

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 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18++

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

No Weekday Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30pm

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

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

Easter Egg Hunt

All children are invited to join us at 11:45am (immediately after 10:30am Mass) on Easter Sunday, April 9. We will gather outside the church and then go in search of hidden eggs! BYOB: Bring Your Own Basket!



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 Frank Bielicki, Gene Falck, Patti Rico (dear friend of Joann Algeo), Peter Gervickas (brother of Sue Bosco), and Mark Switzer. 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 Friday Prayer Group

A list has begun for the 2nd Friday in April. Please contact Judy (see below) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add or to join the group. Please contact Judy: 301-432-2276, jsilga8@gmail.com.

Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet on Mondays at noon with the exception of holidays (no meeting Easter Monday). Check the events calendar on the website for the Zoom link! All are welcome.

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.

OWLS Movie Matinee

Showing the latest TOP GUN Movie starring Tom Cruise. After more than 30 years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell is pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him. He finds himself training a detachment of TOP GUN grads for a Special Mission the likes which no living pilot has ever seen. Facing an uncertain future and confronting the ghosts of his past, Maverick is drawn into a confrontation with his own deepest fear, culminating in a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice. 2H, 11M

Please join us for the OWLS Movie Matinee at 1:00 at the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome. Masks are strongly encouraged.

When: Wednesday April 12th, 1 pm

Where: Parish Center

Family Movie Night

Mark your calendars. Family Movie Night for April is Friday, April 21st at 6:45 PM in the parish center. We will have "movie munchies" to share. Bring your blankets, pillows, etc, and settle in for a fun movie on the big screen! Watch the bulletin for additional details!

Dear Parishioners,

Easter is such an exciting time! On behalf of St Agnes, I want to send a warm welcome to all those that are here for Easter Sunday Mass. I often wonder on Easter Sunday why the pews are so full. I think it is because of hope. We need this new life and new beginning. I think of Mary Magdalene, known as the apostle to the apostles. She met Jesus in John's Gospel in a garden, the image of spring and new life. The world needs this; we travel to new creation in the Easter Season. I recently was fascinated as I watched the news and realized that in 2024 it will be 50 years since we stepped on the moon, and astronauts are preparing for another launch. I was thinking about Easter and thought, after 2000 years of celebrating Easter, it truly is like launching to a new place and exploring new possibilities. It is as if Jesus wants to set us free from the shackles of violence, world hunger, slavery, sexism, racism, environmental disaster, and war. We are offered the possibility that humanity could be released from these atrocities. Jesus became human, and the destructive forces that led him to the tomb could not hold him. And the start of a new launch for humanity takes off on Easter Sunday. Let's be washed in this beginning. Let's be open to the new life Jesus offers us. And, by responding to his grace, let's explore, like Mary Magdalene, a new beginning as Jesus calls us by name to see ourselves as part of the garden of his new creation. As the saying goes, "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"

Fr. Andy

Cinco-ish de Mayo

Come join our youth and CFF program as we celebrate our summer break from formal CFF classes. CFF will be meeting in the grassy space in front of the church on May 7th after the 10:30 AM Mass (11:35 AM approximately). We will have games and food with a Cinco de Mayo theme. All parishioners 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 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 will be May 5th.**

Service, Justice, and Peace Weekends

The Service, Justice, and Peace (SJP) Committee is re-starting the SJP weekends beginning on the weekend of May 6 and 7 and continuing on the first weekend of every month. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the blue bags to be returned with items of food and feminine hygiene supplies to be delivered to Shepherdstown Shares and the Jefferson County Community Ministries Food Pantry in Charles Town. The parish nurses will be on hand to take blood pressure readings. In addition, SJP committee members will be available to accept donations for the meals for the hungry, feminine hygiene products, and Kolofata as well as to sell Haiti coffee.

There is a need for folks to sit at the table in the vestibule before and after Mass on these weekends. If you can volunteer for a time please specify the mass, (5:30 Saturday, 8:00 Sunday or 10:30 Sunday). There will be some cash available to provide change for people buying Haiti coffee. There is a wooden box with slats which will be labeled for donations to buy the food our parish members prepare for the homeless, personal feminine hygiene products, and donations to the Kolofata project. It will be easy to manage the donations with this box. If you can help please contact Eileen Elliott by email at eepeachlan@gmail.com or by phone at 304-886-3612 as she will be creating a schedule to cover the months of May through September.

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.

Passing the Torch

Here at St Agnes, many things happen quietly behind-the-scenes by volunteers. One such ministry involves our Paschal candle. For about two decades, Lyle and Theresa Rush made our Paschal candle which, incidentally, is no small feat. Skill, patience, and an understanding of atmospheric conditions all enter into the process along with having a dedicated space. It is a very large candle! Besides the Paschal candle, Lyle and Theresa have also made the candles for the Advent wreath, another tricky process. We clearly owe a debt of gratitude to these dedicated chandlers as they have now retired from this ministry. We are indeed beyond grateful.

The torch has now been passed to Michael Ambrose and his worthy assistant, Rodica Stoicoiu. You will see their beautiful craftsmanship as the 2023 Paschal candle is lit at the Easter Vigil and Easter morning. We thank Michael and Rodica for taking on this ministry!

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.

Book Discussion Group

Our April 21 Book Selection is **CREATION AND THE CROSS: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril** by Elizabeth Johnson. In this fresh creative approach to theology, Elizabeth Johnson asks how we can understand cosmic redemption in a time of advancing ecological devastation. In effect, how can we extend the core Christian belief in salvation to include *all* created beings? We meet in the Parish Center at 11am on the third Friday of each month. We welcome anyone who wants to join us for one meeting or ongoing discussions.

New Course Offering

April 17-May 7, 2023

One three week course is being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This course is a hybrid model and is composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, which pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the course. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu at rodicastoiciuphd@gail.com with your name, address, email, and phone number.

Ecclesiology: A Theological, Historical and Pastoral Summary

We will draw a historical line from the origins of the Church, to its present and look to its future. As part of this course, we will focus on how the Church went from a sect of Judaism to the Universal Church we know today while also looking at broad concepts in Church ecclesiology through the lens of the major document of Vatican II on the Church, Lumen Gentium. This course is three weeks in length and is a hybrid course. Materials include both a text book and online course materials through the VLCFF website. The class will meet online once a week for live lecture/discussion of the course material on Tuesday evenings 4/18, 4/25, and May 2nd, at 7 pm on Zoom. Course facilitator is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. rodicastoiciuphd@gmail.com

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!

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THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:
John 20:1-9

April 9, 2023

The Resurrection of the Lord

Hallelujah

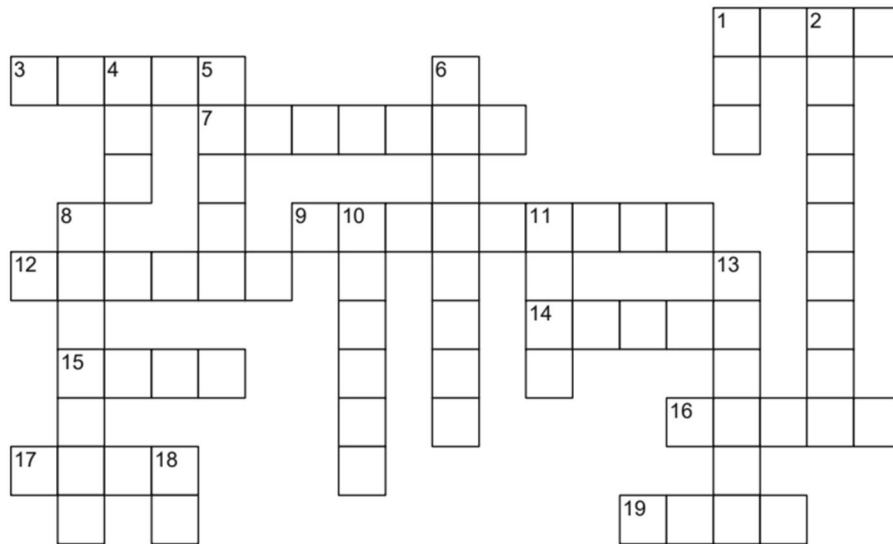
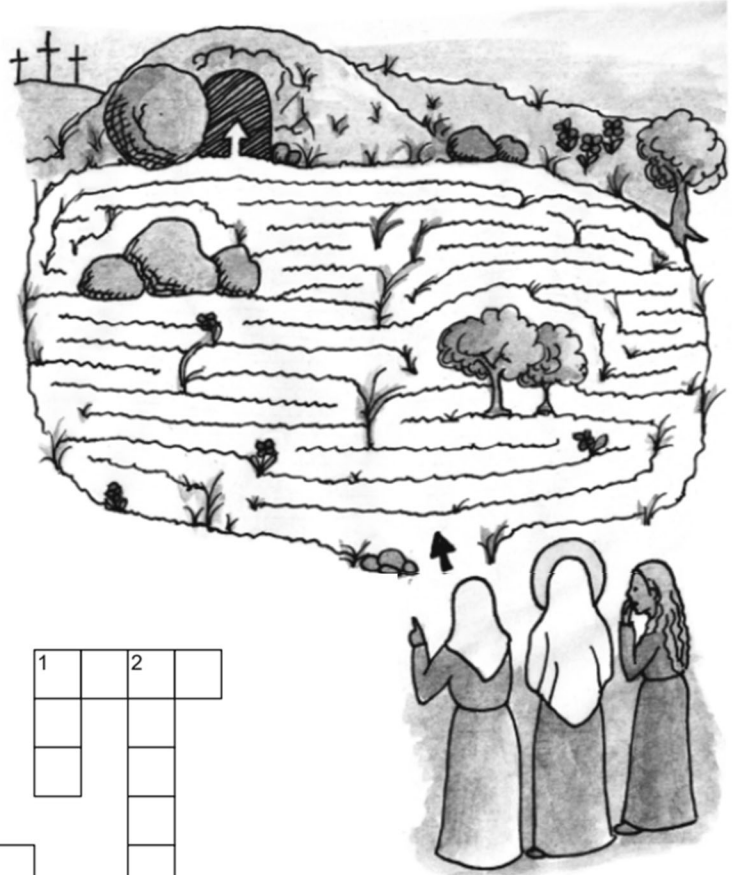
DATES AT A GLANCE

- **April 9: Easter** —No CFF
- **April 9:** Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 Mass-Church Lawn (Remember to bring something to hold your collected eggs)
- **April 16:** CFF and First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 9:15 Parish Center
- **April 21:** Family Movie Night: 6:45 PM Parish Center
- **April 23:** **NO CFF but** First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 9:15 Parish Center
- **April 23:** Youth Centered Mass 5 PM
- **April 29:** **First Eucharist Luncheon** 12 Noon Parish Center
- **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**



The tomb is empty. Jesus is risen!

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

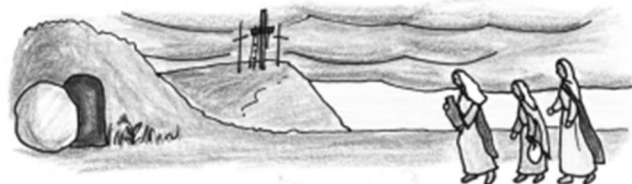
- 1 Number of angels seated in the tomb. (vs. 12)
- 2 Mary _____ went to the tomb early in the morning. (vs. 1)
- 4 Mary _____ two angels seated in the tomb. (vs. 12)
- 5 Mary saw that the _____ had been removed from the entrance. (vs. 1)
- 6 When the disciple went into the tomb, he _____ that Jesus 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)



Easter: True or False?

How well do you know the Easter Story?
See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?



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ANGEL	STONE	ROBE
SNOW	JESUS	RISEN
AWE	JOY	GREETINGS



Happy Easter!! There are no CFF classes today, April 9.

CFF will continue next week, April 16th at 9:15 AM in the parish center. We will start early registration for CFF in May.

Congratulations to the catechumen and candidates that joined the church during the Easter Vigil.

First Eucharist will be celebrated April 30 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

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!

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 20:1-9 and John 20:19-31

This week's Gospel at Home covers two Sundays. The Gospel for Easter tells of Mary of Magdalene's visit to the tomb and her discovery that Jesus was not there. The Gospel for the following Sunday describes Jesus' appearance to his disciples, his greeting of peace, and his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Easter celebrates new life. Children see new life in growing things in nature. Your child this week learned that Jesus is risen on Easter. Sometime during these two weeks take a walk in a park or in the country. Look for signs of new life and talk with your child about the gift of life.

Promise (Grades K-1): In class, your child made two story strips that tell the Gospel stories from Easter and the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Ask them to share the stories with the family and talk about the joy Mary Magdalene and the followers of Jesus had when they found Jesus was alive. How can your family share Easter joy with others?

Good News (Grades 2-3): Ask your child to tell you what Mary Magdalene found when she went to Jesus' tomb. Share the story of Jesus' visit to his followers. Follow the instructions in the last page of the Good News booklet to make an Easter candle for your family. Light your candle—with fire or your imagination—each evening during the season of Easter, and say or sing with your family: “Alleluia.”

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your son or daughter experienced an Easter Vigil prayer and dramatized the Gospels for both Easter Sunday and the 2nd Sunday of Easter. The class also learned about the conversion of Saint Paul and about the early witnesses to the Resurrection and how those witnesses spread the Good News. If your family attended the Easter Vigil, talk about your favorite parts of the Mass. Say the prayer on the cover of this week's lesson book together and light a candle to signify the start of the Easter season. Talk about ways your family witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection.

Visions (Grades 7-9): Both Sunday Gospels that are a part of this lesson taught your young person that Easter faith makes all things new. Part of that Easter faith is the call to be witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection. For the people in the Gospel stories, the great sorrow of their loss was turned to great joy when they realized that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Talk about losses your family has experienced. What did you feel? What did you do? Ask your son or daughter to share how he or she felt while reading the story about Tobey. Commit as a family to take time to enjoy one another's company during the days of Easter.

Pray Together

One of the important parts of the Easter Vigil service is the celebration of Baptism and the renewal of your own baptismal promises. If you still have your family's baptismal candles and certificates, display them during the first two weeks of Easter. Say your morning or evening prayer in front of the display and renew your own baptismal vows.

Scan here for parent resources
visit gospelweeklies.com/family



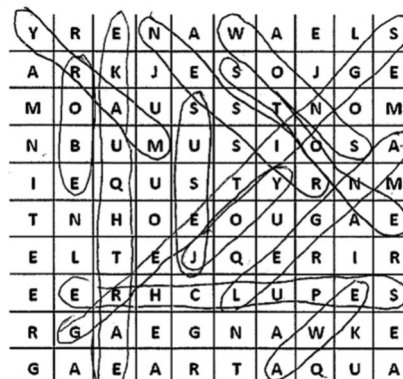
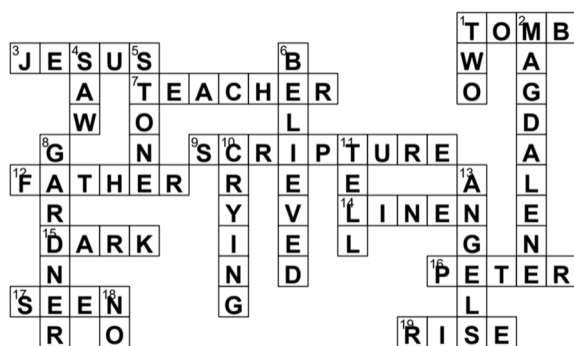
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SOLUTIONS

Easter True or False:

1. false, 2. false, 3. false, 4. true,
5. true, 6. true, 7. false



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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!!!

West Virginia Eucharistic Congresses

2023 Eucharistic Congresses

Christ is Present! Will you be?
Come to the Table – Spring 2023
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Don't miss this gathering of the Church in WV!

Spring 2023 will bring 3 regional Eucharistic Congresses to our diocese. Faithful across the state will have three locations to choose from – **Charles Town**, Wheeling, and Charleston. These homegrown events are part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year renewal of “the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.”

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Eucharistic Congresses are large weekend gatherings of faithful of all ages to bear witness to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. A Congress brings together people from a wide area for prayer services, celebratory music, Mass, enriching talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. The Eucharistic Congresses will tailor activities to target faithful of all ages. Each culminates with Mass with Bishop Brennan. The whole family is encouraged to attend along with our clergy, religious, and Catholic organizations, and schools.

And there is one convenient to St Agnes, April 21-22, at St. James Catholic Church, Charles Town. This **free** event features nationally known keynote speaker Father Luke Spannagel. In addition, our own Rodica Stoicoiu will be leading breakout sessions at St James.

Bishop Mark Brennan is calling all of us together to celebrate Christ's real presence and to see the faithful fully alive. “Believe what Christ said at the Last Supper, ‘This is my Body. This is my Blood!’” This has been Bishop Mark Brennan's emboldening message to the faithful during his ministry.

We are also doing this to give each one of us the gift of time with God. God is truly a God of miracles. His love heals and transforms. Let this be a time to restore our mind, body, soul, and spirit.

Choose to attend and ask God to revive our love of the Eucharist, breathe His life into our lives and the Church.

For additional information and/or to register for the Eucharistic Congress, check out the DWC website at <https://dwc.org/eucharistic-congresses/>.

St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

In the Easter Sunday morning reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians, we are told that as Christians, if we have died with Christ, we have also been raised with Christ and thus now “your life is hidden with Christ in God.” For Black Christians this truth about the resurrection of Jesus means that in spite of their intrinsic worth as children of God often being unacknowledged, hidden, so to speak, they will ultimately be fully seen and “will be revealed with him in glory.”

Black Christian slaves in America often held faith gatherings in secluded places, where they could freely and joyfully celebrate their true selves as “hidden with Christ in God.” Even though they may have been seen by many in the white world as sub-human, counted as only three-fifths of a person in the U.S. census, if their white world did not “see” them, they celebrated the Jesus who did. Like Mary Magdalene in the Easter morning Gospel story, they believed Jesus truly saw them and called each of them by name. Having so identified with Jesus in his Passion as one unjustly “lynched” by the authorities, they experienced a unique, vibrant joy in celebrating Easter. Many Black Churches have historically made Easter the day they celebrate with a host of celebrations, from meals, traditional Easter pageants by children, exuberant, music filled liturgies, to the wearing of their finest clothes – an unabashed, unapologetic celebration of their selves “hidden with Christ in God.”

Some have commented how white Christians seem to know better how to celebrate Lent than they do Easter. Black Christians may have something unique to share with us all.

2nd Annual St Agnes Car Show

Mark your calendars! Our 2nd Annual St Agnes Car Show will take place 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.

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

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 donation of one item to our raffle. You will have to provide your own tables, chairs, canopies. For questions related to the craft show, please contact Melinda (Melinda_y@comcast.net) or Jan (j_yates348@comcast.net).

Cash Cards Make Sense & Cents

Purchasing cash cards through St Agnes is an easy way to support the church financially at no additional cost to you. They are still available for purchase in the office.

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. They request that clothing be separated into labeled bags (Boys, Girls, Mens, Womens, etc) to help with sorting.

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/>.

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).

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.

Haiti Coffee

We have Haiti coffee available at the parish center for purchase!

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$6,924
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$455
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$7,379
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$11,900
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ - \$4,521

Tithe to help those in need	\$692
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

Sacred Art in Action

Byzantine Icon Workshop

June 19-23, 2023

Presented by Iconographer Tatiana Gubenko
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For more information & to register visit:
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Or call 1-571-426-0319

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) or Maggie Moran (mmoran@dwc.org) for an application.

Summer Camp

Camp Carlo

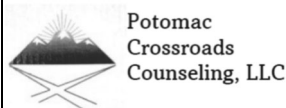
Huttonsville, West Virginia, June 25 – July 29, 2023

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.

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.

Part-Time Position Available

Catholic Distance University is seeking part-time administrative support (about 20 hours per week) to communicate with incarcerated students by mail and send them faith-based correspondence courses. Most work would be done at CDU in Charles Town (300 S. George St.), though some hours could be done remotely. Applicants should have good communication skills, be detail oriented, and have a desire to support the incarcerated. If interested, contact Amy Shouse at 304-724-5000, ext 702.

Save the Date

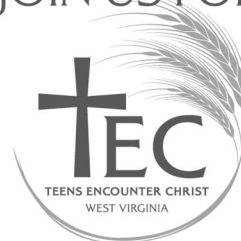
Gala to support St Joseph School
 April 29, 2023 at 6:30pm
 St Leo's Catholic Church, Inwood, WV

Catholic Radio

The Eastern Panhandle Catholic Community Calendar can be heard on Fridays at 1030am and weekdays at 3:30pm on www.rdo.to/WLOL and at 530am, 1017am & 4:40pm on FM 106.5 and AM 740. And just send your parish and organization programs, events, announcements and prayers, to comcal@LoRadio.org and dedicated volunteers will get them broadcast. For more information on Catholic radio in West Virginia, call 304-598-0026.

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