a **special collection to be held the weekend of April 20-21, 2024**, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to St. Agnes with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>. Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia. Their offices assist families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions. All of the money raised will stay in West Virginia to assist our neighbors.

Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.

Racial Justice Initiative

A reminder to all. Here at St. Agnes we keep adding to our Racial Justice Library in the church narthex, where you will find many contemporary books related to the quest for racial justice that our faith calls us to serve.

The latest addition is James McBride's, "The Color of Water." This is the award winning author's first of his many books. It is, as a Black man, a tribute to his white Jewish mother. It is a telling story of a woman and her family facing the challenges of American white supremacy and racism over a lifetime. His mother grew up in a small Jewish community (with her father the Rabbi) in Suffolk, Virginia; moved to New York city; married a Black man; was disowned by her family; founded a Christian Church with her husband, serving the all-black, Red Hook housing projects in Brooklyn, New York, where the family lived; and managed to send all of her 12 children to college. It is an unvarnished story, well told, with insight, compassion, and without bitterness, in spite of what the family faced. Check out this true story with a great message.

THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:
Luke 24: 35-48

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday
of Easter

CFF, AFF, Youth Group, & Family News

CFF: will classes will meet again on April 21st at 9:15am in the parish center. All children, teens, and families are encouraged to attend the Intergenerational Mass at 5pm on April 14.

Confirmation Day Retreat: Is scheduled for today, Sunday, April 14th from 10am to 6:30pm beginning at Priest Field and concluding with the Intergenerational Mass at St. Agnes.

Youth Group: Will meet today, April 14th at 3:30pm to share experiences with the current Confirmandi at the church. Next Sunday is Preparing the Meal for the Hungry after the 10:30am Mass.

ADULT Classes: Growing in Faith classes will meet again April 21 at 9:15am

RCIA and RCIC: Congratulations to our newest members of the St. Agnes Community. RCIA will meet today at 12noon in the parish center.

Keep watching this spot, the Youth Facebook Page, our church calendar and the church website for additional activities. **Remember to join the CFF Google Classroom (link was sent to your email).** It is a one-stop spot to find all the latest forms, classroom information, recorded classes, etc.

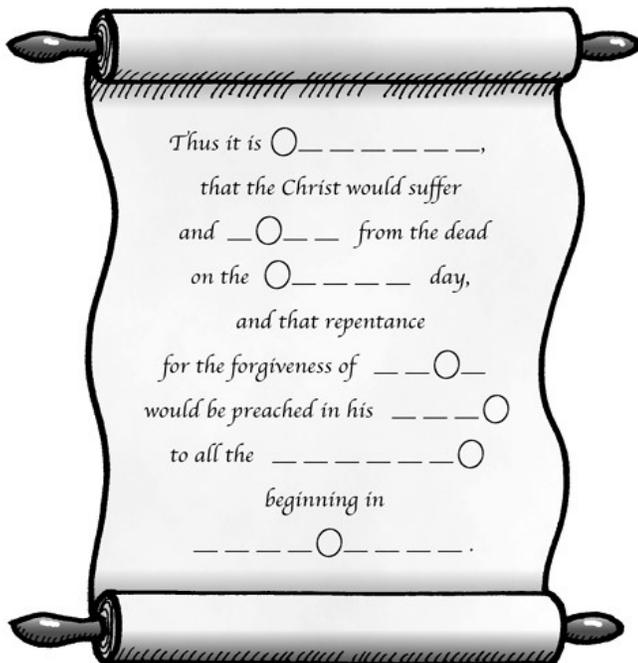
If you are a parent and not receiving CFF announcements and emails, please contact the Parish center at 304-876-6436 or Bill Donahue: formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org

Parents are also encouraged to join our Youth Facebook Group. Email Bill at the above address for the link to the closed group. You won't be able to find Our Youth Facebook Page any other way!



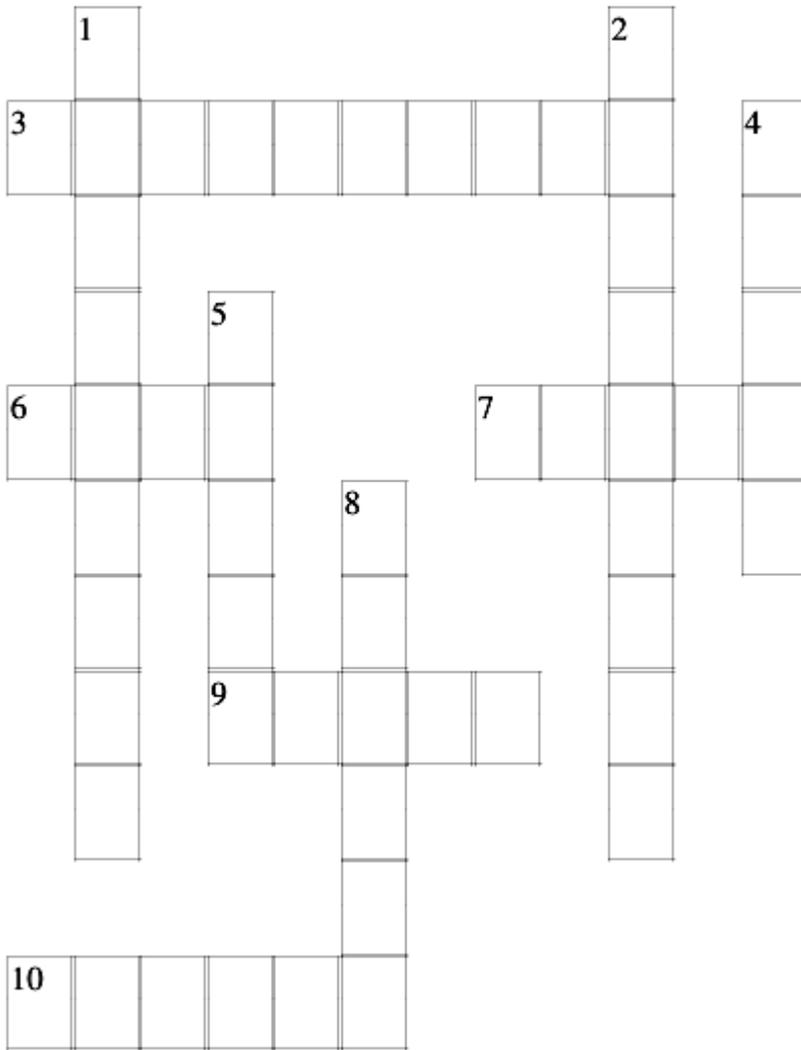
An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks.
Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus wants you to be His
_____ to the world!

JERUSALEM THIRD NAME
WRITTEN NATIONS SINS RISE



Youth Events: April at a Glance

- April 14:** Intergenerational Mass 5pm. Confirmation Retreat 10am—6:30pm
- April 21:** CFF, Youth Group, and Adult Growing in Faith at 9:15am. Youth Feeding the Hungry Meal Prep. at 11:30am in the parish center.
- April 27:** First Communion Practice at 11am at the church. First Communion Luncheon at 12noon at the Parish Center.
- April 28:** CFF (except First Communion children) at 9:15am. First Communion children need to meet at the church at 10am.
- May 5:** CFF (final class for the 23-24 year) at 9:15am. Cinco de Mayo social gathering after the 10:30am Mass.

He Opened their Minds to the Scriptures Lk 24: 35-48

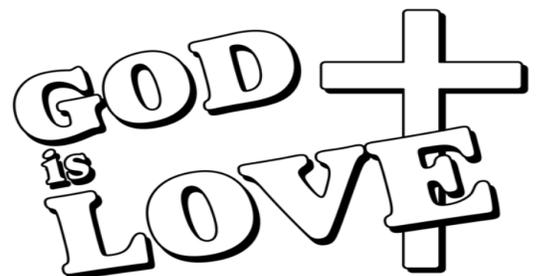


Across

3. This was to be proclaimed in the name of Jesus.
6. On the menu.
7. Part of Scriptures: the law of _____.
9. Jesus told the Apostles to _____ him.
10. In the Bible.

Down

1. Reaction of the Apostles.
2. Where the Apostles should start.
4. Ghosts do not have this.
5. What the Apostles thought they saw.
8. What Jesus saw in their hearts.



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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6962758/>

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Volunteering: The church is always looking for volunteers. It is our way to demonstrate our faith in action! All volunteers are required to be VIRTUS trained as required by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

If you would like to volunteer for any parish ministry including with our youth, you must be VIRTUS trained. Forms are located in the church narthex and the parish center on how to complete this process. All parents are encouraged to be VIRTUS trained.

The Gospel at Home

He
opened
their
minds

This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and invites them to touch him to see that he is really alive. He calls the disciples to be his witnesses. They have Good News to tell—that love is stronger than death, victory can come from suffering, and life can come from death.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child learned that Jesus visited his friends on that first Easter and gave them the gift of his peace. The class also learned about the importance of being peacemakers. Discuss how your family members can be signs of peace to one another and the importance of offering the Sign of Peace to others at Mass. There may be a place to prominently display your child's peace banner made during the lesson.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This Sunday's Gospel tells us that Jesus is alive and is still with us. Your child also learned how stories help us remember those we love even if they have died. Ask your child to tell the story titled, "Remembering Buddy." Share the ways your family shows faith that Jesus lives in you and that you will live forever with him. Talk with your child about what the Real Presence is. The class studied the Real Presence as a Catholic Faith Word this week.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This Sunday's Gospel recounts how two disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Your youngster explored how we celebrate Jesus in the breaking of the bread at Mass. The class also learned how missionaries carried the Good News of the Gospel throughout the world. Discuss how important the celebration of Mass is for your family. Share ways in which your family can spread the message of the Risen Jesus to everyone you meet. Study the missionary map together.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Part of this week's lesson showed how Saint Paul journeyed to spread the Good News from Jerusalem to Rome. The class also learned that during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, we remember the events of salvation, we celebrate a sacred meal, we ask for God's help, and we express our hope for the future. Talk together about your family's hopes and dreams for the future. Discuss why being faithful members of the Church should be an important part of that future. Have your young person tell the family about Cassie Chawke.

Pray Together

Eastern Christians have a special way of greeting one another during Easter. One person says, "Christ is risen!" and the other answers, "Truly, he is risen!" or "Indeed, he is risen!" Use this greeting with members of the family throughout this week.



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SOLUTIONS:

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Luke 24: 35-48

He Opened their Minds to the Scriptures

Across

- repentance
- fish
- moses
- touch
- psalms

Down

- terrified
- jerusalem
- flesh
- ghost
- doubts

An Easter Word Puzzle

Written, rise, third, sins, name, nations, Jerusalem
Jesus wants you to be His witness to the world?

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Free Community Safety Trainings

Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency
2024 FREE Community Safety Training Available
for ERT and anyone interested

Community CPR and Stop the Bleed: 6pm (CPR 6-9pm)

May 21, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.

To register and more info go to: <https://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/county-agencies/jcesa/community-cpr-first-aid>

Interested in joining the St. Agnes Emergency Response Team?

Contact Michele Goldman at mgoldman9797@gmail.com or Teace Noel at wvnoels@gmail.com

Community Garden Starting Up

The Intergenerational Community Garden is getting ready for the new season. We welcome **any** level of involvement and would love to have your participation. Potential areas of engagement include: Planting seeds, watering, weeding, and harvesting

If you are interested, please email Samantha Yates and Fanny Smith at samanthaeyates@gmail.com.

Landscape Committee Upcoming Events

EARTH DAY AT ST. AGNES

Sunday April 21 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

- Meet Jim King and watch him recycle glass onsite
- Learn about local climate and environment issues
- Check out the updated St. Agnes Landscape design
- Mini planting workshop with recycled materials

Everyone is welcome to participate in any way you can. Check out our event details and sign-up page on the website. Mark your calendar and let's show our appreciation for mother earth and our common home. Check out the website for additional details. Questions: contact Scott Hutton at landscape@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

Knights of Columbus Raffle Tickets

The Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets for the funding of Seminarians after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds from this raffle, go to aid our future Priests.

Let's Show the Earth a Little Gratitude!

With Earth Day fast approaching on April 22nd, our thoughts turn to caring for our planet. There are so many simple actions that can have a really big impact. By switching to a **reusable water bottle** you can help keep 150 or more plastic water bottles out of the ocean. **Composting** eggshells along with fruit and vegetable scraps reduces food waste in the landfill and helps to create nutrient-rich soil. And, switching from single-use plastic baggies to reusable silicone bags creates far less waste and, in the end, saves you money!

April is Autism Acceptance Month

April is Autism Acceptance Month. The recognition promotes autism acceptance, inclusion, and connectedness for people with autism. Social and community support can help people with autism achieve optimal health and reach their full potential. The CDC promotes early identification and provides essential data on autism to inform programs and policies that support children with autism and their families. For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/toolkit.html>.

Speaker Series: Dementia/Alzheimer's

What is the difference between Dementia and Alzheimer's? What are the signs that can be easily missed? This is such an important topic and many of us don't know much about it. **Teresa Morris, WV Program Director of the Alzheimer's Association, WV Chapter, will be discussing the topic on Sunday, April 21st at 11:15am via a Virtual Presentation at New Street United Methodist Church after worship in the Fellowship Hall.** This will be a 20-30 minute discussion with Q&A's that will give us an opportunity to better understand the disease as well as help us interact with those who may be struggling with this disease. She will explain the communication changes that take place throughout the course of the disease, decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you to connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. You won't want to miss this program. *If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Carol Goldthorpe at 304-396-5244](mailto:CarolGoldthorpe@304-396-5244).*

Shepherdstown Community Club Earth Day Celebration

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a day at the park with the Shepherdstown Community Club and many other partnering organizations for the 1st annual Shepherdstown Earth Day Celebration! LIVE music, interactive demonstrations, craft vendors, plant/seed swap, a beer garden, and food! **April 27th, 2024 from 12noon to 6pm at Morgan's Grove Park in Shepherdstown, WV.**

More info on attending this celebration and becoming a vendor can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/shepherdstowncc.org/scc/earth-day>

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024

With Bishop Mark Brennan

Participate in the pivotal moment in the Church and draw deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code to attend this historic event or visit the DWC website for more information, including itinerary and cost: <https://dwc.org/year-of-the-eucharist/>



The Masterworks Chorale at Shepherd

On Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Frank Arts Center, Shepherd University presents "Come Away to the Skies: a High Lonesome Blue Grass Mass." This unique choral setting of the Catholic Mass incorporates traditional Southern hymns, such as "Do Lord" and "What Wondrous Love is This," accompanied by a Bluegrass band led by composer Dr. Tim Sharp, and featuring a play/sing-along of popular "roots" inspired music. Audience members are encouraged to bring their voices and instruments (guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle) for a community jam session. Tickets are available at shepherd.edu/music.

SJS Presenting Musical Showcase

Tickets for Saint Joseph School's middle school showcase, "If the World Only Knew," are on sale now! The show is set for 7 p.m. Friday, April 19, in the school gym, 110 E. Stephen St. in Martinsburg. You may purchase your tickets here: <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/sjswv/7467/event/1377072>. For more information, please contact Annie Woodmansey at awoodmansey@sjswv.org.

West Virginia Voter Information

In West Virginia, the 2024 Primary Election is Tuesday, May 14. Here are important Primary Deadlines for voters in the Mountain State:

- ⇒ **April 23** - Last day to register to vote
- ⇒ **May 1** - First day of early in-person voting
- ⇒ **May 8** - Last day to submit absentee ballot
- ⇒ **May 11** - Last day of early in-person voting
- ⇒ **May 14** - Last day to submit postmarked absentee ballot by mail

For more information on WV voting rules, ways to vote and election information, visit AARP WVs Online Election Guide, featuring up-to-date registration and voting information, state-specific deadlines, and where to find resources.

Book Discussion Group

Hello Darkness My Old Friend; How Daring Dreams and Unyielding Friendship Turned One Man's Blindness into an Extraordinary Vision for Life by Sanford Greenberg.

Join us April 19th at 11am to discuss this story. Find more info about the group and a list of books: <https://stagnesshepherdstown.org/event/book-discussion-group/all/>.

Operation Rice Bowl: Time to Turn in!

It's time to turn in your bowls! Starting on Easter Sunday, you can bring in your bowls to the Parish office. Please try to bring them in within the month of April so we can get them counted and turned in.

ORB Website: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>
Catholic Relief Services (CRS) carries out the commitment of the US Bishops to assist poor and vulnerable overseas.

St Agnes on Social Media



[YouTube Videos](#)

[YouTube Homilies](#)



Can't make it to Mass or events? Homilies, events (such as the El Salvador presentation), and other recordings are being posted on our YouTube. The links are on the website. We are also on Facebook and Instagram; click to see what else is new!

Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

We are still in need of donated **blankets, comforters, and sleeping bags**. Any sizes and new/used are accepted, but they *must be clean and in fair-condition*. They can be dropped off at the parish center. If you would like to join our ministry, email Barbara Mueller at barbaramueller596@gmail.com.

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$9,361
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$960
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$10,321
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,000
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ - \$1,679

Tithe to help those in need \$936
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. **To Report to Civil Authorities:** Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church 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; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the **EthicsPoint** platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

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Saint Joe's School is seeking substitute teachers for these positions:

- **Pre-K** Director full-time position
- **K-5** full time position
- Full time **math** substitute until May 2024 (may become full-time)
- Long-term school **nurse** substitute through late May

For more information or to send in a resume or letter of introduction, contact Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjswv.org.

And seeking two Lead Summer Camp Pre-K Teachers

Please email a letter of introduction and résumé to PK Director Katie MacKinnon at kmackinnon@sjswv.org.

West Virginia Flooding Survey

A research team from WVU and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is seeking insights from West Virginians on their experiences with past floods and preparation for future floods. The team is conducting an online survey on the topic and any WV resident 18-years or older is encouraged to participate. The survey should take 20-30 minutes, and insights will help the research team create an online resource to help increase flood resiliency for WV communities. Anyone who takes the survey can choose to be entered into a raffle for one of eight \$250 gift cards. To find out more go to <https://mapwv.gov/civic/>.

Homebound Ministry

For any parishioners with needs (groceries, rides to doctors or pharmacies, etc.), our **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** is willing to help. Please call Judy Lilga (301-432-2276).

JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

Canned meats (especially chicken), Mac and Cheese, Soup (tomato and hearty soups), Rice, Canned Beans, Jelly, Syrup, Pancake Mix, Crackers, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Canned fruit, Canned pasta, Cooking Oil
Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner, Paper towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent
Cat and Dog Food

Shepherdstown Shares Current Needs

Toilet paper, Baby Wipes
Regular Ground Coffee, Brown Rice, Pasta Sauces, Ramen noodles (not the cups of soup), Small Applesauce Cups (unsweetened), Snacks, Crackers (i.e. Ritz or Saltines)
Milk (1/2 or whole gallons of whole or 2%)
Diabetic Items (candy, pudding, Jello, applesauce, etc.)
Snack and sandwich-size Ziploc bags
Sturdy paper bags (especially with handles)

Catholic Sharing Appeal

The CSA is one of many ways that we are united in God's love as Catholics and as members of our Diocesan Family. In addition to providing funding for our own parish community, the CSA also delivers essential support for shared ministries, Catholic education, and evangelization & outreach efforts across the state. You can donate securely online (<https://csa.dwcministries.org/>), by mailing in the pledge card, or place your pledge card in the collection basket.

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