

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 2:14a, 36b-41
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

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 the intentions of
Marlene McCarthy, SSJ



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for
Fred Panza

May Fred share in the fullness
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 Bill Gray, Fred Brigham, Beverly Belchik, Frank Bielicki, and Gene Falck. 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.

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 to volunteer.

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, or Jan, j_yates348@comcast.net. Registration is also available online through a link on the St Agnes website.

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. Please join us the evening of **May 2 at 7pm** and/or the morning of **May 3 at 10am**. Both sessions will be at the church, and light refreshments will be served. Bishop John will be giving a talk on the theme the "Synod and Eucharistic Revival." On April 30th 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.

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.

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,

We want to congratulate our children who made their First Communion this weekend. This is a special day for their families and for our St Agnes church family. May they know that we are committed to journeying with them at each stage of their lives. The gospel today says, "I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly." We want to be a community that, in following Jesus, we offer all a more abundant life.

I hope many will be able to make it out to Bishop John Stowe's talk on Tuesday, May 2, at 7Pm and/or Wednesday, May 3, at 10am. This a great culmination to our First Communion celebration as Bishop John takes up the theme of Eucharist and Synodality.

Below is a letter that Fr Mat shared in a recent homily. It was written some years ago when you were still at St Agnes chapel. I share it as it seems appropriate for St Agnes First Communion and the type of welcoming community we are called to be.

Fr. Andy

Sunday Mass in our historic St Agnes Chapel.

On a recent visit to Shepherdstown, I attended with our family Saturday evening Mass at St Agnes Church. Although I was a bit startled at the pre-Mass "chattiness" of parishioners (neighborly and innocent though it was), I was more impressed with a wave of reverence that quickly settled over the congregation as the liturgy began.

These days we are accustomed to women scripture readers, and none more articulate than those at St Agnes. But, well-trained women ushers? Well, that was a new and pleasant experience!

The enthusiastic singing of the parishioners is a real tribute to your entire music ministry. And the parish decision to donate a part of each weekly collection to the needs of others is surely living the Gospel in full measure.

Beyond the enrichment of parish participation, it was the reverent Mass offered by yourself—and the warm sense of welcome and acceptance projected by you and your visiting homilist—that truly defined for me the worship experience at St Agnes.

First Eucharist

Congratulations to Ben Gallagher, Harper Kwiatkowski, and Owen McCreery for making their First Communion today at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Intergenerational Community Garden Update!

Exciting News! We are expanding the garden space at the parish center and rectory at St Agnes in partnership with the Ranson Community Gardens. We are welcoming community members of all ages to participate, any level of ability and interest will be nurtured and appreciated. Ideally we will have participants form teams, each team will be responsible for one raised bed. We already have one scouting troop interested in participating, and we are inviting those affiliated with groups of all ages to let us know of their interest in such a community endeavor. Please help us spread the word beyond our St Agnes borders. This is an ecumenical project!

The raised beds were prepared for planting on April 22; a small group of volunteers, including Fr Andy, came together to erect and fill the new raised beds. On May 14 following the 10:30am Mass, we will gather at the gardens and have our opening event, at which time Fr Andy will get us started with a blessing and we will be planting seeds and plants that have been started in pots. We will be sharing this information with the media in a forum not yet determined.

Do not let limited mobility stop you from joining us. We have two raised beds that are 3 feet tall that will accommodate people who need to work from a higher level.

Produce raised in this community garden will be donated to the local food bank and others in the community. We will also have a flower garden.

So teams, start thinking about your name and/or focus—the Kitchen Garden, Tea Please, Salad Bowl, Southern Delight, Singing Sowers—suggestions to start you thinking.

Need more information? Ready to volunteer? Contact the office!

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 or 304-886-3612.

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 or Melinda Yates (YAMs committee) at Melinda_y@comcast.net.

Project Complete!



Some months ago our St Agnes Knights of Columbus gave financial support to our parishioner Matt Hippchen for his Eagle Scout project. Above you see pictured the finished product—a GaGa Ball Pit built at Page Jackson Elementary. Congratulations, Matt, on a job well done!

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.

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

Or call 1-571-426-0319

2nd Friday Prayer Group

Please contact Judy (301-432-2276, jslilga8@gmail.com) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add to the prayer list or to join the group.

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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Free and Open to the Public—Donations Gratefully Accepted

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or visit StAgnesShepherdstown.org

Trip to Klein Theatre

All are welcome to join a group of parishioners to carpool from St. Agnes Parking lot for the June 8th 7pm showing of C S Lewis, *Further Up and Further In*. The show run time is 90 minutes with no intermission.

Contact Brigitte Schmidt if interested in carpooling. Text 301-660-0376. We plan to gather at 4:45pm and leave the parking lot by 5pm at the latest. Parishioners are responsible for purchasing their own tickets. You may also choose to attend another date. The show runs June 7-18, 2023 at the Klein Theater in Washington, DC.

“Inspired, encouraged and spiritually challenged to journey *Further Up and Further In*! Using Lewis’ own words, this dazzling, multi-media theatrical event explores:

What convinced Lewis of the divinity of Christ. Why the BBC gave him a huge audience to deliver wartime talks that would become *Mere Christianity*. How Hitler influenced the writing of *The Screwtape Letters*. How his profound insights on prayer, heaven and the Second Coming of Christ influenced *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Don’t miss this mesmerizing, one-of-kind stage experience that promises to take you further up and further in the heart and mind of C.S. Lewis.

The performance is followed by a post-show discussion with Max McLean. Award-winning actor Max McLean’s tour de force performance captures C.S. Lewis’ magnetic personality, astonishing eloquence and laugh-out-loud wit to create an onstage experience venturing deep into the soul one of the most influential thinkers of the past century.

THE YOUTH CORNER

April 30, 2023

This Week's Gospel:
John 10: 1-10

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Congratulations on your

First Communion

Ben, Harper, and Owen

DATES AT A GLANCE

- **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.
- **May 26:** Family Movie Night—6:45 PM Parish Center
- **June 9, 10, 11 and June 16, 17, 18—**This year's musical: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM, Sundays at 3 PM. St. Agnes Catholic Church 200 S. Duke Street.

We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- the Car Show—May 20 (Lots to do)
- Garden Project (at your own convenience—all summer)

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SHEPHERD	FLOCK	GATEKEEPER
STRANGER	PARABLE	PASTURE
STEAL	KILL	LIFE



Family News

April 30 we will be celebrating **First Eucharist** at the 10:30 Mass. Congratulations to Ben, Harper, and Owen as they celebrate this sacrament today. Thanks also to their prayer sponsors and to our YAM committee for their continued support of our Youth Programs.

We will begin **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 between at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings between the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses. This is open to all parishioners. In addition, based on our needs, we will be offering Pre-K Faith Formation.

Not new but still important: Classes for K—Confirmation will follow our typical schedule. Finally, we will be continuing our Youth Group Continuing Faith Formation.

Looking into June, please mark your calendar to come out and support our Intergenerational cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This is always a great example of Intergenerational catechesis.

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

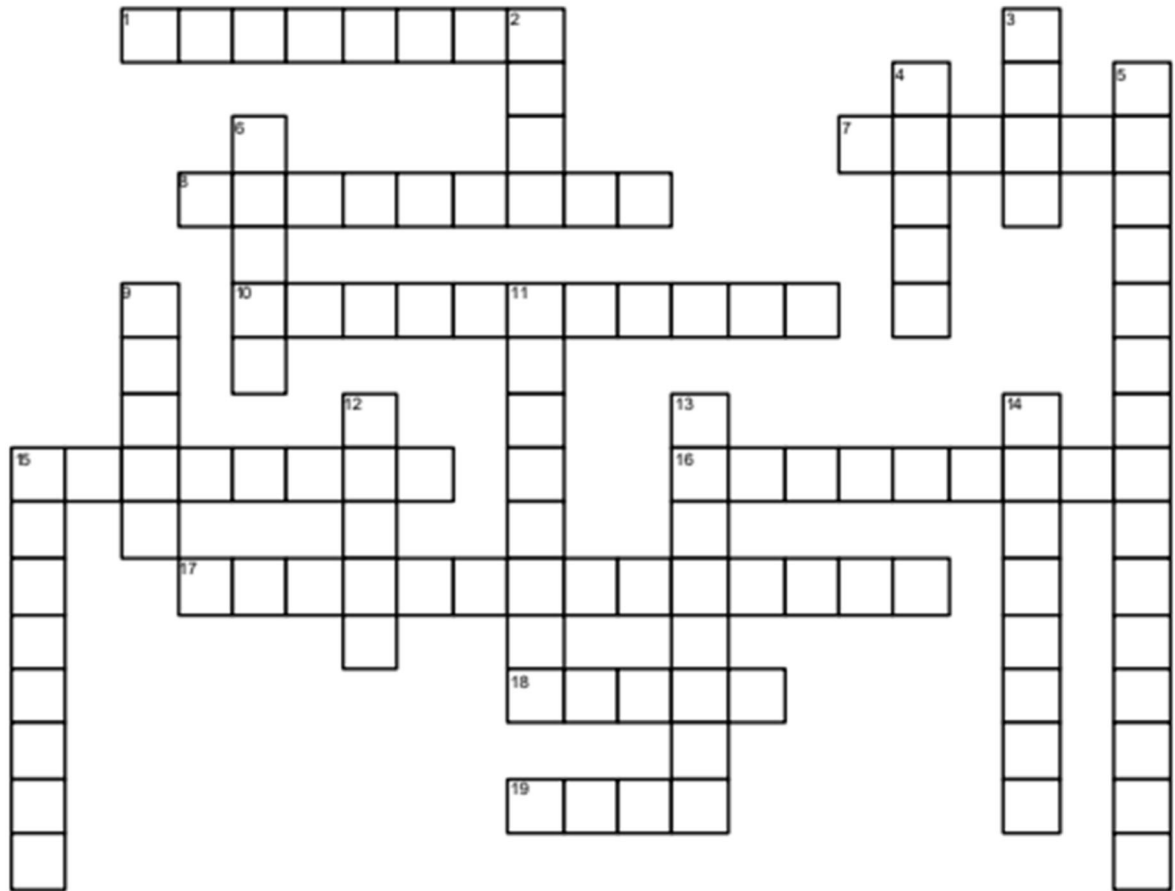
If you are a parent and not receiving CFF announcements and emails, please contact the Parish center at 304-876-6436 or Bill Donahue at formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org. Parents are also encouraged to join our Youth Facebook Group. Please email Bill at the above email address for the link to the closed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

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Crossword Puzzle

The Shepherd and His Flock



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

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus as a Good Shepherd, who has come so that his followers might have life to the fullest. Shepherds lead, protect, and provide for their sheep. Shepherds know their sheep and the sheep know the shepherd's voice. In Jesus' time, shepherds slept at the entrance to the sheepfold like a gate that keeps the sheep in. Jesus is the gateway to the Christian community. Baptism makes us members of that community.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Children love the image of the Good Shepherd and his care for the animals. The image can help your child notice God's care in the family that surrounds them with love and provides food, shelter, and a safe and happy place to be. Discuss some things that you all care for as a family. Considering displaying the cutout activity of the shepherd and his sheep that your child made during the week's lesson.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child played a game to discover how to care for others and who cares for him or her. Ask your child to tell the family why Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd. Make a list of ways your family can show love and care for others. Play a round of The Caring Game and ask your son or daughter to show the family the picture he or she created of the Good Shepherd.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned the difference between "no" Jesus and "know" Jesus. They helped solve problems that led to ways Jesus would have taught. Talk about how you settle problems as a family. As your child to tell the story of "The Lost Hamster," from this week's lesson. Talk, too, about Jesus as the Good

Shepherd and decide on ways your family can share the Good News with others.

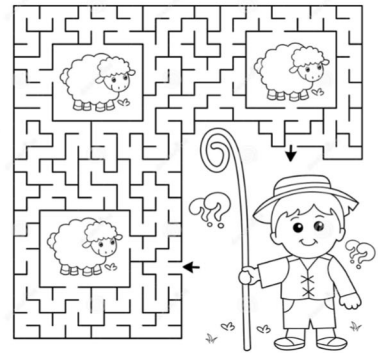
Venture (Grades 4-6): Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd. Talk together about the lessons of the Good Shepherd Gospel, and how Jesus calls us each by name. Ask your young person to retell the story "Go Green for God." Spend some time talking about needs in your community that could use your family's time and caring. Talk about the meaning of the word vocation, and what it means to be called to be like Jesus.

Visions (Grades 7-9): In class, your youngster explored the metaphor of Jesus as the sheep gate for entry into God's family. The class read about Father Stanley Rother, a missionary and martyr, who gave his life for the people he loved. The young people also discussed the popularity of Psalm 23, in which David sees the Lord as his shepherd. Does your family experience God as your loving shepherd and do you see Jesus as your Good Shepherd? Talk about ways your family can bring the message of the Good Shepherd to others. Plan a summer project that provides help to those in need.

Pray Together

Pray together Psalm 23, the Good Shepherd Psalm. Ask God to care for your family and keep you safe. Promise one another that you will always try to "dwell in the house of the Lord" all your days.

Go through the maze, collecting all the sheep



Answer to Maze in Next weeks bulletin



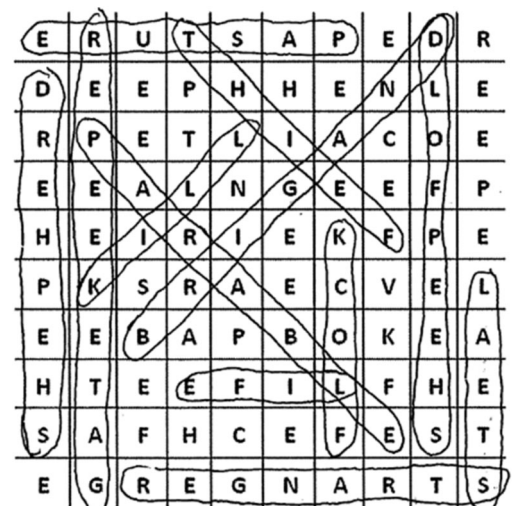
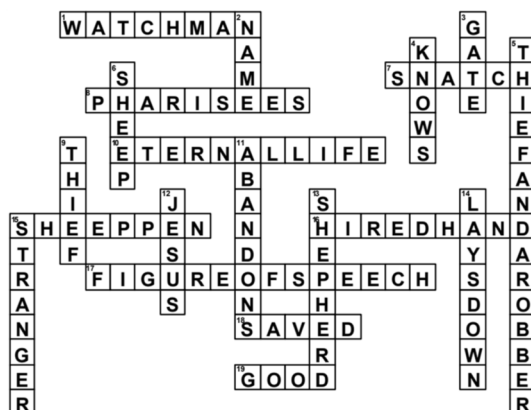
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St Agnes Scholarships

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). **Deadline for application submission to the office is May 5th.**

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 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

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/>.

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 7th 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 7th but will be meeting at 11:35 instead.

St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

It seems fitting that we should acknowledge the life of Harry Belafonte who died this past Tuesday at age 96.

Harry Belafonte was not only a huge Hollywood and musical legend, he was also a giant among racial and social justice advocates his whole life long. He was born in Harlem to undocumented Caribbean immigrants of mixed racial backgrounds, who in spite of his eventual fame and wealth, never forgot where he came from, using his exceptional talents in the service of justice. He used his considerable fame and fortune as a great friend and supporter of Martin Luther King, Jr. - bailing him out of jail; participating front and center at the 1963 March on Washington and the March in Selma, Alabama; championing voting rights in the South even while being shot at by the KKK in the 60's. That he was chosen by Coretta Scott King to be the executor of Martin Luther King's estate, speaks volumes. He was a champion in the fight against South African apartheid, helping secure the release of Nelson Mandela, and was the force behind African famine relief efforts, organizing the internationally famous "We Are the World" recording.

He continued, well into his 90's, speaking out on issues of war and peace and supporting racial justice efforts, also warning against the rising tide of white supremacist nationalism in the politics of our present day. He is an inspiration to all seekers of justice.

(Allow me a personal anecdote.) As a child I remember that the first stereo album my mother got for our then new hi-fi/stereo record player was, "Belafonte at Carnegie Hall." It was a personal and family favorite for years. It helped form my appreciation for other cultures and a dedication to securing justice for all people.

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!



Looking for the Perfect Mother's Day Gift?

Honor the special mother in your life with a donation to Catholic Charities West Virginia in her name. We will send a Mother's Day card to her notifying her of your gift. Your donation will help us provide support for mothers and others who need a hand up to build better lives. Visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/MothersDay or call 304.905.9876. Happy Mother's Day!

Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

We are still in need of donated **blankets**, and **comforters** (any size) and also used **sleeping bags**. Items should be clean and in fair condition and can be dropped off at the parish center. If you would like to join our ministry, email Barbara Mueller at barbaramueller596@gmail.com.

Homebound Ministry

If there are parishioners who have needs (groceries, rides to doctors or pharmacies, etc,) our **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** is willing to help. Please call Claire Williamson (304-876-1357), or Judy Lilga (301-432-2276).

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.

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 or 304-549-4074.

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

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

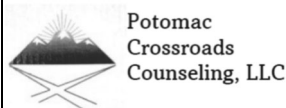
Offertory Collections	\$6,426
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$560
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$6,986
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$11,900
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ -\$4,914

Tithe to help those in need	\$643
(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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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@sjswv.org.

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 or Camp Carlo Assistant Director, Maggie Moran at mmoran@dwc.org for more information.

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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Mary's Refuge Mother's Day Brunch

Mary's Refuge invites you to celebrate motherhood!

All are welcome to attend a goodwill Mother's Day brunch to celebrate and give thanks to and for mothers!

Saturday May 6, 2023 at 10:00AM

Saint Joseph School Cafeteria
 110 E. Stephen Street Martinsburg, WV
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