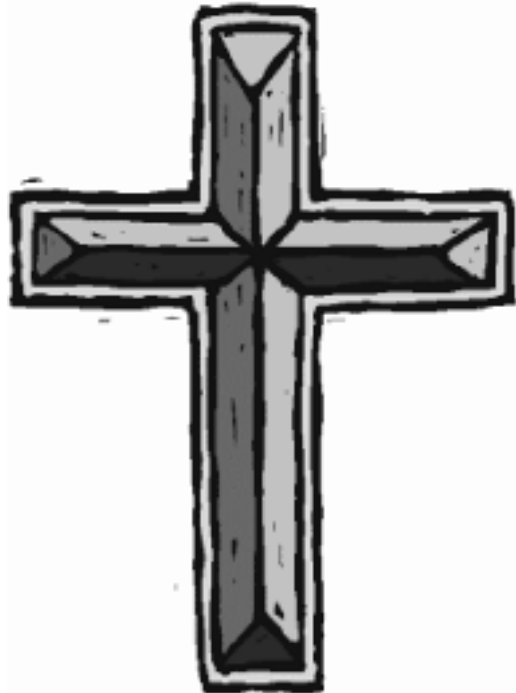


S a i n t A g n e s



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

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Sunday Readings

Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday at 11am

Bishop Brennan has lifted the request that everyone mask. However, we still encourage masking for love of neighbor.

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

Mandy Patterson



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for

Ruth Pearl

May Ruth 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 Leonard Harris, Shayla Harris Brown, Ron McCafferty (brother of Pat Merhaut), Amanda Patterson (daughter of Roger & Cindy Webster), Anneke Sengers, Roland Bergman, and Richard Hitchcock. 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 March. 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, jslilga8@gmail.com.

Super Bowl Sunday Buffet Dinner

The Shepherdstown Fire Department (8052 Shepherdstown Pike) will be having a "Super Bowl Sunday Buffet Dinner" on Sunday, February 12, from 12noon to 3pm, in the Barron Hall. The menu includes fried chicken and ham with all the trimmings, homemade rolls, desserts, and ice tea and coffee. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-15, and free for children under 6.

Please attend and support our local volunteers who provide fire protection and emergency services to Shepherdstown and the surrounding communities. For questions, please call 340-876-6686 or 304-876-6038.

Attention Lectors!!!!

There will be an update and workshop at the church on February 18 at 11am for lectors. Please do your best to be present and we will review the readings for Lent and Easter. We will also do some training. Anyone wishing to join this ministry, please join us!

Thank you for your ministry. If you need to contact me; email liturgy@stagnessshepherdstown.org or call 304.261.0196.

Helen Harris

Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet on Mondays at noon, with the exception of holidays. All are welcome! The Zoom link is on our website events calendar.

Ash Wednesday, February 22

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will have a Mass at noon. At 7pm, we will host an ecumenical service with Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes.

Knights of Columbus Chili Bowl

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Chili Bowl on February 12th. We are looking for chili cooks to compete for gift card prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25. The tasting will be after 10:30 Mass and open for everyone. Those that attend will vote for the best chili. The Knights will be selling raffle tickets for the funding of Seminarians at the event. If you are interested in cooking please contact Arnold Thomas (304-620-3455 or Arniet151@gmail.com).

Small Faith Sharing Groups

St. Agnes is responding to requests made during the synod meetings for small faith groups. The Pastoral Council chose a scripture based resource as a guide from Renew International.

Small Christian communities are groups of 8 to 12 people who gather to pray, reflect on the Scripture or church teaching, support each other, and engage in action flowing from their sharing. The main purpose of being together is to grow in the understanding and practice of what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus.

If you would like to **participate** in a faith sharing group, there will be **sign-up sheets** to join groups as members in the back of the church **after all Masses** this weekend.

Groups will begin the week of February 19 and meet weekly for 6 weeks initially. There will be a variety of days, times, and locations for you to choose from.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our faith in the company of each other. As Christ said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there."

If you have any questions, parishioners will be available in the narthex after the Masses this weekend, or call Eileen at 304-886-3612 or Amie at 304-995-9898.

Dear Parishioners,

I want to share with you something that has been developing in the parish. There are those who are using their field of expertise to put safety plans in place for our parish. This falls primarily under my leadership as pastor and staff who are responsible for the day-to-day operations. We will be working closely as we slowly develop a plan that is wholistic and based upon the Catholic social teaching of the church. The work is also ecumenical in nature because it has an effect on all faith communities. We have already been in dialogue with other churches in our ministerial association who bring great wisdom and remind us we do not have to necessarily reinvent the wheel. I want to be clear that those who are doing liturgical ministry will play a small, minimal role, but not an unimportant one. I will be making decisions along with the parish leadership that work with liturgy to decide what that looks like. My goal is that this will not be an added burden on ministry, but it will be nice to know there are resources and people that can be relied on in case of emergency, which is most likely to be medical. We have medical folks and first responders who do this work every day, so they will be the primary resources we will use. This is just the beginning of a large plan. It is important to remember that as Catholics we think of things beyond just our own walls and into the larger society and the systemic issues that need to be addressed for the common good. I thank those on the committee for their work. You will see something in the bulletin from the committee in the coming weeks.

Fr. Andy

This Far by Faith

St Agnes Music Ministry Presents:

THIS FAR BY FAITH

You are cordially invited to begin your Lenten journey with the music and stories of composer, teacher, liturgist, and pianist,

RAWN HARBOR.

To conclude Black History month, Mr. Harbor will draw on the best of spirituals, gospel hymns, songs and stories of faith "then and now." Bring an open heart, mind and voice and enjoy some food for your soul. You'll be glad you did! All are welcome! Admission is free.

Concert

Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 3pm

St. Agnes Church

In collaboration with

The Shepherdstown Ministerial Association

OWLS Movie Matinee

Mrs. Harris Goes to PARIS

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris: A widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. Length 1h 56m. Based on the book by Paul Gallico, written in the 1950s, London.

Please join us for our first OWLS Movie Matinee on Thursday, February 16th at 1:00 at the Parish Center. Come a little early or plan to stay a little longer to reconnect with old friends or make new ones. Everyone is welcome. Masks are strongly encouraged.

When: Thursday, February 16th, 1 pm

Where: Parish Center

An Ecumenical Lent

We are excited to announce a wonderful, ecumenical Lenten opportunity through our Shepherdstown Ministerial Association! Beginning on Ash Wednesday right here at St Agnes, we will begin a weekly Lenten series with the other churches in our Shepherdstown Community. Each week, a different church will host and a preacher from yet a different church will lead. This is a superb opportunity for us as we seek to continue to deepen our relationship among the churches while making this a meaningful Lent. Please join us for as many sessions as you can!

Shepherdstown Ministerial Association 2023 Midweek Lenten Schedule

Week	Date/Time	Location	Preacher
Ash Wednesday	February 22, 7pm	St Agnes	Rev Karen Erskine-Valentine
1	March 1, 7pm	Shepherdstown Presbyterian	Fr Andy Switzer
2	March 8, 7pm	Asbury UMC	Rev Gusti Newquist
3	March 15, 7pm	Trinity Episcopal	Pr. Pam Boomer
4	March 22, 7pm	New Street UMC	Rev GT Schramm
5	March 29, 7pm	St Peter's Lutheran	Rev Dee Ann Dixon

A New Beginning—Will You Join Us?

More than forty of us gathered on Sunday, January 29, to begin the work of revitalizing our newly renamed **Service, Justice and Peace (SJP) Committee** with its new motto: *Love in Action*. If you missed our meeting, don't worry. We're just starting and need all the help we can get.

Please go to our parish website or use the QR code at the bottom for an updated overview of what we have happening already, all the areas that need help (all of them!), and ministries that need coordinators. You'll also find a list of current ministry coordinators. If there's a ministry you want to join or want more information about, please contact the coordinator directly.

In the next few weeks the coordinators will meet to do some coordinating! We'll be sharing lots more information and offering lots more opportunities for involvement as we move forward. All are welcome – and needed!



Ash Wednesday Preparations



It is the time to clear out the palms from last year. Bring them to the church or parish center, and they will soon become the ashes that will bring us into a new Lenten Season.

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!

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

Haiti Coffee

There is fresh whole bean and ground coffee from Haiti available for sale (\$10/bag) at the Parish Center. \$3 of each bag is tax deductible!

Our Policy for Protecting Our Children

Please know that we follow the Diocesan Safe Environment Program in all our youth programs. All staff and volunteers who work with youth are required to complete the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston's Safe Environment program. **All** adult parishioners are **encouraged** to complete the program to increase awareness and provide a safe environment for the children of our parish and greater community. The process is completely online now. There are directions available in the Narthex for both creating a new Virtus account as well as directions available to help you log into your VIRTUS account if you already have an account.

Safe Environment Certification includes:

1. Virtus workshop — Complete online training at www.virtusonline.org. Step-by-step instructions are available.
2. Background Check — Completing Screening One form
3. Diocesan Policy — Reading the Diocesan Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children & completing the DWC Policy form

All of the above steps are now completed online. If you do not have access for this online procedure, please contact St. Agnes Parish Office at 304-876-6436.

If you already have a VIRTUS account, log into your account and complete any required updates. If you are new to VIRTUS, select the green box "First-time Registrant" and follow the prompts to create an account and to complete the required training and paperwork.

If you have any questions or for additional information, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator at 304-876-6436 or formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

Book Discussion Group

Our February 17, 2023 Book Discussion selection is **LIGHT OF ASSISI: THE STORY OF ST. CLARE** by Margaret Carney. For centuries St. Clare of Assisi has been a lesser-known saint simply because she was overshadowed by the giant that is St. Francis. This biography tells the story of their intertwined lives—and, more importantly, highlights the extraordinary contributions Clare made to the Franciscan world following Francis's death. This book is her story from birth until death in 1253.

We meet at 11 am in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome.

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).

Family News

CFF will occur at 9:15 again on Feb. 12th for all children k-pre-confirmation.

Pre-K kids: We are experimenting with a Pre-K program in CFF. Are you interested in having your Pre-K child participate? Pre-K will be meeting at 9:15 AM today. Contact Bill at formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

Sock Collection: The youth are collecting NEW socks to distribute to the needy as we deliver our "Meals to the Hungry." Please consider donating new socks by bringing them to church next weekend or dropping them off at the parish center during the week. Our project will begin by sorting the socks after the Youth Centered Mass on Feb. 19th.

Mardi Gras celebration after the Youth Centered Mass Feb. 19th. Come join in the fun.

Youth Fundraiser Event: Pancake Supper, Feb. 21 in the parish center. Families, please consider donating a pound of bacon or sausage to help cut the expense of the event. Donations need to be dropped off at the parish center prior to Feb. 21. Thanks.

Parents: We want to offer a Lenten Group for Parents at the Parish Center which would occur at the same time as CFF. The group would start Feb. 26th. Mark your calendars. It is a great way to extend your own faith and build community with other families. The Youth Lenten Group will also be meeting during Lent on Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Parish Center.

Other things coming up in February: Check out the "Dates To Remember"

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.

THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:
Matthew 5: 17-37
February 12 2023

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

DATES TO REMEMBER (Events for February)

- **Feb. 12:** 9:15 AM First Reconciliation Class and sign up for Parent Small Lenten Group and Youth Small Lenten Group
- **Feb. 12:** Souper Bowl Collections after each Mass (Youth Outreach Project)
- **Feb. 19:** Youth Centered Mass 5 PM
- **Feb. 19:** Mardi Gras Event 6 PM
- **Feb. 21:** Pancake Supper—to support Youth Activities
- **Feb. 22:** Ash Wednesday; Mass—Noon, Liturgy of the Word 7 PM
- **Feb. 24:** Simple Supper and Youth Led Stations of the Cross 6 PM
- **Feb. 25:** First Reconciliation 4 PM
- **Feb. 26:** Parent Lenten Small Group and Youth Lenten Small Group (consider signing up) 9:15 AM Parish Center.

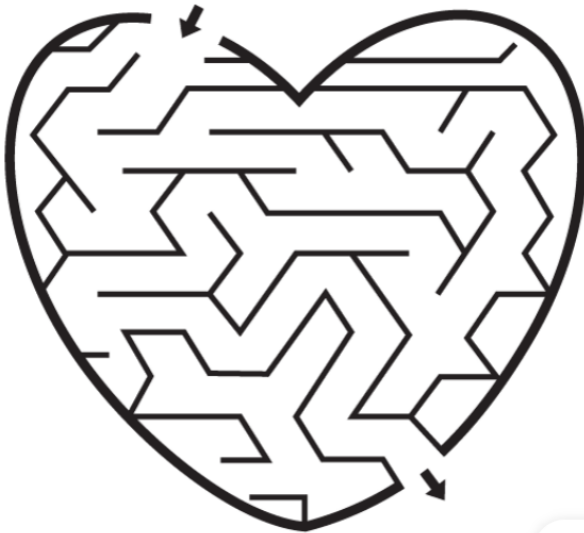


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"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

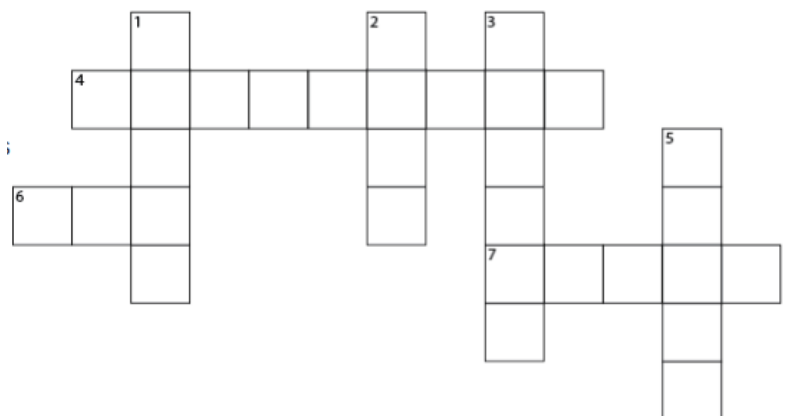
Based on Matthew 5:17-37...

Down

1. "Whoever breaks one of these commandments will be called ____ in the Kingdom of Heaven."
2. "Do not take a false ____."
3. What is God's throne?
5. "Leave your gift there at the ____."

Across

4. What is the city of the great King?
6. "Let your 'Yes' mean ____."
7. What is God's footstool?





Matthew 5: 17-37

A Valentine for Someone Special!

Cut out this valentine for your mom or dad, sister or brother, aunt or uncle, grandmother or grandfather, or any other special person. Write a message to tell the person why he or she is special. After you color the card and fold it closed, put the person's name on the outside. Then leave it where your special valentine is sure to find it!

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February 14th

Honoring Saint Valentine



Saint Valentine is not officially honored on the Church's liturgical calendar. Still, this third-century saint is well-celebrated every February 14. Saint Valentine's Day is rooted in an act of disobedience. Although he was ordered not to by the emperor Claudius, Valentine honored the wish of soldiers by marrying them to their sweethearts before going into battle. For this reason, he is known as the patron of engaged couples and happy marriages.

<p>Be My Valentine</p> <p>Jesus loves you, and I do too!</p>	<p>You are special because</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>From _____</p> <p>♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥</p>
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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

The Law of Moses contains 613 laws. Some of these laws are simple, basic, you-shall or you-shall-not commands, of which the Ten Commandments are typical. Some of these laws govern worship. A good many of the 613 laws are what-if laws that apply the Commandments to everyday life. In the Gospel, Jesus' New Law asks people to deepen their keeping of the laws and to follow his new Law of Love.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Rules give children a way to know they belong. They experience rules by being members of a family and a class that keep the same rules they do. Talk about family rules with your child. Share why the rules are important for everyone. Be sure to pray the Our Father, which was part of this week's lesson, and help your child become familiar with the family Bible.

Promise (Grades K-1): The class learned how families keep rules. Ask your child what Jesus' Law of Love is. Your child learned how God's family keeps rules, so talk about your family's rules and how they help. The Word of the Week is the Ten Commandments, so consider listing those important rules in a prominent place in your home.

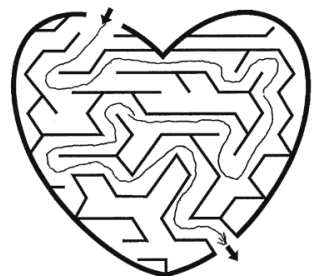
Good News (Grades 2-3): This week, your child learned to recognize good moral actions. Your child also learned what the Ten Commandments and Christian morality are and how they help all to do what is right. Talk about how Jesus' teaching deepens the Commandments, and how the rules you have in your family help all of you make right decisions and care for one another.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your young person learned that there is a similarity between the Ten Commandments and the rules every family needs to live by. The class read a story of a middle schooler who went against his conscience to fit in with the popular crowd. Invite your young person to summarize the story for the family, and affirm that it is important to listen to your conscience when making decisions. Talk about how you can apply Jesus' Law of Love to the arguments and conflicts your family might have. Take a few moments to ask one another's forgiveness for hurtful words or actions. When you finish your conversation, you may want to share a sign of peace, like you do at Sunday Mass.

Visions (Grades 7-9): This week's class began with a look at the Ten Commandments. Your youngster also explored ways to manage feelings of anger and ways to seek forgiveness. Invite him or her to share the story "Anh's Anger" with the family. Talk together about Jesus' new Law of Love and how important it is for a Christian to show love for God by loving one's neighbor as well. Discuss the importance of following moral laws and how these laws help people show love for one another. Talk, too, about how Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians continues to help Christians today.

Pray Together

Plan a special treat for the whole family. Before you share the treat together, share words of love and appreciation with one another. Then, ask God to bless your family with the gift of enduring love. Enjoy the treat, then hold hands and thank God in a prayer for all he has given and done to bless your family.



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SOLUTIONS

Crossword puzzle answers:

1. Least 2. Oath 3. Heaven
4. Jerusalem 5. Altar 6. Yes
7. Earth

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St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

"Until we can see the cross and the lynching tree together, until we can identify Christ with a "recrucified" black body hanging from a lynching tree, there can be no genuine understanding of Christian identity in America, and no deliverance from the brutal legacy of slavery and white supremacy." (James H. Cone, The Cross and the Lynching Tree)

Jesus of Nazareth was, in reality, essentially a victim of a lynch mob that clamored for his death, that demanded the common method of public execution and shaming of their day, crucifixion. Like a "legal" lynching in Jim Crow America, it was meant to serve as a powerful, public spectacle to instill terror in anyone who might be associated with or seek to imitate the victim.

As Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J., a young Black Jesuit, suggests in his recent book, The Crucible of Racism, imagine if you will, that Jesus had been lynched instead of crucified. Imagine, instead of a cross as the symbol of our faith, we had a noose - to be worn around our necks and to adorn our churches. It would be in our culture, a deeply unsettling, constant reminder of the brutal reality of Jesus' death, and the immense cost of his counter-cultural mission to bring justice and hope to all, especially to those relegated to society's margins. Perhaps we might take the call to discipleship more seriously if we understood the cross in this way. Martin Luther King Jr. did. As he said, the cross "is not something you wear. The cross is something that you bear and that you ultimately die on." Like Martin Luther King, Jr., Black Christians in America have a unique awareness of and ready identification with the cross of Jesus. There is a lot to learn from their lived faith experience.

Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

This year we have made 27 sleeping bags and donated 23 used and new sleeping bags. This has given us a total of 50 sleeping bags distributed to two agencies who serve the homeless, JCCM in Jefferson County and Immanuel's House in Berkeley County.

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.

Humbling Gifts

Two of our parishioners that we lost in 2022 graciously remembered the parish of St Agnes with generous bequests. Thanks to the generosity of Helen Clare Grizzle and John King, St Agnes finished 2022 without having to dip into our reserve funds. Indeed without these bequests, St Agnes would not be in an enviable financial position. We are deeply grateful.

Mardi Gras!

Come join the parish and celebrate Mardi Gras after the Youth Centered Mass at 6PM on February 19th. Everyone is welcome to come for Mass and stay for the event or just come at 6pm.

Enjoy some cake and some fun ice breakers, community building games. Don't forget to wear your purple, green and gold. Weather permitting, we will be outside under the tent; otherwise we will be in the Narthex. This is a great way to come together and celebrate as we begin to prepare for the Lenten season.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our St Agnes Youth Group will be hosting a pancake supper as a Fat Tuesday celebration on February 21 in anticipation of Lent. Please come enjoy a great pancake supper and support our youth program! We will be serving at the parish center from 4-8pm. Besides pancakes (with traditional and more festive toppings available), we will be serving bacon, sausage, eggs, orange juice, coffee, and tea. And, we also offer carryout. You will not want to miss this opportunity to support our young people while NOT making dinner!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Seeking to love God by loving their neighbors, America's teens are transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving through Souper Bowl of Caring. On Super Bowl Sunday weekend, youth collect one dollar (or more) donations in soup pots as worshippers leave church. Each group donates their collection directly to the charity of their choice— here at St Agnes, our donations will be split between the Shepherdstown Shares food pantry and the JCCM food pantry that serve our community.

Watch for our soup pots this weekend (Super Bowl Sunday) as our youth will be collecting after each Mass.

In addition, you can also give online again this year at <https://stagnesshepherdstown.org/souper-bowl-of-caring/>. The link can also be found on the St Agnes homepage. And, of course, you can always drop your donation by the office directly or through snail mail, just note "Souper Bowl Collection" on your check's memo line.

This is St. Agnes' 23rd year participating and helping those in our region who are in need. Last year we collected \$1253.50. Our goal is to surpass our collection from last year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Cash Cards Make Sense & Cents

Our Cash Card program has brought in thousands of dollars over the years. 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.

Reuse/Recycling of Religious Items

St. Mary Recycle Mission Group has been working with Catholic churches, Convents, Schools, The Knights of Columbus, and other organizations, as well as with Parishioners who have things at home in helping rescue and recycle used Religious items that are no longer needed. Over the last 25 years, they have helped recycle items from Churches that unfortunately were closing, items from former Clergy that are not being used, as well as from Parishioners who need to place their personal religious items from home that they don't know what to do with. Their first large effort was following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans where they sent hundreds of recycled items to a parish. They can take in or give just about anything of Religious nature that can be used by other churches, convents or religious organizations such as:

- Vestments including Chasubles, Stoles, Albs, etc. (even if they are soiled or tattered)
- Crucifixes, Statues (any size)
- Rosaries (damaged ok)
- Chalices (Pottery ok but please not by mail)
- Altar Ware, Candle Sticks
- Tabernacles
- Relics
- Monstrances
- Altar Stones
- Altar Books/Missals/Lectionaries
- Holy Medals, Holy Cards
- Linens, Paraments
- Prayer books/Bibles/Breviaries (**No Story Type/Regular Books or Pamphlets/Magazines/DVD's or VHS Tapes**)
- Used Instruments
- Framed Pictures, etc.

This group will be in our area for pick ups the week of March 6th. Please consider cleaning out your closets at home and bringing your items for reuse/recycling by the parish center not later than March 5th.

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$8,318
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$505
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$8,823
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,250
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ -\$3,427

Tithe to help those in need	\$832
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

Spaghetti Sauce
Canned fruit
Canned meat (vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna)
Canned beans
Canned vegetables (not green beans/corn)
Soups (hearty and condensed)
Canned chili
Rice (small bags)
Instant mashed potatoes
Jelly and peanut butter
Syrup
Instant oatmeal
Crackers
Boxed Pancake Mix
Cooking oil
Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent

Mary's Refuge

Mary's Refuge, a maternity home, welcomed its first guest Jan. 9 in the former convent at 111 E. Stephen St. in Martinsburg. The home has nine bedrooms, a chapel, kitchen, laundry facilities, and rooms for infant care, relaxation and house meetings. Donations of money and/or gift cards to stores where clothing, shoes and coats can be purchased are welcome. Checks to Mary's Refuge, may be sent to St Joe's Catholic Church (Mary's Refuge in the memo line) 336 S. Queen St., Martinsburg, WV 25401.

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 Leo's Fish Fry Fridays

Fried fish or shrimp dinner with French fries or sweet potato fries, coleslaw, and roll for \$15; combo dinner for \$20. First Friday of each month, beginning September 2nd. Dine in or carry out. Call ahead-304-279-8770. Open 12:00pm-6:00pm. 2109 Sulfur Springs Rd, 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.

Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat

Do you desire a life of service to God? Are you open to giving yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and sacrifice in building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Could the Lord be calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston?

The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on March 3-5 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430). This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The weekend will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the diocesan priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please sign up at wvpriests.org.

Enrollment Dates for St Joe's School

Re-enrollment for the 2023-24 academic year for current students and their siblings who are not attending Saint Joseph School begins Friday, February 3. Enrollment for new families who are active members of area Catholic churches begins Friday, February 10, and all others may start the enrollment process on Friday, February 17. You can apply at sjsww.org. For more information, email mpartington@sjsww.org or call the school office at 304-267-6447.

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