

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

Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7++
Psalm 51:1-2, 3-4a, 10-11, 12+15
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday at 11am

SMA Lenten Service

Wednesday, 7pm, Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church

Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

Ecumenical Service Wednesday at 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 7pm

Parish Office: Monday, 12noon-4pm

Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8am Mass for

Joe Consolotti



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for

Hunter Mann

May Joe and Hunter 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 Shayla Harris Brown, Ron McCafferty (brother of Pat Merhaut), 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.

Office Hours February 27-March 3

Our office hours will be a little different this week: on Monday, February 27, hours will be 12noon-4pm; Tuesday, February 28-March 2, hours will be 9am-4pm; closed Friday, March 3.

Lenten Abstinence

Abstinence Guidelines

Abstinence is observed by everyone 14 years of age or older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

Congratulations on First Reconciliation!

After months of preparation, four of our young people received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this Saturday evening. Congratulations to:

Benjamin Gallagher

Harper Kwiatkowski

Owen McCreery

Zoe Santiago

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!

Concert

Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 3pm

St. Agnes Church

In collaboration with

The Shepherdstown Ministerial Association

New Street UMC Pancake Breakfast

New Street United Methodist Church (202 W New Street in Shepherdstown) is having a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, **March 11, from 7-11am**. Their menu includes from scratch pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy, bacon, applesauce, coffee, tea, and juice. The cost for adults is \$10 and \$5 for children age 4-12. There is free parking at meters on Saturdays, but residential parking rules remain in effect on Saturdays. The building is handicap accessible.

Little Black Books

Little Black Books, our Lenten Devotional, are available in the Narthex in both regular and large print. There are also Purple books available for the children.

Dear Parishioners,

This Lent we have a season to enlarge the space of our tent. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is about clearing away things so that we can be more compassionate, loving and at the service of all as disciples of Jesus; basically, the call to lives of deeper authenticity. This, of course, is the work of grace. I invite you, this season especially, to try to make a commitment to participate in our Lenten Ecumenical evenings. We might want to consider making this a communal Lenten penance. In a time of such polarization and division, the pastors and parishes of Shepherdstown are standing in solidarity to be a witness of unity and love that healing might take place as the body of Christ celebrates its diversity. As in October the Synod in Rome will begin with an ecumenical service, we take up Pope Francis' call as well to celebrate an ecumenical Lent. May it bring new life and Easter joy to our territory of Shepherdstown as we take up the call to enlarge our tent.

Fr. Andy

Prayer Sponsors Needed

We are looking for prayer sponsors. A prayer sponsor is someone who would like to show support and offer prayer for a child preparing to receive their First Eucharist. If you are interested in serving as a prayer sponsor, please call or email the parish office. You will be assigned a child, and you faithfully pray for them every day. A prayer sponsor may send a card to them (anonymously) and let them know they are being prayed for, but the giving of gifts is not necessary. We want this to be about the gift of prayer, not material gifts. We ask that if you send a card to sign it "your prayer sponsor." It is nice to stay anonymous until the First Eucharist celebration. We ask that the prayer sponsor come to the First Eucharist Mass on April 30th at 10:30 AM where you can introduce yourself. If you are interested in being a prayer sponsor, please call the parish center or contact Bill Donahue at formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org. Thank you for praying for our youth during this time of formation.

Ben Gallagher

Harper Kwiatkowski

Owen McCreery

Book Discussion Group

Our March 17 Book Discussion selection is **FORGIVE EVERYONE EVERYTHING** by Greg Boyle and Fabian Debora. The book hinges on a central theme of sacraments. "If we're open and willing to see God in every person, as we are called to do, then not a day goes by without a sacrament," Fabian says, "It happens all the time." Gregory Boyle, SJ, spends his days at Homeboy Industries accompanying ex-gang members as they rebuild their lives. Some may be familiar with an earlier book of Fr. Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart*.

We meet at 11 am at the Parish Center and all are welcome.

How Can You Help?

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International Disasters:

Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Poland, Africa, South America...

Go to svdpusa.org and click on donate dropdown and "donate now." There, enter an amount and click on "Designate to" and there select "International Relief and Development." These funds will go to SVDP International in Paris for use in International needs.

WE CAN ALL HELP!

An Ecumenical Lent

Our Ecumenical Lent continues each Wednesday in Lent at 7pm. 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
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

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!

New Course Offerings

Below are the upcoming courses for the next Cycle of VLCFF which runs from February 27 to April 2. Both of these courses will be facilitated by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. They are hybrid courses that include both online material through the VLCFF website and a weekly, two hour Zoom lecture/discussion. These are available to everyone in the diocese as usual **at no cost**.

Introduction to Prayer

"Prayer is our means of taking a sighting, of re-orienting ourselves – by re-establishing contact with our goal. In the presence of God many components of our life fall into perspective and our journey makes more sense. Prayer is inseparable from living" (Casey, p.5). This course explores prayer as essential to our lives as Christian people, as individuals and within our community of faith. Through this course, students will explore the qualities, forms and expressions of prayer that help to form and sustain our lives as Catholic Christians. Successful completion of this course earns 2.5 CEU's. This course is part of the VLCFF Certificate for Certification sequence. We will meet on Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.

Introduction to Paul and Paul's Letters

The course is an in-depth look at Paul, including his autobiography according to his letters, then moving on to discuss the authentic letters of Paul as both history and theology. We will cover topics such as Paul and Politics, Paul and Women, Paul and the Second Coming, Paul and Slavery, Paul and Judaism, and Paul on Salvation and Suffering throughout the five weeks of this course. Students will read a variety of materials including some of the most important articles written about Paul in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. At the completion of this course students will be able to situate Paul in his first-century environment and talk intelligently about how Paul's theology is relevant for today's church. Successful completion of this course earns 2.5 CEU's. We will meet on Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm.

To register email Rodica, rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com.

Homebound Ministry

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

St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

One hundred years ago in 1923, at the high water mark of Jim Crow and the Ku Klux Klan, a bill was introduced in Congress by Mississippi Senator John Williams in support of a national monument to be erected on the National Mall near the Lincoln Memorial to depict a Black mammy. Yes...not a typo. The Richmond, Virginia chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy were planning to fund the statue, with the site to be provided by the federal government. Weeks after the Senate failed to pass an antilynching bill (one was finally enacted in March of 2022!), the bill passed the Senate. The Daughters of the Confederacy considered such a statue as, in their own words, "a gift to the people of the United States... a monument in memory of the faithful colored mammies of the South." A group of white women, who had just received the right to vote and promise of full citizenship in 1920, sought to memorialize the subjugation and inequality of Black women. Their intent was not to honor individual mammies but to symbolize Black women as obedient servants of white domesticity. Bear in mind that various chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy were the funders of many of the statues across the country erected to honor Confederate generals and notables, that began to appear in the first decades of the 20th century.

Fortunately, due to the loud and persistent outcry from the Black press, Black women's organizations, and other citizens, the bill failed to pass the House of Representatives. As the author of Sister Citizen (the book that is the source of the mammy monument story), Melissa Harris-Perry poignantly reflects, "Whenever I am in Washington, D.C., I try to imagine the psychic assault I would suffer if I had to walk past a granite Mammy statue while on the National Mall." To realize that such a monument was even contemplated, speaks volumes about the racism that has existed in the American psyche.

Even now "mammy monuments" of various kinds can still be seen in the USA. One example, cited by Melissa Harris-Perry, is Mammy's Cupboard, a roadside restaurant/gift shop in Natchez, Mississippi, housed inside the 28' high skirt portion of a building shaped and painted as a figure of a Black mammy.

Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet on Mondays at noon. The Zoom link can be found on the website events calendar.

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.

Family News

CFF will be occurring at 9:15 this weekend. Our teen small Lenten group will also be meeting at the same time in the parish center.

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 dropping them off in the box at the church or dropping them off at the parish center during the week. This is one of the Youth's Lenten Projects.

Family Movie Night: "Monsters, Inc." March 4th after the 5:30 Mass. Come join in the fun. Mass, Dinner (Pizza Night) and Movie. RSVP Movie Night Link: <https://forms.gle/oZbtzPirhzHmi9eR6>
Can you still come if you forget to RSVP — Of Course!!!! (RSVP just helps us with the number of pizzas to order—thanks)

Check out the other things coming up in 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER (Events for February)

- **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.
- **March 4:** Family Movie Night & Pizza Party after the 5:30 PM Mass.
- **March 5:** CFF at 9:15, Youth Small Faith Group Meetings. Parish Center.
- **March 12:** Youth Centered Mass 5 PM—No CFF classes at 9:15

Congratulations Ben, Harper, Owen, and Zoe who received their First Reconciliation on Saturday, Feb. 25th at 4 PM.

THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:

Matthew 4: 1-11

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent



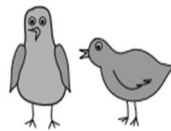
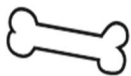
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Lent Teaches Us to Help

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent reminds us that we need to help others. Draw a line from each thing in the first column to the person or animal who needs it.



How can I
help others?

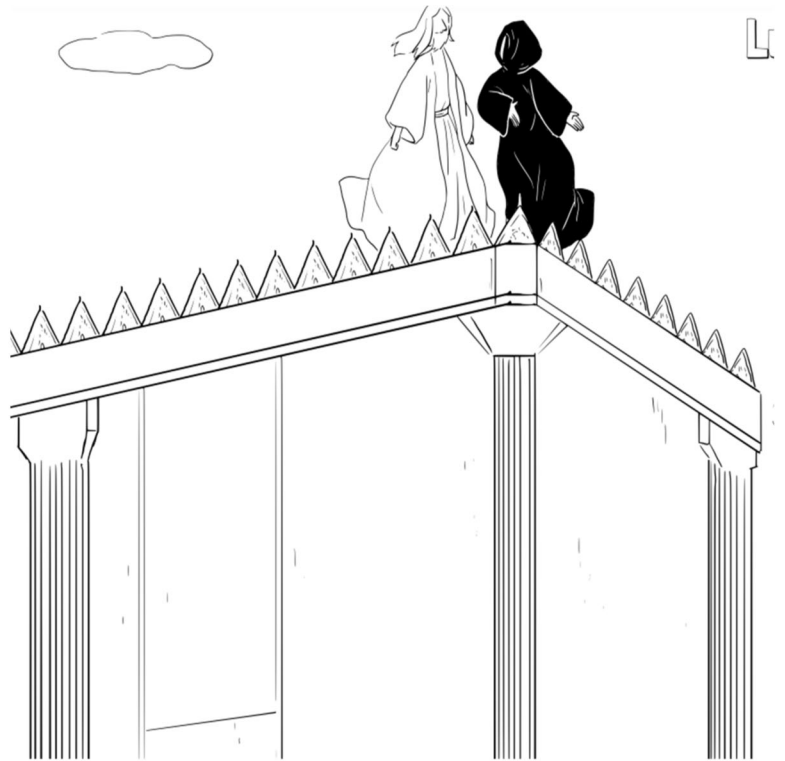
What are the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa.

Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church throughout the world.

Learn more: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/prayers-devotions/stations>

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Command these
Stones

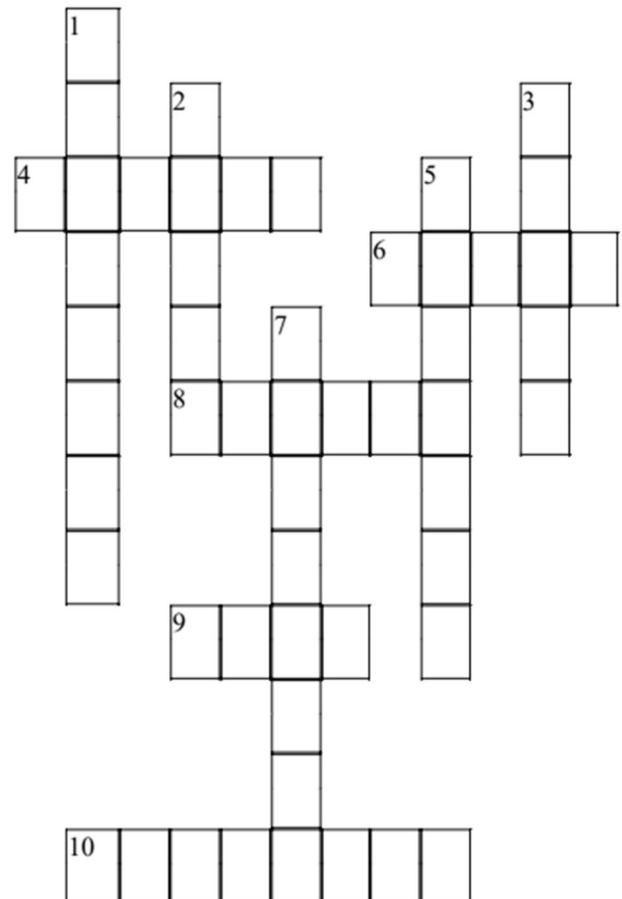
Across

4. The devil tried to convince Jesus that they would catch him if Jesus jumped from the temple wall.
6. Number of nights Jesus fasted.
8. Jesus refused to changed stone to these.
9. Jesus did not want to put God to the _____.
10. What the devil shoed Jesus from a very high mountain? All the _____ of the world.

Down

1. The highest part of the temple.
2. Who led Jesus into the desert?
3. Jesus calls the devil by this name.
5. The devil wanted Jesus to _____ him.
7. Very hungry

Jesus is Tempted Matthew 4:1-11



SOLUTIONS

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray. When Jesus is tired and hungry, Satan tempts Jesus to use his power to make bread of stones, to jump from great heights, and to become a temporal ruler. Jesus says "no" to these temptations and chooses to live as a simple human being. His lesson tells us all that we can use our Lenten experience to straighten our priorities.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Young children are very good at saying "yes" and "no." They have strong opinions about what they will do and what they won't do. They need parents' help in making small choices in a structured environment. Jesus had to make good choices in the desert. Try to be intentional about taking time to help your young child learn to make good choices during the Lenten season.

Promise (Grades K–1): The class learned about the choices Jesus had to make in the desert. Talk about some of the choices your family has to make. Talk, too, about how all the members of the family can help one another make the right choices. Choose one or two Lenten activities in which the whole family can participate.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned that he or she faces many choices. As a family, talk about the choices Jesus made in the Gospel story. Review the Lenten choices you can make that are offered in the apples on pages 3 and 4. Select at least one activity that your family will complete this week and make a commitment to review the activities that will be offered each week throughout Lent.

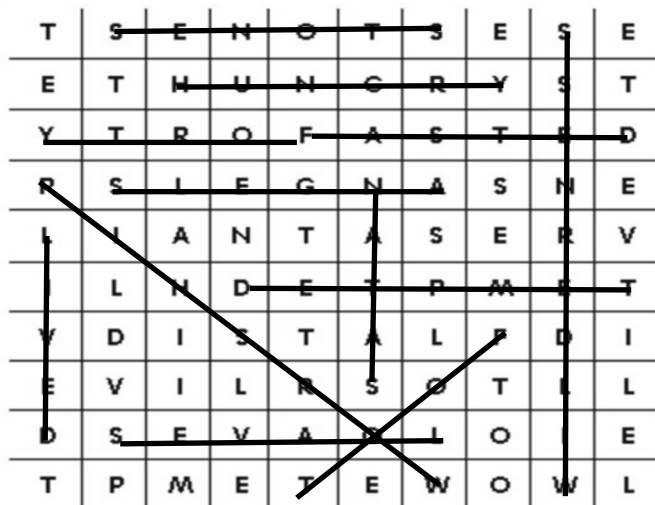
Venture (Grades 4–6): Your youngster's class used a Lenten calendar to plan activities and prayers for the season. Repeat this exercise with your family using your family's calendar. You may wish to go to a weekday Mass together, spend time with relatives, share some food with the poor, or say a family Rosary. Review the Gospel story of the temptations Jesus experienced in the desert. Talk about the many temptations people face in today's world. How can you help one another avoid temptations?

Visions (Grades 7–9): Lent can be an important time for a family because it gives every family member a chance to grow in faith and in love. Spend some time together sharing ways you can all journey deeper into your faith. Invite your young person to review the temptation faced by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and the temptations Jesus faced in the desert. Talk about the differences in how each handled those temptations. Make a firm promise to all the family members that you will all work together to show your love and care for others during Lent.

Pray Together

Make a litany prayer of all the things your family is grateful for—life, health, friends, a good home, etc. After each is mentioned, the whole family can say together: "Thanks be to God!"

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9	1	5	7	4	6	2	8	3
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Check Out Our Results!



SM 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 collected one dollar (or more) donations in soup pots as worshippers left church. Each group donates their collection directly to the charity of their choice— here at St Agnes, all donations will go directly to Shepherdstown Shares and Jefferson County Community Ministries.

This year because of your generous donations to our youth's outreach project, our youth collected \$1553.00 from our weekend Masses. The youth group will be giving \$776.50 each to JCCM and Shepherdstown Shares.

This is St. Agnes's 24th year participating and helping those in our region who are in need. We are happy to report that we surpassed last years total collection making this our highest year yet! Thank you for your generosity!

To view our collection results and our certificate online go to: <https://forms.tacklehunger.org/collections/view/2016667>.

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

Bulletin Ads

Our St Agnes bulletin ads are a major yearly fundraiser for us with an income potential of more than \$10,000. To realize that potential, we have to sell the ads. And, you guessed it, we are asking for your help! If you have a business, please consider advertising with us. If you know a business owner, please pass along our ad information to them. We can assure you, from experience, that our ads are widely viewed by our parishioners and the larger community. They are an effective way to bring attention to businesses. Not only are the ads printed in each bulletin, they also appear on our website.

For \$125, a business gets a 1x1.5 inch space for an entire year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023). There are also larger options to choose from. In addition to the ads appearing weekly in our bulletin, they are also displayed on our website. We are happy to help with ad design.

Though we are well into our ad year, we are still accepting ads and we prorate the cost accordingly. Contact the office for more information!

Message from the Parish Nurses

Gabriele Davis, BSN, RN, Parish Nurse

Barbara Mueller, RN (retired), Faith Community Nurse

Michelle Goldman, BSN, RN (retired)

March 2023

PARISH NURSING NEWS

March is National Kidney Month. According to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney diseases, kidney disease is often called a "silent disease" because there are no symptoms during the early stages. It is important to protect your kidneys and take steps early to protect your kidneys from damage. If you are over 60, or have diabetes, high blood pressure or heart disease, you are more at risk for developing chronic kidney disease (CKD). Your primary care physician can test for kidney disease, or you may get sent to a nephrologist (kidney doctor). You can go to www.niddk.nih.gov and look up kidney disease for more information and tips.

We will be checking blood pressures and blood sugars after all Masses March 4 and 5.

If you have time or talent to share, please contact Gabriele at Gabriele@wvdavis.us to volunteer, or contact the parish office at 304-876-6436 and leave your name and contact information.

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

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent we offer Stations of the Cross at 7pm at the church. Stations of the Cross are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. As always, all are welcome!

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 volunteers are required** 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.

Cash Card Sales After Masses

We have received numerous requests from parishioners asking that we resume the sale of cash cards after Masses. Prior to the pandemic, cash card sales at the church brought a considerable profit to the parish. While we have continued to sell cards in the office, it is not a convenient way for most folks to purchase them. It would be helpful to begin the sales after Mass again. To do so requires the help of numerous volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact the parish center and someone will call you back to discuss it with you.

Recycling at St Agnes

We are trying to do a better job of caring for the Earth here at St Agnes. Toward that end, we have added recycling baskets at the church in the narthex and also at the parish center in Hendrix Hall. We are able to recycle paper, cardboard, plastic, and glass. It is important to note that paper and cardboard that are soiled with food cannot be recycled. Please throw those items in the trashcan. We use compostable utensils here at St Agnes. Compostable utensils, cups, and containers are not recyclable and should also be thrown away.

Don't forget that we work with Jim King to recycle glass here behind the parish center. Parishioners are welcome to bring their glass recycling from home and place it in the bin. It is helpful if glass items are placed in bags first and then into the bin.

We continue to find new ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St Agnes. We know we must live in communion with all living things, and we hope everyday to do just a little bit better!

Haiti Coffee

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

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$16,551
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,897
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$18,448
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$11,900
Total Collections Compared to Target	↑ +\$6,548

Tithe to help those in need \$1,655
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. **To Report to Civil Authorities:** Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the **EthicsPoint** platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

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Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

We have six spots remaining for our Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes! Please join Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer of the Diocese of Steubenville on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes June 9-18, 2023. Departing from Pittsburgh. \$4295 includes round trip airfare, hotels, deluxe motorcoach transportation and more. For more information, please visit www.gohtours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

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.

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.

Summer Camp

Camp Carlo
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 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.

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.

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