

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 4:7-12
Psalm 118:1+8-9, 21-23, 26+28-29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Weekly Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am and 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday, 11am

Scripture and Communion

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 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
Monday, April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scripture Sharing Zoom 12noon • Earth Day
Tuesday, April 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Games Group 3:30pm
Wed, April 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Feeding the Hungry Food Delivery 5pm
Friday, April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeping Bag Project 9:30am
Sat, April 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Eucharist Practice & Parent Meeting 11am • First Communion Luncheon 12noon
Sunday, April 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFF K-Confirmation <i>except First Communion Students</i> 9:15am • RCIA 12noon • First Communion at 10:30am Mass

Diocese Interim Stage Synod Report

Tasked with engaging in a synodal process here in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, local synodal sessions were modeled on the process used at the World Synod in Rome. Sessions were held in each of our six vicariates/deaneries/regions. Members of Diocesan staff served as facilitators for these synodal listening sessions.

In preparing the report, the Diocese conducted six listening sessions—one in each vicariate. While covering a wide range of topics, the listening sessions focused on two main questions that were provided by the USCCB.

The notes from each meeting were collected and given to the synod writing team, which consisted of three lay people who are not employed by the Diocese. The format for the report, as requested by the USCCB, includes a large majority of quotations; taken from the notes provided during the listening sessions.

The document is available on our website, www.dwc.org/synod.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, 5:30pm for

Maggie Gorman

Sunday, 8:00am for

Josephine Lang & Andree Schlosser

Sunday, 10:30am for

Jerry Cooperman

May Maggie, Josephine, Andree, and Jerry 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 Charlie Lewis, Chet Gore, Barbara Mueller, Amirra Umphenour, 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.

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 (please contact office@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

Deadline for application submission will be May 10th.

First Eucharist Celebrants

We have eight young members who are celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, April 28th at the 10:30am Mass with a celebration afterwards. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive this sacrament and continue their religious journey at St. Agnes.

Lena Abe

Emma Golden

Augustine Laverick

Roman Leuters

McKenna Pender

Dominic Scarano

Ian Walter

Frances Wilson

Cinco de Mayo

Since so many parishioners enjoyed last year's Cinco de Mayo, it's back! And this year it is actually on May 5th! So, we will be having a Cinco de Mayo celebration after the 10:30am Mass. We will also be celebrating the end of this year's CFF classes. We should have many activities as well as "walking tacos" again. Come join in the fun!

Dear Parishioners,

Before my ordination, the parish that I attended growing up put an invitation in the bulletin that Andy Switzer on June 4th would be joining the Order of Presbyters. The pastor told me that a parishioner that knew me well had said, "What happened? I thought Andy was going to be a priest?" The pastor was wise and had a teachable moment; "presbyter" was one of the earliest titles for church leadership. I recall Raymond Brown's Scripture Scholars' book, The Church the Apostles Left Behind, and in that book he points out that it did not take long for the early Jesus movement to recognize that they needed to establish structural leadership in order to continue to carry out their mission. Brown, who was a brilliant scripture scholar on the gospel of John, affirmed the many gifts of this gospel, known as the community of the beloved disciple. Brown pointed out that its strength was its recognition of the gift of the Holy Spirit; its weakness, that brought a lot of problems, was its weak structural leadership. This is where the word "presbyter" comes from. It is the call of leadership that provides oversight and is also one of service. The truth is, 12 years ago on the day my ordination, I had a whole lot to learn about what this meant, and the people in parish life over the years have been my best teachers; this is what Pope Francis calls synodality. An insight from Vatican II is that ministerial priesthood (presbyter) is at the service of the baptized priesthood. The purpose of it is to provide the oversight so that all of the gifts of the local community, the body of Christ, may flourish to carry out our mission. This means that as St. Agnes we have many different groups, committees, forms of leadership, but the role of presbyter is to help us see how all of those fit together. Paul in First Corinthians uses the image of a body in many parts and each of the parts are part of the whole. Pope Francis calls us to see the sum is greater than the parts. This should be encouraging to all of us; we do not have to do everything, but rather, as the different parts of the body we learn to rely on each other, so that as a whole we are able to carry out the mission.

Fr. Andy

2024 Annual Car Show

This year's St. Agnes 3rd Annual Car Show will be Saturday, July 13, 2024. *Rain Date: Saturday, July 27th.* Come out, bring your "ride" to show or just look at all the great vehicles and enjoy the food and fun and help support the St. Agnes Youth Group and the New Building fund.

JHS Presents: Mamma Mia!



Join the fun and move to the music with the Jefferson High School Performing Arts Department's production of **Mamma Mia!**, directed by Dominic Massimino. The hit PG musical featuring the music of ABBA brings together the multiple talents of students, staff, and parents alike. Performances are on Friday 4/26 at 7pm, Saturday 4/27 at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday 4/28 at 2pm. Tickets are \$15—\$25.



Spotlight on Ministry

ST AGNES YOUTH TESTIMONIES

Claire Burkhardt (16 years old):

To me faith means having trust in God because even when things get difficult in life, I know that he has a plan. I have been volunteering at St. Agnes for 3 years. I chose to lector to spread the word of God to fellow parishioners. I chose to cook for the homeless because I feel that I am very fortunate and blessed in my life, and I want to give others the opportunity to have what I have and they deserve.

Shane Burkhardt (15 years old):

To me faith means to trust God in all times, even hard ones. I have been volunteering as an altar server at St. Agnes for 3 years. I choose to altar serve because I enjoy being involved in Mass.

Zack Burkhardt (12 years old):

To me faith means being close to God and always trusting him. I have been volunteering as an altar server at St. Agnes for 3 years. I am an altar server because I want to be a bigger part of our church. I like helping Father Andy and having jobs to do during Mass.

Grace Burkhardt (10 years old):

To me faith means loving God. I like to sit with Ms. Elaine and the choir during Mass. I like the music she plays on the piano and organ and I love that she lets me play the bells.

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.

Invitation to Discuss New Gathering Space

A small group of people have been meeting to discern if our parish needs, or even wants, to build a gathering space near the Church. Father Andy has stressed the importance of making this decision in a synodal manner. We do not want a small group to make a big decision that would impact the entire parish without having everyone's input. Young and old, singles and families, all of our members are important and deserve to give thoughts and opinions on the various issues that go into this.

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. **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.

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 it. She will explain the communication changes that take place throughout, decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered, 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:Carol.Goldthorpe@umc.org).*

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.*

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.



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.

Racial Justice Initiative

Nearly a century before African slaves set foot in Jamestown in 1619 on the land that was to become the future United States of America, other African slaves had in fact already done so in 1526 on land near the present day boundary of Georgia and North Carolina. These slaves, some 100 in number, had arrived as part of a Spanish group of settlers in an expedition led by Lucas Vasquez de Ayllon. The settlement, known as San Miguel de Gualdape, only lasted a couple of months due to the shortage of food and the ravages of disease. Only 150 of the original 600 in the settlement group survived to sail back to Spain. But others chose to stay - the surviving African slaves. Shortly before the Spanish set sail for home, the slaves rebelled and disappeared inland. It thus marks the little known fact that this was the first African slave revolt in our nation and that these Africans could be considered the first non-Indigenous people to settle here, if not entirely by choice. It is also perhaps somewhat ironic that this place was also where the first Catholic Mass was celebrated in what would become the USA. Some of the expedition members were two Dominican Friars.

There is some food for thought here as to what role, we as Catholics, have played and wish to play in our pursuit of racial justice in America.

THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:
John 10:11-18

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

CFF, AFF, Youth Group & Family News

CFF: will classes will meet again today, April 21st at 9:15am in the parish center. Next week we will have regular CFF classes except First Eucharist children who will meet at the church at 10am to prepare for the Sacrament.

Confirmation Day Retreat: Occurred last Sunday. Our Confirmandi met at Priest Field to reflect the Sacrament and concluded with the Intergenerational Mass.

Youth Group: Will meet today for Preparing the meal for the Hungry after the 10:30am Mass.

ADULT Classes: Growing in Faith classes will meet again today April 21st at 9:15am in the parish library.

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

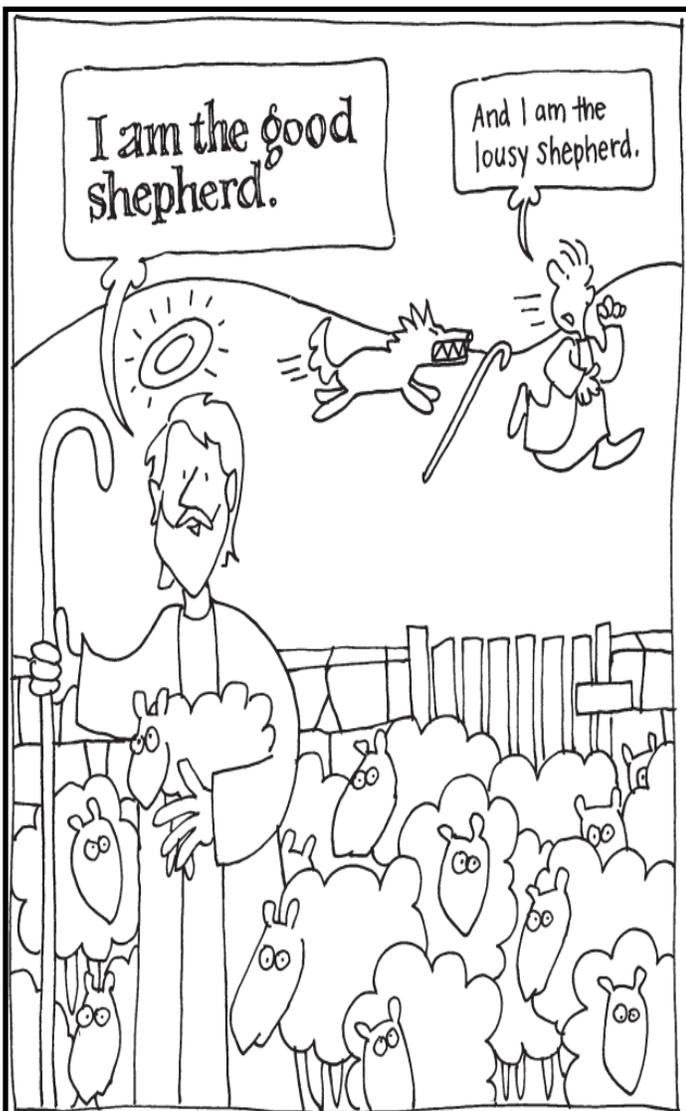
First Eucharist: Practice for First Eucharist will occur at 11am on Saturday, April 27th at the church. We will have the First Eucharist Luncheon after practice.

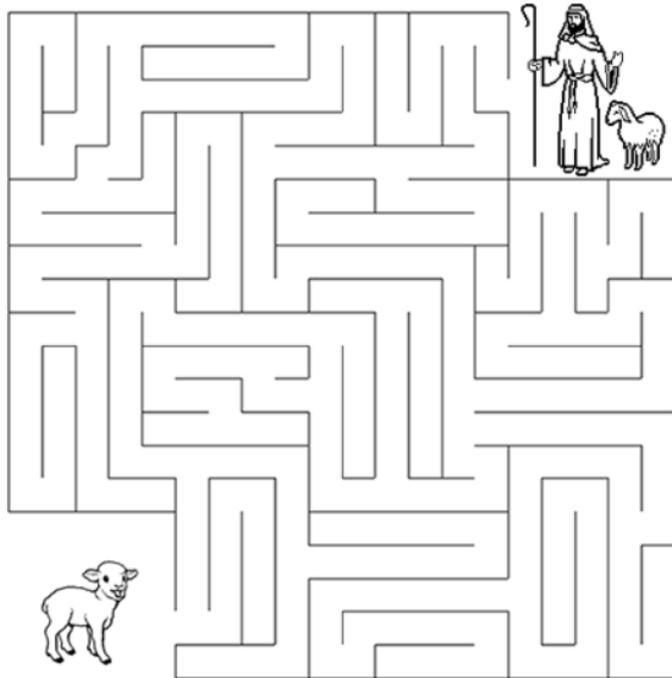
Keep watching this spot, the Youth Facebook Page, our church calendar and the church website for additional activities. **Remember to join the CFF Google Classroom (link was sent to your email).** It is a one-stop spot to find all the latest forms, classroom information, recorded classes, etc.

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!

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Youth Events: At a Glance

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 Noon 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.

July 13: St. Agnes 3rd Annual Car Show to benefit the St. Agnes Youth Program and the New Building fund.

The Good Shepherd

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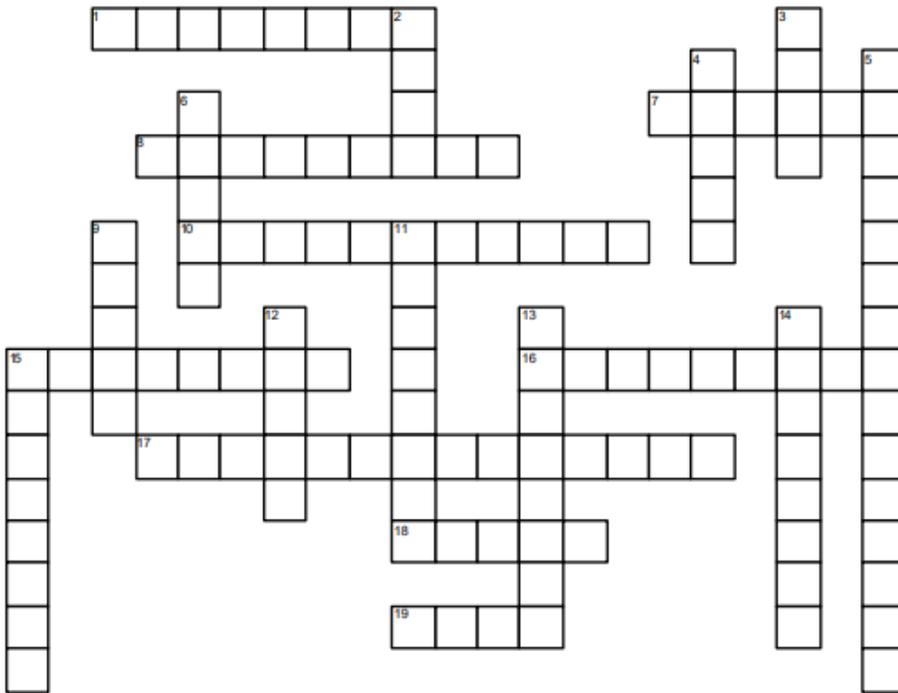
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THE SHEPHERD AND HIS FLOCK

John 10:1-39



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.

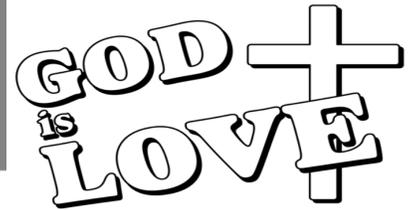
If you would like to volunteer for any parish ministry including with our youth, you must be VIRTUS trained. Forms are located in the church narthex and the parish center on how to complete this process. All parents are encouraged to be VIRTUS trained.

ACROSS

- 1 Who opens the gate for the shepherd to enter? (Jn. 10:3)
- 7 Jesus said that if a person believes in Him as their savior, no one can _____ them out of His hand. (Jn. 10:28)
- 8 Who were Jesus talking to when He spoke of Him being the Shepherd and the believers as being sheep of His flock? (Jn. 9:40)
- 10 Jesus said that as He is the good shepherd, who laid down His life for the sheep, He gives them _____. (Jn. 10:28) two words
- 15 Jesus says that there are other sheep that are not of His _____, meaning that Jesus wants everyone to know Him as the good shepherd who laid down His life for the world. (Jn. 10:16; Jn. 3:16-17) two words
- 16 According to Jesus, who is not the shepherd who owns the sheep? (Jn. 10:12) two words
- 17 When Jesus refers to Himself as a shepherd, He uses this _____ to speak of those who believe as His sheep. (Jn. 10:6) three words
- 18 Jesus said that He is the gate that whoever enters through Him will be _____. (Jn. 10:9)
- 19 What type of Shepherd does Jesus say of Himself? (Jn. 10:11)

DOWN

- 2 Jesus says that He calls His own (believers) by _____ and leads them out. (Jn. 10:3)
- 3 Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, I am the _____ for the sheep." (Jn. 10:7)
- 4 Jesus said that since He is the good shepherd, He _____ His sheep and His sheep know Him. (Jn. 10:14)
- 5 Jesus said that a man who climbs in the sheep pen, not through the gate, is a _____. (Jn. 10:1) four words
- 6 Those who believe in Jesus are called His _____. (Jn. 10:26)
- 9 According to Jesus, who comes only to steal, kill, and destroy the sheep (believers) who trust in Him. (Jn. 10:10)
- 11 When the hired hand, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, he _____ the sheep and runs away. (Jn. 10:12)
- 12 According to Jesus, who comes that those who believe in Him (sheep) may have life, and have it to the full? (Jn. 10:10)
- 13 Who enters the sheep pen through the gate? (Jn. 10:2)
- 14 According to Jesus, what does the good shepherd do for the sheep? He _____ His life. Jesus is referring to the cross where He died for everyone. (Jn. 10:11)
- 15 Jesus said that His children (sheep) never follow a _____ because they do not know the stranger's voice. (Jn. 10:5)



The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: John 10:11-18

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares himself to a good shepherd who knows and cares for his sheep. This image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the oldest images of Jesus in Christian art. The Good Shepherd cares for the world and demonstrates how everyone can care for the earth and its people.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child learned about Jesus the Good Shepherd. They also learned to recognize people in their lives who care for them like shepherds. Talk about the ways your family cares for other people and how your child can learn more about care by watching over any pets you may have. Be sure to display the Good Shepherd project your child made in class.

Good News (Grades 2-3): While learning about Jesus the Good Shepherd, your child's class also learned how to care for the great gift of Creation. Talk together about ways your family is already caring for the earth and its resources. Talk, too, about ways you can do even better. Invite your child to teach your family the "We Care for Creation" game. Also discuss what a parish is and who leads the parish starting with the pastor.

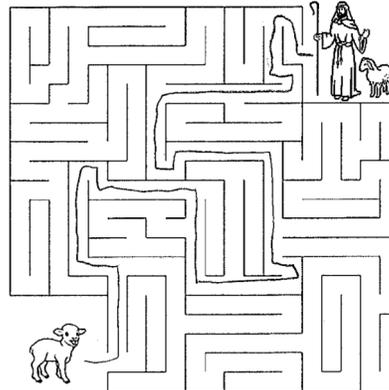
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Venture (Grades 4-6): While learning about Jesus the Good Shepherd, your youngster discovered that a shepherd knows, protects, and unites his flock. As part of understanding this Gospel, the class explored ways to protect the earth. Ask your young person to share why Pope Francis added caring for Creation as a new Work of Mercy. Then talk about one or two actions your family can do to be good shepherds by caring for the environment. Fill out the Weekly Water Use Survey and see how your family works to conserve water.

Visions (Grades 7-9): This week, your son or daughter's class took a quiz to see how well they do caring for our world. They learned how Father Michael McGivney cared for immigrants to the United States. Discuss how this work fits into our care for God's Creation. They also explored Pope Francis actions of adding care for Creation as a Work of Mercy. Have your young person tell the family about Preston Becker.



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SOLUTIONS:

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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>

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 samanthayates@gmail.com.

Landscape Committee 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.

Save the Date!

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

Maya Lin's "What is Missing?"

"Together we can save two birds with one tree."

This is how artist Maya Lin recasts the conventional phrase of killing two birds with one stone to make it generative rather than destructive, as honoring rather than harming nature. It is also a kind of motto for her project "What is Missing?"

Lin is well known for memorializing important events in American life—the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement among them. What Is Missing? memorializes the effects of climate change. She asks us to look at a memorial not as a singular, static object, but as a work that can exist in multiple forms and places around the world. The memorial includes permanent sound and media sculptures, traveling exhibits, temporary installations, and this website - serving as the nexus for the entire project.

"What Is Missing?" as described on the website is "a multi-sited memorial created by Maya Lin to raise awareness through science-based artworks about the present sixth mass extinction of species, connect this loss of species to habitat degradation and loss, and emphasize that by protecting and restoring habitat, we can both reduce carbon emissions and protect species. Loss is merely the departure point. What Is Missing? is equally focused on solutions – imagining plausible visions for a sustainable future, showcasing what is being done around the world to help, and utilizing art to pose new ways of looking at the problems we face – giving us hope that each of us can make a difference."

The site offers a detailed description of its purpose when you click on "About." Additional categories include "Explore," which guides us in discovering ecological histories and stories of former abundance and loss and recovery on a "map of memory." "Solutions," shows us how we can reduce emissions and protect and restore species and habitats. "What If," invites us to consider how art can help us rethink the problems we face and give us hope that we can make a difference. And "Share Your Memory," is a place to share your memory of places close to home, building a global memorial of stories of the natural world.

Check out What Is Missing? at: <https://www.whatissing.org/> or listen to Maya Lin in conversation with Elizabeth Alexander, poet and president of the Mellon Foundation. Lin describes "What is Missing?" as part of her entire artistic vision conceptualized throughout her career: <https://www.mellon.org/events/public-memory-and-our-passing-world>

Spending time exploring this remarkable project is a beautiful way to observe Earth Day.

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.

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>.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know...The Catholic Church is deeply committed to protecting children from abuse and holding people accountable for inflicting such pain. In December 2021, the **revised Book VI of the Code of Canon Law** went into effect. This is the most recent of several documents that specifically address the issue of the abuse of children. Other documents include *Vos estis lux mundi* and *Vademecum*. These documents expand the acts which are considered abusive, clarify the manner in which the cases are processed, and hold people accountable for their action or inaction with regard to processing of a case. Of significant importance is attention given to the care of victim survivors and all who have been harmed. Bishops in the US lead the way for these changes with the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People 20 years ago. Today every diocese and eparchy must have in place systems for tending to those who have been harmed, protecting those in our care and seeking restorative justice.

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/>

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 find resources.

Haiti Coffee For Sale

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

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 barbamueller596@gmail.com.

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$18,232
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,116
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$ 19,348
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,000
Total Collections Compared to Target	↑ +\$7,348

Tithe to help those in need \$1,823

(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.

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!

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