

# 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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## **St. Agnes Chapel**

204 South Church Street, Shepherdstown

## **Sunday Readings**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a-37-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9

## Weekly Schedule

### Weekend Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am and 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Tuesday—Friday, 11am

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

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

**Cash Card Sales:** During parish office hours (call first)

## The Week at a Glance...

Sun Apr 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Sunday</li> <li>• Easter Sunday Masses 8am &amp; 10:30am</li> <li>• Children's Program 10:15am</li> <li>• Egg Hunt 11:45am</li> </ul>
Mon Apr 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Monday</li> <li>• Scripture Sharing Zoom 12noon</li> </ul>
Fri Apr 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd Friday Prayer Group 11am</li> </ul>
Sat Apr 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden Group Meeting 9:30am</li> <li>• SJP Weekend</li> <li>• Health Screenings after all Masses</li> </ul>
Sun Apr 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFF, CSS, Youth Group, &amp; First Eucharist Parents 9:15am</li> <li>• Landscape Committee 9:15am</li> <li>• OCIA 12noon</li> </ul>

## A New Nonagenarian!

Nell Thompson will turn 90 on April 7! On Sunday, April 12, at the 10:30am Mass, we will celebrate this momentous achievement with a blessing. Following Mass, Nell and her family will be in the parish center for a light reception and all are invited to join them!

## Thank You to Our Youth

We would like to offer a huge "Thank You" to the Confirmandi, Youth Group, our Youth Group Graduates, and adult sponsors this year for all their hard work and dedication during the Lenten and Easter Season.

Projects that our youth have done include: the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, the Souper Bowl Collection, Lenten Simple Supper and Youth Led Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Stations of the Cross (Youth supported), filling the Easter eggs, organizing and administering the Easter Egg Hunt, preparing the Meals for the Hungry, and the Children's Program for Easter.

We would also like to thank our dedicated Catechists who instruct our youth in teaching of the Catholic Faith each Sunday.

## Successful Simple Suppers & Stations

Our Lenten Friday simple suppers and Stations of the Cross each Friday were quite well-attended. We are grateful to the cooks who fed us simple yet delicious meals as well as those who led the stations at the church!

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill, especially Judy Lilga, Lisa Abe (sister of Bill Donahue, mother of Ryan & Julie Abe), Jon Metrey, Lorraine & Wayne Whitson (friends of Marie Stewart), Bobby (friend of Georgette Rush), Nell Thompson, and Ron Mancini (son-in-law of Bob and Martha Rizzo). Names are placed in the bulletin for one month then moved onto the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.

## Little White Books

Little White Books, our Easter devotional, are available in the Narthex.

## Behind the Scenes

Throughout the year, so much preparation and work happens behind the scenes here at St Agnes, but never more than through Lent, the Sacred Triduum, and Easter. Our heartfelt thanks go out to so many.

Music Ministry: Music is such a universal language that enriches each of our liturgical celebrations. Our choir and musicians have been giving of their time, diligently rehearsing for many weeks in addition to sharing their gifts at our 10:30am Mass throughout Lent. It is through all of their preparation that it all looks so effortless. They would love to have you join them! Contact Elaine Rendler for more information.

Liturgical Ministry: We are very fortunate to have devoted liturgical ministers who so willingly give of their time and talents throughout the year and especially during Holy Week. Through Triduum and Easter, we will have had more than 60 liturgical minister spots to fill in order to keep our celebrations moving smoothly. We simply would not be able to do it without them. Many of our liturgical ministers graciously agreed to participate multiple times through Triduum and Easter because we just don't have enough volunteers to cover all of our needs. They would love to have you join them! Contact Helen Harris for more information.

Decorating the Church: Have you ever noticed the banners and flowers at the church and how often they change? If you've been paying attention, you will have noted that on Laetare Sunday, some pink flowers were placed by the altar. We began to see more changes on Palm Sunday with changes to the altar and ambo banners and the addition of potted palms. On Holy Thursday, all of the banners change. Then on Good Friday the church is bare except for the cross that is draped. On Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, the Easter banners are up and the church is filled with flowers. You have probably surmised by now that a lot of work goes into keeping up with these changes. We indeed have a group of dedicated volunteers to thank for maintaining our church space so beautifully. And, you guessed it, they would love to have help! If you would consider being a part of this ministry, please call the office, and we will get you connected.

Dear Parishioners,  
Shalom!

"The Lord is truly risen. ALLELUIA."

I am pleased to wish each and every one of you, A VERY HAPPY EASTER.

May the Joy and peace of the Risen Lord bless you and fill your home and be with you always.

The forty days of Lent has come to end and now we are in the Easter season. Let us live and work, share and treasure each moment with the blessings of the Risen Lord.

1. Let us live as "ALLELUIA PEOPLE." This joy is not for a day or two but for throughout our life, through the year and in all circumstances.
2. Let us build our conviction that the real presence of the Risen Lord is with us, within us and all around us.
3. Let us become transparent Christians, radiating the joy and peace of the Risen Lord.
4. Let us love one another, extending Christian charity, mercy and forgiveness and building a vibrant community.
5. If we do so, then we truly share in the Resurrection of Jesus.
6. At this moment, I sincerely thank you all for being members of this St. Agnes family, contributing, volunteering, and extending your love and service. God bless you.

- Fr Arul Anthony

I would like to visit with the families of our parish after Easter, preferably in the evenings. Those who would like to have me in their homes, please contact 304-780-6090 or the Parish Center.

## Easter Candle/Paschal Candle

On Saturday, March 21st, Fr Mat and a few parishioners gathered in the Parish Center to create our 2026 Paschal Candle. The candle has since been carefully decorated. This very candle will be lit at the Easter Vigil and will be proclaimed the light of Christ!

## Service, Justice, and Peace Weekend

**Next Weekend is the April Service, Justice, and Peace weekend.** The Knights of Columbus will distribute blue bags to be filled with groceries for Shepherdstown Shares and the JCCM Food Pantry in Charles Town. Haiti coffee will be available for sale, and we will be collecting donations for feeding the hungry, feminine hygiene products and diapers for the needy, Mary's Refuge for mothers and babies in need, and the Kolofata Education of girls project. Any amount is appreciated. The Parish Nurse will be here to do blood pressure and blood sugar checks. There will also be a green bin for donations to Catholic Charities.



## Easter Flowers



Our parishioners have donated flowers **in loving memory of** George & Dorothy Buys and John & Elsie Piccolomini by Dotty & John Piccolomini; Bill Fritchman by Nancy Curry; Lorraine W. G. Roller and Alba M. Turner by Ruth Roller & Larry Turner; Frank & Cecilia Vassallo and Ed & Edna Sokel by Eric & Anna Sokel; Caleb Jay Smith by John & Jennifer Glymph; Barbara Hunter Kemp by Roger & Cynthia Webster; Francis Snowden, Rebecca McCauley, Jaysen Quintana, Sophia Hansen, and Sandy Walker by Marie Snowden; Josephine Loretta by Barb Lugaila; Christina Wilson Webb by Kevin & Michelle Webb; Beatrice Marcoux, Denis Marcoux, Richard Marcoux, and Larry Marcoux by Randy Marcoux; Harvey & Corrinne Behrenbrinker, Woody & Trudy Brong, John Holmquist, William Wolk, and Erin Morrissey by Bruce & Gail Brong; The Burleigh, Thompson, Moler, and Robertson Families by Bryan & Judy Robertson; Friends & Family by Lyle & Theresa Rush; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Curry by Arnold & Victoria Thomas; Joan Rice by Fergus & Joan Sugrue; Elvira Risi and Almerindo Risi by Maria Lamanna; Shelly Hockman Stowell by Billy & Nina Hockman; Arthur Gedeon, Roger Hedrick, Art & Jackie Klann, and Art & Mae Gedeon by Eileen Hedrick; Rex A. Norton by Hilda Norton; Philip Mueller, Kenneth McCullough, and Anna McCullough by Barbara Mueller; **in honor of** the Bowers Family by Dean & Marie Botsford; **and as a gift to St Agnes by** Stan & Lucille Nelson, Dennis & Janice Wark, Jason & Andrea Kipp, Greg & Debbie Lattus, and Justin Riggs & Keila Franco.

## Garden Group Meeting April 11th

The Garden Group will be meeting Saturday, April 11 at 9:30am at the garden in the rectory (rain location: parish center). Everyone is welcome to join to discuss garden plans for this year!

## Save the Date: First Eucharist

Our First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 3, at the 10:30am Mass.

## KoC Seminarian Raffle Tickets

The Knights of Columbus will be selling our Annual Seminarian Support Raffle tickets in the Narthex after Masses on April 11th and 12th. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of young men studying for the Priesthood. The Donation will be \$5 per ticket.

The prizes are: 1st Place \$1,000, 2nd Place \$500, with three 3rd place winners of \$100 each.

## For Our Younger Parishioners

We have a children's library in the Narthex. Check it out!

## Maintenance Crew Recent Projects

As always, our dedicated maintenance volunteers have been lending their skills to keep St Agnes up and running and in good order. Thanks to them being incredibly generous with their time, St Agnes saves a great deal of money on maintenance work! We are so grateful to them. If you would like to join them, contact the office.

### Here are some of the highlights of their recent efforts January through March 2026

- Diagnosed and had inverter replaced that supports emergency lighting in church.
- Designed, built, installed custom shelf in vesting sacristy.
- Designed, built, installed small coat rack for vesting sacristy.
- Replaced combination lock for electric room in church.
- Installed cable protector for organ.
- Moved changing table location in ladies' restroom in church.
- Replaced smoke detector batteries in rectory and parish center.
- Installed reflective tape as needed on stairs in rectory.
- Cleaned and lubricated glass wall track in church ceiling.
- Repaired parish center and rectory doors.
- Repaired glider swing on playground.
- Built and installed "All Are Welcome" sign.
- Installed swivel wall mount for TV in rectory kitchen.
- Measured, specified, and ordered new cooktop for rectory.
- Added lighting to reconciliation room in church.
- Invested countless hours of ongoing research into lighting/organ interference in church.
- Prepared grant application to diocese for church work.
- Rearranged/removed rectory furniture.
- Removed all Christmas decorations from the church.
- Replaced multiple light bulbs in the church.
- Monitored and replenished salt and grit for winter conditions in addition to supplemental snow shoveling.
- Set up the church parking lot timers for various night activities.
- Prepped and restored day chapel in church for various events
- Updated the hymn boards weekly at the church.
- Inspected all fire extinguishers in all buildings each month.
- Maintained proper water level in the baptismal font at the church.

## 2026 St Agnes Scholarships

St. Agnes announces the 2026 Annual Scholarship Award! Active, participating members of St. Agnes who are graduating high school in 2026 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. **Deadline for application submission to the office is May 8th.**

## Stations of the Cross Nature Trail

St. Agnes has an outdoor Stations of the Cross and Nature Trail that runs directly behind the Church. Over the years, a number of parishioners have worked to maintain the trail and keep it open, and last fall David Hippchen made cleaning up the trail his Eagle Scout project. The Scouts removed the debris, cut back the underbrush, and planted some bulbs. The trail is quite lovely this spring! The trail begins on the North side of the Church and passes behind the Columbarium, and there is a sign at the entrance. The trail is generally pretty flat, but there is a pretty steep slope up to the first station.

1,512

In March, the Matthew 25 Crew from St. Agnes delivered 1,512 pounds of food donations from our parish and Food Lion to local agencies. Remember that just a few food items in a small grocery bag are appreciated and needed. Just place them under the table in the narthex and the Crew will do the rest. Thank you!

## Book Discussion Group April 17th

Our Book Discussion Group will be meeting in the Parish Center at **11am on April 17th** to discuss a book recommended by Elaine Rendler: *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong.

We welcome your participation and book suggestions, even if you can't join us for the discussion. We read both non-fiction and fiction. We try to read books with a faith dimension, defined very broadly. Our complete reading list for the 2025-26 year is available on our website.

## Homebound Ministry

### Bringing Communion to the Homebound

Many people may wonder how those who are unable to leave their homes receive Communion. It is important to remember that our homebound members rely on others to visit them, offering prayers and bringing Communion to their homes. Your willingness to visit and support them plays a vital role in keeping them connected to the faith community.

Please let me know if you are interested in becoming part of this ministry.

Helen Harris, [liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org)

## Save the Date: Boonsboro GreenFest

**The Boonsboro Green Fest Swap and Recycling Event will be held on May 9th this year from 9am—2pm.**

<https://www.facebook.com/BoonsboroGreenFest/>  
<https://www.town.boonsboro.md.us/greenfest>

They have yet to post the list of accepted items for this year, but historically they accept items such as: toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, used batteries, various appliances and furniture, eyewear and contact casings, musical instruments, luggage, and bicycles.

# CFF, CSS, Youth Group, & Family News

~ March 2026 ~

CFF is well underway but it is never too late to begin attending. Our CFF Religious Education occurs in the Parish Center every Sunday at 9:15am between the 8am and 10:30am Masses. The program has opportunities from Pre-K through adult. All are welcome to learn more about the Catholic faith.

In addition to these opportunities, if you are not Catholic and wish to explore more about Catholicism, we offer OCIA classes at 12Noon on Sundays.

Parents, if you are not receiving CFF emails, contact [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) to make sure your email is on the distribution list. The calendar events will also be posted in the monthly calendar online and in the bulletin at the beginning of each month. Hard copies of the calendar can be found in the church Narthex and the Parish Center.

**For additional information, please email:**  
**[Formation@StAgnesShepherdstown.org](mailto:Formation@StAgnesShepherdstown.org)**  
**or the Parish Office**  
**[Office@StAgnesShepherdstown.org](mailto:Office@StAgnesShepherdstown.org)**

# Hallelujah

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# THE YOUTH CORNER

Easter Sunday  
The Resurrection of the Lord

John 20:1-9

April 5, 2026

## Upcoming events:

**Sun, April 5:** Easter Sunday—No CFF, CSS, or Youth Group Children’s Easter Program before the 10:30am Mass (10:15am) Easter Egg Hunt for the children after the 10:30am Mass  
**Sun, April 12:** CFF, CSS, Youth Group, and First Eucharist parents meet in the Parish Center at 9:15am



# Volunteering and VIRTUS

**Volunteering:** The church is always looking for volunteers. It is our way to demonstrate faith in action! As we begin this new year it is a great time to begin volunteering if you are new to volunteering at church.

**Does everyone need to be VIRTUS-trained to Volunteer?** With the changes to VIRTUS some ministries no longer need to be VIRTUS-trained, yet some still do.

**What is the purpose of VIRTUS?** The VIRTUS program is designed to educate individuals to help them protect the vulnerable in the community. The program helps people know what resources are available to get help and educates people to know how to gently care for victims of abuse.

**All volunteers who have direct contact or prolonged contact with minors are required to be VIRTUS-trained** as required by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. 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. If you have been trained in the past, you must have the latest training Version 4.0.

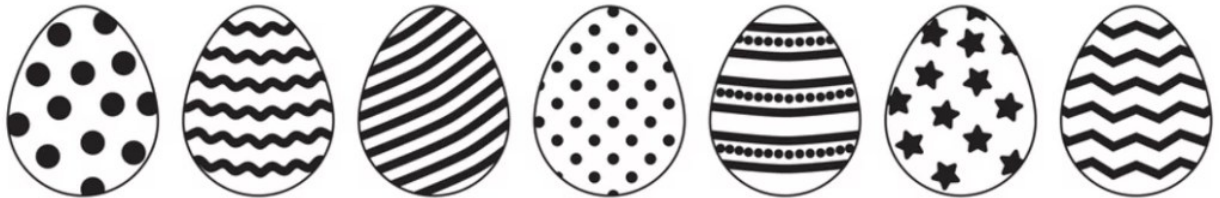
**Ministries that are NOT required to complete VIRTUS training** are Eucharist ministers, Lectors, Money Counters, Cantors, Funeral luncheon volunteers, and volunteers that provide maintenance services in the parish.

**Volunteers that work directly or have prolonged contact with minors will be required to update their VIRTUS every three years.** Background checks need to be renewed every 3 years. For example, choir members need to be VIRTUS-trained if there are youth (under 18) in the choir or there are youth musicians. There are many intricacies for who needs VIRTUS-trained.

Please reach out to the lead person for the ministry you wish to volunteer for about VIRTUS requirements.

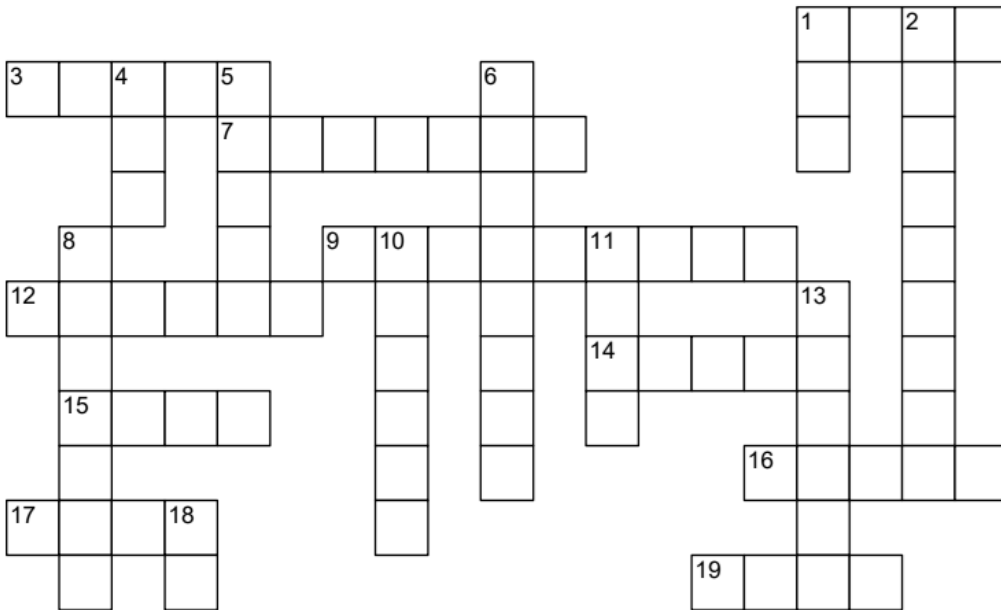
**For additional information or if you have questions** you can also email: [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) or [office@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:office@stagnesshepherdstown.org), contact the Parish Center during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm), contact Helen Harris at [liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org), or contact one of the Mass Coordinators for opportunities to volunteer for one of the Liturgical Ministries.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
after the  
10:30 AM  
Mass



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# He Is Risen



*Early on Easter morning some women went to the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was gone! Can you help the women find their way to the tomb?*

## Across

- 1 Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to this place to find Jesus. (vs. 1-2)
- 3 Mary thought \_\_\_\_\_ was the gardener. (vs. 14-15)
- 7 Name Mary called Jesus. (vs. 16)
- 9 The disciples did not understand the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus had to rise from the dead. (vs. 9)
- 12 Jesus said, "I have not yet returned to the \_\_\_\_\_." (vs. 17)
- 14 Peter saw the strips of \_\_\_\_\_ lying in the tomb. (vs. 6)
- 15 Mary Magdalene went to the tomb while it was still \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 1)
- 16 Who did Mary tell, "They had taken the Lord out of the tomb.?" (vs. 2)
- 17 Mary said to the disciples, "I have \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord!" (vs. 16)
- 19 The disciples did not understand that Jesus had to \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead. (vs. 9)

## Down

- 1 Number of angels seated in the tomb. (vs. 12)
- 2 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ went to the tomb early in the morning. (vs. 1)
- 4 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ two angels seated in the tomb. (vs. 12)
- 5 Mary saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ had been removed from the entrance. (vs. 1)
- 6 When the disciple went into the tomb, he \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was alive. (vs. 8)
- 8 Mary thought Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 15)
- 10 Mary stood outside the tomb \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 11)
- 11 Jesus told Mary to go and \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples that He had risen. (vs. 17)
- 13 Mary saw two \_\_\_\_\_ seated in the tomb. (vs. 12)
- 18 Did Mary first believe that Jesus was alive? (vs. 13-15)





## St. Agnes Perpetual Mass Memorial



On the first Sunday of each month Mass will be celebrated for all of our family members, loved ones, and friends enrolled in the St. Agnes Perpetual Mass Memorial. Newly enrolled this month:

**Mike McGregor**  
by Chris & Mary Heinen

**Gregory Hynes**  
by Jane Edwards

**Rose Geger Thomas**  
by Judy & Bryan Robertson

**Clare Swayze**  
by Suzanne Patrick

**Judith Lins**  
by Suzanne Patrick

**Lamar Owens**  
by Brigitte, Olivia, Henry, and Maggie Schmidt

### Shepherd University Relay for Life

Shepherd University is sponsoring a Relay for Life on Saturday, April 18th from 12noon-12am at the Shepherd Wellness Center. Join them for activities and food trucks as they try to reach their \$100,000 goal to help cancer patients, survivors, and honor those who have passed from cancer. The event is open to all.

### Social Teaching - Immigration Discussion

**April 8th | 6:30-8pm | St Mary Peace Hall Parish Center**  
Join us for a synodal style listening session concerning the most recent teachings of the Catholic Church concerning the Immigration and current reality of refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and immigrants in our West Virginia communities. St Mary Peace Hall Parish Center is located at 3346 University Avenue in Morgantown, WV.

### The Spirit is Speaking!

You are invited to participate in a synod-style conversation to reflect on some of the themes surfaced in the Appalachian Pastoral Letter, "This Land Is Home to Me," published 50 years ago, and to consider whether they still impact our lives today—including immigration, idolization of money, domestic violence, listening to those who are poor, addiction, care for creation, competing values, burnout, consumerism and integral ecology.

The Catholic Committee of Appalachia's website, <https://www.ccappal.org/conversationsinthespirit> has all the background information and tools you need to participate in one of these conversations.

Who can answer our questions: contact Eileen Elliott who is the parish coordinator at [eepeachlan@gmail.com](mailto:eepeachlan@gmail.com). Eileen will answer your questions, help you if you need a facilitator, etc.

### Tickets on sale for Genesis Show

You're invited to see the middle school state champions perform their show, "Let's Just Dance," at 7pm Friday, May 1, at the Apollo Civic Theatre in Martinsburg! You can purchase tickets here: <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/tix/7714/event/1467510>, scan the QR code, or buy at the door (tickets will cost more at the door). Please select "e-ticket/print at home" to avoid an additional box office fee.



### SJS Toddler & Preschool Enrollment

Enrollment is open for kids aged 12 months to 4 years old. Full-time and part-time options are available! Limited spots available, apply now! Check out their website for more information: [sjswv.org](http://sjswv.org).

### Mary's Refuge Golf Tournament

**Save the Date!** Mary's Refuge is hosting their second annual Links of Love Golf Tournament on **April 27th at 10am**. Scholarships and sponsor information is available on their website. Scan the QR code or visit their website: <https://marysrefuge.com/golf-tournament/>



### Camp Carlo: Catholic Summer Camp

#### INTERESTED IN A CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP?

Grow in your faith while having fun outdoors in Huttonsville! Spend time riding horses, swimming, hiking, and many more fun activities and make friends with other young people. Participate in regular Mass, Adoration, and entertaining Catechesis.

To register or for more information, check out their website [campcarlowv.org](http://campcarlowv.org).

**High School Week: June 28-July 4 | Week 1: July 5-11**  
**Week 2: July 12-18 | Week 3: July 19-25**

## Catholic Sharing Appeal

### The 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal is underway!

Each year, the CSA invites us to pause and reflect on how deeply we are connected as one family of faith across West Virginia. Though our parishes may differ in size, location, and circumstance, we are united in our call to proclaim the Gospel, serve those in need, and hand on the faith to future generations. **You can donate online** at <https://csa.dwcministries.org/> or scan the QR code to support our parish in reaching our assigned goal.



## Catholic Daughters Women's Retreat

### Mass, Talks, Adoration, Confession, Time for Personal Prayer and Spiritual Conversations with the Sisters

Saturday, April 18 St Josephs Catholic Church  
Mass and Rosary-8:30am

Check in 9:30am | Day Ends at 3pm

Lunch is included. Tickets will be available starting the weekend of March 14th. Please call the SJS Parish Office (304)267-4893 by Friday, April 10th. Space is Limited!

### Tithing Report for January – March

Caring Cupboard	\$1,500
GSIVC (Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers)	\$1,250
Hospice of the Panhandle	\$1,250
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$1,200
Diocesan Collection – Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund	\$750
Birthingright	\$400
Diocesan Collection – Black and Indian Missions {Native American}	\$300
Diocesan Collection – Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$300
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)	\$250
Diocesan Collection – Church in Latin America	\$100
Diocesan Collection – Church in Central and Eastern Europe	\$100
Diocesan Collection – Church in Africa	\$100

### Financial Status – 3/29/2026

	Last Week	YTD
Offertory Collections	\$6,284.15	\$134,353.48
Other Income	\$340.00	\$3,624.15
Total Income	\$6,624.15	\$137,977.63
Total Expenses	(\$5,495.11)	(\$171,812.71)
Net Income (Loss)	\$1,129.04	(\$33,835.08)

### Supporting our St. Agnes community is easy!

Just go to the "Giving" button at the top of our website homepage or use the QR code at the right to make a one-time or recurring gift. Any amount is a valued contribution towards our ministry. Thank you!



## St Thomas More Academy of JCo

St. Thomas More Academy of Jefferson County is an independent Catholic school in the classical liberal arts tradition, dedicated to inspiring hearts, educating minds, and nurturing the souls of its students from PreK through 8th grade.

Upcoming informational presentations will introduce Jefferson County families to this vision and provide details about the planned opening of the St Thomas More Academy in Fall 2027.

Prospective parents and community members are invited to an Informational Session at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 49 Crosswinds Dr, Charles Town, WV 25414, where they can learn more about the school's mission, curriculum, and enrollment plans and ask questions in person. The presentations will be held on April 9th and April 30th at 6 pm.

Rooted in the mission and spirit of St. Thomas More Academy in Middletown, Maryland, the school seeks to partner with parents to form children in wisdom, virtue, and faith through rigorous academics, joyful Catholic culture, and a deep love for truth, goodness, and beauty. In a growing region with limited Catholic and private school options, St. Thomas More Academy meets a clear need for families seeking a Christ-centered, values-based education, smaller class sizes, and a community that reinforces what is taught at home.

## Save the Date

**July 19, 2026:** Closing Mass for the Diocese's 175th Anniversary Year at 10:30am (Basilica of the Co-Cathedral, Charleston).

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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## 2026 Quo Vadis Retreat

The Quo Vadis retreat is a discernment weekend for boys aged 9th-12th grade. The retreat will be held at the Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV from **June 29-July 2, 2026**. Register now at [WVPriests.org](http://WVPriests.org).

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