

# 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 2:14, 22b-28  
Psalm 16:1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
1 Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am (First Eucharist, April 23)

### Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday at 11am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:30pm

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

**Cash Card Sales:** Weekdays during office hours  
(please call first)



## Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8am Mass for

**Grayson Moin**



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for

**Noreen Nieves**

May Grayson and Noreen share in the fulness  
of God's mercy and peace.

In your kindness, please pray for Jean Carper, longtime parishioner of St Agnes, who died this past week. May Jean share in the fulness of God's love and peace.



## Easter Flowers



Our parishioners have donated flowers in loving memory of Roger Hedrick, Jason Morrison, Jackie Klann, Alex Gedeon, and Margaret Gedeon by Eileen Hedrick; Rex Norton by Hilda Norton; Agnes M. Kelly, Shirley Walker, and Mary H. Kelly by Ed & Kathy Kelly; the Lattus Family and the Kemerer Family by Greg & Debbie Lattus; Paul Curry by Arnold & Vicki Thomas; the Burleigh family, the Thompson family, the Moler family, the Greaser family, and the Robertson family by Bryan & Judy Robertson; Mr. & Mrs. George Breys and Mr. & Mrs. John Piccolomini by John & Dotty Piccolomini; Tom & Alma Bonner, Ellis W. Armstrong, and Randy Armstrong by Leo & Connie Bonner; James, Jeannette, and Jimmy Chisholm and Harry & Harriet Botsford by Dean & Marie Botsford; Frank & Cecilia Vassallo by Eric & Anna Sokel; Mary Elizabeth DeBord, Dennis & Kathy McLaughlin, and Bob & Betty DeBord by Alan & Mary Ellen DeBord; Bill Fritchman by Nancy Curry; Patricia & Serge Vernice and Howard Shelkowsky by Joe & Terri Vernice; Bruce Hughes Schmidt, Mary Jane Mooney, and Katherine Ann Dorr by Brigitte Schmidt; Edythe Bagley Myers by Zach & Tricia Myers; Francis Snowden, Rebecca McCauley, Jaysen Quintana, Sandra Walker, and Sophia Hansen by Marie Snowden; Michael J. Schaefer, Catherine A. Markel, Lucille Kellner, Catherine Schaefer, and John Schaefer by Susan Schaefer; Richard & Sarah Nau by Tim & Gretchen Matz; Philip Mueller and Kenneth & Anna McCullough by Barbara Mueller; and as a gift to St Agnes by Henry & Barbara McDonald and Dennis & Janice Wark.

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Fred Brigham, Beverly Belchik, Frank Bielicki, Gene Falck, and Patti Rico (dear friend of Joann Algeo). Names are placed in the bulletin for approximately one month and then those names are placed on the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.

## Bishop Stowe on "Synod & Eucharistic Revival"

We have an exciting opportunity coming up at St Agnes! Bishop John Stowe of Lexington who visited us last year will be coming again. Mark your calendars for the evening of **May 2 at 7pm** and the morning of **May 3 at 10am**. Bishop John will be giving a talk on the theme the "Synod and Eucharistic Revival." More details will be given soon. On April 30<sup>th</sup> our young people will be making their First Communion, so right afterwards is a perfect time to have Bishop John visit. The talk will be based upon the Pope's Apostolic letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (on the Liturgical formation of the people of God). You might consider reading this powerful reflection before his talk. This can be found on the Vatican Web page. The Eucharist, as Vatican II reminds us, is the Source and Summit of our faith. This means the work of the synod flows out of our Eucharistic Celebration, and the themes of the synod—communion, participation, and mission. The liturgy empowers us to embody and be a synodal people.

## Cinco-ish de Mayo

Please join our youth and CFF program as we celebrate our summer break from formal CFF classes. We will be meeting in the grassy space in front of the church on May 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM Mass. We will have games and food with a Cinco de Mayo theme. All are welcome to participate in this intergenerational faith community event. CFF will not meet at 9:15 on May 7<sup>th</sup> but will be meeting at 11:35 instead.

## Working Stair Lift Being Gifted

We have been offered a working stair lift to be gifted to someone in need. Local pick up is required. The recipient would also have to arrange for installation. If interested, please call the office.

Dear Parishioners,

As you may be aware, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have called for a Eucharistic Revival. There was some discussion among the small group leadership here at St Agnes on how we follow up from the synod and the small groups that we did during Lent. The theme that seemed to emerge is the connection between the Eucharist and Synodality. This, I believe, is the gift of the Holy Spirit among the faithful people of God. After some discussion, we thought maybe we should invite Bishop John Stowe because he kicked off our parish renewal on synodality. I was surprised when Bishop Stowe told me through email that he planned to begin to study this theme using Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, on the Liturgical formation of the people of God ([https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html)). I found it another indicator of the Holy Spirit at work that Bishop John Stowe and St Agnes were moving in the same direction.

I bring this up because this week's gospel perhaps is a way for us to make the connection between Synodality and the Eucharist. The first emphasis is the two disciples on a journey and the risen Lord who is present among them. Our earliest understanding of Eucharist is a pilgrim people on a journey. This is synodality. Then notice how the Risen Lord is made present to them through accompanying them on the journey and listening. What did Jesus listen to? Jesus listened to their hurts and griefs. This has been part of Pope Francis' call, that we listen to the periphery—those who have been hurt by the church. Notice how Jesus comes among them as the stranger. Who is the stranger that we have excluded from the community or the meal? They journey with us; the Risen Lord is present in them. Notice what happens in the story: the disciples are changed by their encounter with the Risen Lord. This, again, is the call of the synod; through journeying together, listening, and dialogue that the Risen Lord comes among us to transform us. As Pope Francis emphasized, if we have truly practiced synodality, we come out different from that dialogue. As disciples we

begin to see our story connected to the larger story we find in sacred scriptures and the presence of the Risen Jesus. A very important point in this gospel, how did they become aware of Jesus presence? "The breaking of the Bread." This is an important point, that the Eucharist is not static but synodality is necessary for Eucharistic revival. The breaking of bread means that the presence of the Lord that we celebrate around the table is made present through sharing life with one another, and journeying together. It is not a passive thing.

I would suggest in the last year that St Agnes has done many things to celebrate synodality and its connection with the Eucharist. Small groups sharing faith and life with each other, ecumenical prayer services working towards greater communion with the bigger body of Christ, our First Communion children and their families making a homeless meal together (they will also share a meal together before their First Communion), feet washing parishioner to parishioner on Holy Thursday, welcoming our newest members into the church at the Easter Vigil, celebrating First Communion soon, and having Bishop John Stowe talk on Eucharist and Synodality. And this is just to name a few. These are all ways that St Agnes has celebrated Synodality and Eucharistic revival. We should be like the disciples in Emmaus who see in the meal itself the mission, and what did they say? "Stay with us Lord." The church teaches that Eucharist is source and summit of our lives. If we break bread and open our lives together, it sends us forth. The Lord stays with us on our mission in the family, coaching a little league game, the ICV unit, the school, and the work for justice on the public square, etc. As we celebrate Eucharist, let's remember that we are called to journey together, listen to one another, see our story connected to the Jesus story, share our lives along with the presence of the Risen Lord present in breaking of Bread. Recognizing that the Lord stays with us throughout the week to carry out the mission. This, I believe, is the call of Synodality and Eucharistic revival.

Fr. Andy

## St Agnes Craft Show

Our St Agnes Craft show will take place in conjunction with the Car show on Saturday, May 20, 10am-1pm. Table spaces are \$25 and a donation of one item to our raffle. You will have to provide your own tables, chairs, and canopies. For more information related to the craft show, please contact Melinda, [Melinda\\_y@comcast.net](mailto:Melinda_y@comcast.net), or Jan, [j\\_yates348@comcast.net](mailto:j_yates348@comcast.net). Registration is also available online through a link on the St Agnes website.

## Cinco de Mayo Planning

We are in the planning stages for an end of the year CFF celebration for May 7th with a Cinco de Mayo theme. The entire parish is invited to participate.

Anyone interested in helping to plan the event or who would like to volunteer to help at the event please contact Bill at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) or Melinda Yates (YAMs committee) at [Melinda\\_y@comcast.net](mailto:Melinda_y@comcast.net).

## Service, Justice, and Peace

Greetings from Social Concerns. Oh, but wait, wait! We have a brand new name—the Service, Justice, and Peace Committee of St. Agnes Catholic Church. Since the Pandemic, the special weekends focused on giving had been paused. Beginning on the first weekend in May, the tradition is returning. So May 6 and 7, I am excited to be introduced to you all at the weekend Masses. I am a new creation! I was designed by Eileen Dooley, built by Fred Dubay and Rick Goldman, and decorated by Kathleen Bielicki. I must admit that I am both handsome and handy for making it easy for anyone to donate to worthy causes. It's only once per month, so I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

There is still a need for volunteers to sit at the table at the Saturday Liturgy. It's once a month and will only take a few minutes before and after Mass. If you can sign up to volunteer email or call Eileen Elliott at [eepeach-lan@gmail.com](mailto:eepeach-lan@gmail.com) or 304-886-3612.

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

Catholic Charities is working with a Ukrainian refugee who is living with a sponsor family in Ranson. She is in need of transportation daily from her work at Weis Grocery store in Ranson to her home. This would be at 3:15pm, and it would take about 10 minutes to get to her home. If you can help, please contact Joan Garten at [joangarten@me.com](mailto:joangarten@me.com) or 304-549-4074.

## 2nd Annual St Agnes Car Show

Our 2nd Annual St Agnes Car Show will be on Saturday, May 20, 10am-1pm, on the church grounds. There is no fee to enter, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Trophies will be awarded along with Dash Plaques to the first 50 entries. Online registration is available through a link on the St Agnes website. Registration is also available on the day of the event, but only the first 50 registered cars will receive dash plaques.

We are looking for door prizes for the car show. If you are interested in contributing a door prize, please contact the office.

In addition, we need volunteers to help with setting up and working the car and craft show. We need help Friday, May 19th during the day for various set up tasks. On Saturday, May 20th starting at 8 AM we need additional assistance with setup activities. We also need adults and youth willing to help with running the show: registration table, food table, auction/raffle tables and selling 50/50. We need people stationed in the church—last year we used the car show as an opportunity to give church tours. The church will be open for people to use the restrooms and to get a break from the sun. Please call the parish office at 304-876-6436 or email Bill Donahue at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) to volunteer.

## Help Wanted! No Experience Necessary Intergenerational Community Garden

This year we are trying a different approach to our gardening endeavors here at St Agnes--intergenerational teams managing specific vegetable, herbs, and flower beds. Teams will ideally consist of related and nonrelated individuals, friends and neighbors, new and old, who have some interest in growing and maintaining a garden. Garden activities will be scheduled and volunteers will monitor the progress on a weekly basis. Teams will be self-managed with an overall coordinating team. Sam Yates and Fanny Smith have agreed to be the coordinators of this project with Bill Donahue as the general manager.

We need at least five teams, each will select one of the raised beds already constructed; a couple of the beds have plants from previous years. Gardeners will have the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with all ages, the gardening tasks will be shared according to the time, level of ability, and stamina of each team member, and their overall interest in the garden. Our hope is to share our harvest with Shepherdstown Shares and also to use these fresh ingredients for our meals for the hungry.

If you think you might have even a small spark of interest, please reach out to Bill by calling the office or emailing him at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

St. Agnes Catholic Church Proudly Presents

**JOSEPH  
AND THE  
AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOR  
DREAMCOAT**

Lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

**June 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18**

Friday & Saturday at 8pm—Sundays at 3pm

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# THE YOUTH CORNER

April 23, 2023

This Week's Gospel:  
*Luke 24: 13-35*

Third Sunday of Easter



**We are looking for volunteers to help with:**

- May 7th celebration (Kids games, food, set up)
- the Car Show—May 20 (Lots to do)
- Garden Project (at your own convenience—all summer)

## DATES AT A GLANCE

- **April 23: NO CFF but** First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 9:15 Parish Center
- **April 23:** Nature Workshop 3:30 PM See family news for additional details.
- **April 23:** Youth Centered Mass **5 PM**
- **April 29: First Eucharist Luncheon** 12 Noon Parish Center for the First Eucharist Families.
- **April 30:** CFF 9:15 AM Except for First Eucharist Children. First Eucharist Mass 10:30 AM, First Eucharist Children please report to the church at 10 AM
- **May 7:** Last CFF class (Summer Break) at 11:35 outside the church. **Note the time change—no CFF at 9:15 AM**
- **May 20: St. Agnes 2nd Annual Car and Craft Show 10 AM—1 PM. Come for the Fun, Food, Great Crafts and Cool Cars.**

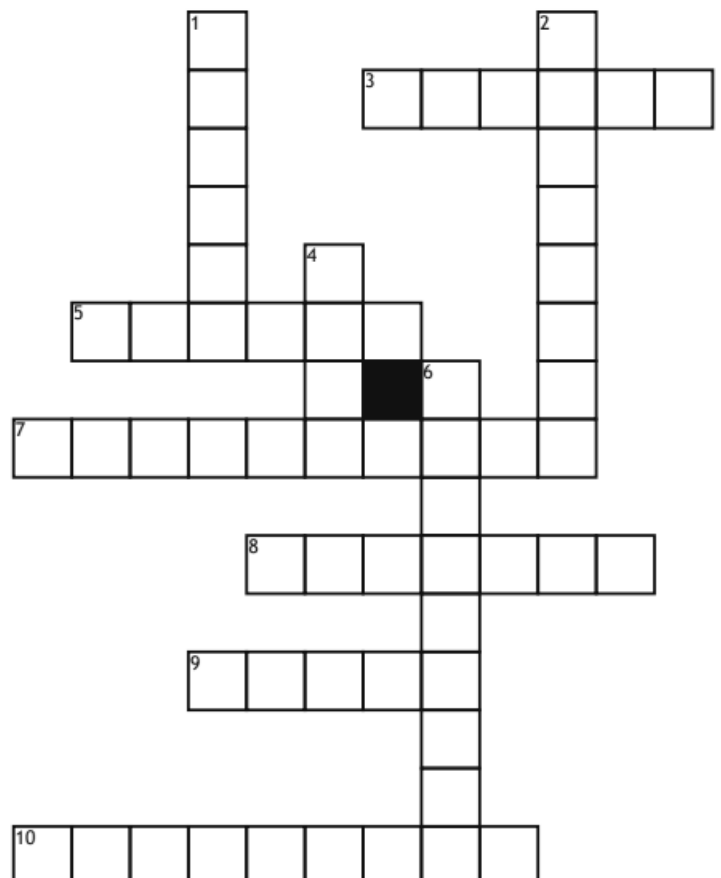
## Crossword Puzzle

### Across

3. They hoped Jesus would redeem this place
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7. They realized who was walking with them when they -----
8. The name of one of the individuals
9. The Lord has appeared to -----
10. After realizing who the stranger was, they returned to -----

### Down

1. Two people walked to this village
2. After realizing who the stranger was, the stranger -----
4. Where were the women early in the morning
6. The individuals did not ----- him







## **Family News**

Today, we have a Youth Centered Mass at 5 PM. Our Youth Centered Mass is open for all parishioners to attend. The focus of the Mass is designed to help train our youth in the various ministries of the Church. It also allows our younger children an opportunity to learn the Mass. It is great family and community catechesis. A light meal and fellowship will follow the Mass. Starting this fall, we will be changing the name of our Youth Centered Mass to reflect this intergenerational approach. Stay tuned for the new name.

Also this Sunday, April 23, we are offering a Spirituality in Nature Workshop at 3 PM at the church. Join Sacred Art In Action for this workshop and activity to explore the Pope's Encyclical, *Laudato si.*

**April 30** we will be celebrating **First Eucharist** at the 10:30 Mass. Congratulations in advance to Ben, Harper, and Owen as they celebrate this sacrament.

We will start **early registration** for CFF in May.

May 7th—End of the Year CFF celebration. Come join in the fun after the 10:30 Mass. A Cinco de Mayo celebration.

May 20th—St. Agnes 2nd Annual Car and Craft Show. 10 AM—1 PM. Come out and enjoy this festival, vote for your favorite car and perhaps even pick up some unique gifts. Have a car to show or a craft to sell? Check out the events page on the St. Agnes web site at <https://stagnesshepherdstown.org/event/car-and-craft-show/> Click on the link to register.

**New this fall.** We will be offering adult classes that will be meeting at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings between the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses.

Please look at the **“Dates At A Glance”** for a quick check for upcoming activities.

If you are a parent and not receiving CFF announcements and emails, please contact the Parish center at 304-876-6436 or Bill Donahue at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org). Parents are also encouraged to join our Youth Facebook Group. Please email Bill at the above email address for the link to the closed group. You shouldn't be able to find it any other way!

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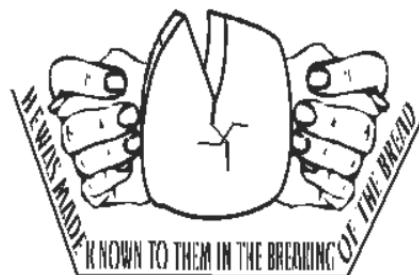
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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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RULERS  
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VISION  
WOMEN  
WORD



## The Road to Emmaus



## The Gospel at Home

### This Week's Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

This Sunday's Gospel tells the classic story of the presence of the Risen Jesus in the lives of his followers. Two discouraged disciples walk home to Emmaus after Jesus' Death in Jerusalem. A stranger falls in step and helps them see that the Messiah was not to be a triumphant king, but a suffering servant. At supper they recognize the stranger as Jesus in the breaking of the bread. At Mass we listen to the Scripture and we recognize the Risen Christ in the community and in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds** (Preschool): The story of the Risen Jesus meeting two followers on the road is full of details your child will remember. Help your child understand that every time you go to Mass you recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**Promise** (Grades K-1): This week's lesson helped your child understand how Jesus is with us today at Mass—in the Eucharist, in the priest, in the people who come together to celebrate the breaking of the bread, and in the Word of God. Share with your child how important Sunday Mass is to you. Ask your child to show and tell about the happy heart medallion he or she made in class.

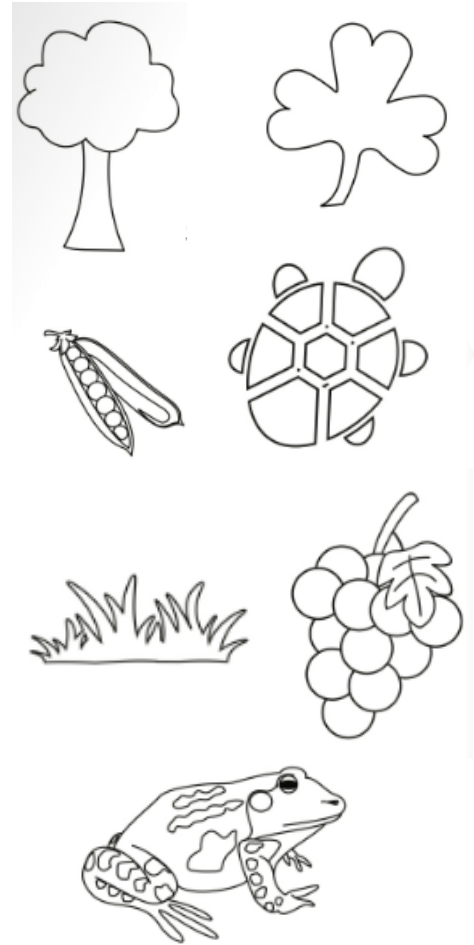
**Good News** (Grades 2-3): Your child learned the importance of making loving choices. Ask your child to tell the family the story of Paul and how he changed. In your own words, tell the Gospel story of Jesus and the two disciples at Emmaus and talk about how you all recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread at Mass every Sunday. Talk about what is meant by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Venture** (Grades 4-6): The class focused on the story of Jesus and his disciples on the road to Emmaus, and discussed how we can recognize Jesus in our midst. Allow your child to have an opportunity to tell you about his or her own Emmaus Walk, and to share what was learned about the different characters met along the journey. Ask your young person to tell you about how our faith practices and traditions are similar to the disciples' in the Gospel.

**Visions** (Grades 7-9): When the two disciples in the Gospel story walk with Jesus to Emmaus, they began to understand why Jesus had to suffer. They also recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Make a list of questions each of you would want to ask Jesus if you had the chance to take a long walk with him. Share the questions with one another. Talk, too, about ways you can make Mass a more important part of your life. Your family may want to go to weekday Mass during the Easter season. Talk, too, about Saint Paul's missionary travels from the week's lesson, including the map provided to see where the locations are.

### Pray Together

Each day this week, pray the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be together. These three prayers weave together many of the great mysteries of the Easter feast.



Then pray this prayer:

**Thank you, God,  
for the color green. Amen.**

### Crossword:

#### Across:

3 Israel, 5 Vision, 7 BrokeBread, 8 Cleopas,  
9 Simon, 10 Jerusalem

### SOLUTIONS

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## Thank You!!!!

Thanks to all the Liturgical Ministers who give of their time and talent to make the Masses at St Agnes a wonderful and spiritual place to attend. I especially thank those who served during the Triduum [Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (Vigil)], and some of you doubled up. A special thanks to the parishioners who stepped up to join the ministry of Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

We are still in need of ministers in all ministries (Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Hospitality, Lectors, and desperate for Altar Servers). There are so many behind-the-scenes ministries that could also use volunteers. There's a group that keep the church grounds pretty, maintenance, decorating, etc. Everyone has a gift, so please discern the way you can best use your gift for your parish. I can be contacted by email; [liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org) or call 304.261.0196.

There were so many wonderful comments from parishioners and visitors who enjoyed being at St Agnes during the Triduum and Easter Sunday. That is due to the friendly, warm and welcoming atmosphere. Keep it up!

God bless, Helen L Harris, Liturgy

## Stations of the Cross Trail

Please take an opportunity to visit the Stations of the Cross Trail behind the church. After some tree maintenance by the electric company, the stations were impassable. The youth group, who normally maintain the trail, were unable to complete their normal upkeep this year. They decided to use some of their fundraising money to pay a company to clear the heavy branches, etc, from the trail so that all could enjoy and use our Stations of the Cross trail. Thanks to our youth for being active members of the community!!!

## St Agnes Scholarships

St. Agnes announces the 2023 Annual Scholarship Award! Active, participating members of St. Agnes who are graduating high school in 2023 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 and the parish center or can be emailed to interested applicants ([office@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:office@stagnesshepherdstown.org)). **Deadline for application submission to the office is May 5th.**

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult) is for those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and discerning if they might want to be professed members of the Catholic faith. The goal is to see where the process takes you. Father Andy is leading our RCIA process. If you are interested in learning more or joining the group, please call the office at 304-876-6436. All are welcome!

## Mother's Day Gift Project

Please join us for our annual Mother's Day gift project gift bag stuffing party on Sunday, May 7th at 11:30am at St. Agnes Parish Center. If you can't make it, you can also drop items by anytime prior to event in the box at church.

We're planning to fill 60 gift bags to brighten the day of local women at two local homeless shelters and for a Young Lives teen Mom support group. Suggested donations: toiletries (mini and regular), feminine hygiene products, diapers and baby wipes, tooth brushes, tooth paste, hand sanitizers, chocolates, treats, granola bars, journals, makeup, socks, hair ties, brushes, anything you can think of that would be useful to a Mom.

## St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

We are happy to welcome one of our new St. Agnes parishioners, Kimberly Rae Conner, who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church at our recent Easter Vigil, to the efforts of our racial justice group. Kim is a professor at San Francisco University with a Ph.D. in Religious Studies, who moved here to tend to the needs of her parents. She has an extensive background in African American religion and literature, has been widely published, and has an impressive list of friends and contacts with people involved in racial justice issues. We are looking forward to the enrichment she brings to our St. Agnes racial justice ministry.

Also we are adding a new book to our Racial Justice Library, Sisters in the Wilderness, by Delores S. Williams. The book, first published in 1993, is widely acknowledged as a groundbreaking classic in womanist theology. The biblical figure of Hagar, slave of Abraham's wife Sarah, becomes a prototype for the struggles of African-American women from their arrival here as slaves till their present day challenges. The story of Hagar's encounter with God in the midst of her slavery, ethnicity, poverty, sexual exploitation and exile in the desert, sheds revelatory light on the spiritual journey of every African-American woman. Well worth a read.

## Book Discussion Group

Our May 19, 2023 Book Discussion selection is **OUT OF THE DEPTHS: The Story of Ludmila Javorova** by Miriam Therese Winter. We meet in the Parish Center on the third Friday of each month at 11. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Javorova may not be the only Catholic woman priest since the first century, but she is the first to tell her story publicly. Her remarkable journey takes readers from bombings in World War II to the clandestine activities of an underground church in which she functioned as vicar general for nearly 20 years.



## JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

Unfortunately, food pantry needs have increased while donations have decreased. This has left the food pantry with a large deficit. Please help restock the shelves!!

Spaghetti Sauce  
Ramen Noodles  
Canned meat (vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna)  
Canned beans  
Canned vegetables (not green beans/corn)  
Soups (hearty and condensed)  
Canned chili  
Rice (small bags)  
Cereal or Oatmeal  
Instant mashed potatoes  
Jelly  
Syrup  
Pancake/biscuit mix  
Instant oatmeal  
Crackers/snacks  
Cooking oil  
Sugar  
Salt  
Deodorant  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent

## VIRTUS

St. Agnes Catholic Church follows the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's policy for Safe Environment. If you have questions regarding Safe Environment, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator at 304-876-6436 or email at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

## Scripture Sharing

Scripture Sharing continues to meet on Mondays at noon. The Zoom link is found on the website events calendar.

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$25,461
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$412
<b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$25,873</b>
<b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$11,900</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↑ +\$13,973</b>

**Tithe to help those in need** \$2,546  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

## Sacred Art in Action

### Byzantine Icon Workshop

June 19-23, 2023

Presented by Iconographer Tatiana Gubenko  
St Agnes Church, Shepherdstown, WV

Pre-registration required

For more information & to register visit:

[tagubenko@yahoo.com](mailto:tagubenko@yahoo.com)

Or call 1-571-426-0319

## Boonsboro Swap & Recycling Event

The Boonsboro Green Fest Committee is sponsoring a Swap & Recycling Event in Shafer Park in Boonsboro, Maryland, on Saturday, May 13 from 9am-2pm. This event is open to the public and not limited to the residents of Boonsboro.

Clothing for the swap will be collected on Friday, May 12, beginning at 3pm at Pavilion 1. Please separate clothing into labeled bags (Boys, Girls, Mens, Womens, etc).

Mark your calendars and be ready to Swap & Recycle usable goods including plants, household items, art & Craft supplies, accessories, shoes, book, and more. There will also be areas set up to collect hard to recycle items such as scrap metal, electronics, bulky hard plastics, glass, wine corks, disposable razors, beauty product packaging, dental care items, and lots more. A full list of items will be available on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BoonsboroGreenFest/>.

## 2nd Friday Prayer Group

Please contact Judy (301-432-2276, [jsilga8@gmail.com](mailto:jsilga8@gmail.com)) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add to the prayer list or to join the group.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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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## St Joe's Seeks Lead Teachers for Pre-K

Saint Joseph School is seeking lead teachers for 2- to 4-year-olds at its new preschool at St. Leo Catholic Church in Inwood, W.Va., for the 2023-24 school year.

Job responsibilities include ensuring the daily care of every child by following all licensing guidelines and the school's standards of care. Applicants must be at least 21 years old; able to meet state licensing requirements; and have a minimum of two years experience working in early-childhood programs. Benefits include 401(k), dental, health, vision and life insurance; and paid time off. Please send a letter of introduction and résumé to Marilis Collazo at [mcollazo@sjsww.org](mailto:mcollazo@sjsww.org).

## Still Need a Summer Job?

The Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp is dedicated to leading young people to Christ and His Church. If you're committed to growing in faith, modeling faithful Catholic community life to young people, and living the adventure of His Creation, we want YOU at Camp Carlo for Summer 2023! If you are interested in serving the youth of West Virginia as a camp counselor for Summer 2023, please reach out to Deacon Raymond Godwin ([rgodwin@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgodwin@frontiernet.net)) or Maggie Moran ([mmoran@dwc.org](mailto:mmoran@dwc.org)) for an application.

## One Mission One Day

The Catholic school communities of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are committed to providing quality education in the Catholic tradition for all students in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. Your gift on One Mission One Day (Tuesday, May 2) will help challenge children to recognize, develop and share their God-given gifts and talents! To donate to Saint Joseph School, please go to <https://www.onemissiononeday.org/organizations/st-joseph-school-martinsburg-wv> between 12 a.m. May and 12 a.m. May 3. Thank you!

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## Save the Date

Gala to support St Joseph School  
 April 29, 2023 at 6:30pm  
 St Leo's Catholic Church, Inwood, WV

## Summer Camp

**Camp Carlo**  
 Huttonsville, West Virginia, June 25 – July 29, 2023  
 This camp is open to students in grades 3 through 12. The rate is \$325.00 per child with scholarships available. Early Bird Special Rate of \$275 applicable through June 1, 2023. There are 5 one-week camps from which to choose. Please contact Camp Carlo Director, Deacon Raymond Godwin at [rgodwin@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgodwin@frontiernet.net) or Camp Carlo Assistant Director, Maggie Moran at [mmoran@dwc.org](mailto:mmoran@dwc.org) for more information.



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