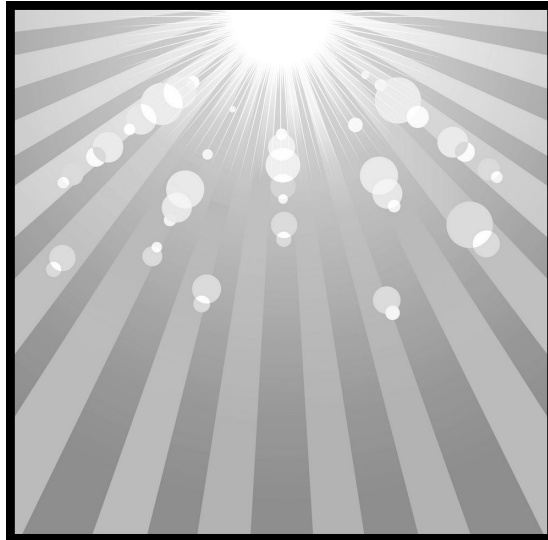


S a i n t A g n e s



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

Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday at 11am

Church Open for Prayer

10am-3:30pm, Monday-Saturday

(except holidays)

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)

In your kindness, please pray for Sr. Mary Janelle, SND, sister of Claire Williamson, who died this past week. Also, on the first anniversary of his death, please pray for Bill Hennessy. May Sr. Mary Janelle and Bill share in the fulness of God's love 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, Dorrene Hale, 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 February. 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.

Celebrating Our New Centenarian!

On Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we will celebrate the **100th birthday** of Renee Mouglin with a special blessing. Happy birthday and best wishes, Renee!

Baptism

This Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we celebrate the baptism of Freyja Rose Jarrell, new daughter of Brendan and Amy Jarrell. May the Lord bless Freyja as she begins her life in the church!

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).

Attention Liturgical Ministers!

Our next Liturgical schedule will begin on March 1st, so it is time to begin looking ahead to the March 1 through May 31 time frame and let us know of any dates that you will be unavailable to serve in your ministry. It works out much better for all concerned if we have the dates that you know you are unavailable at the beginning of the scheduling process. Please send those dates by email to the office not later than February 6th (office@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

Kids Movie Night

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

When: Feb. 10 at 6:45pm

Where: Parish Center

Movie: Hercules (Disney) Rated G 1 hour 33 minutes

Time Frame: 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Come and join in the Fun

RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/hZjfQmBr53TaiFf8A>

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 ALL Virtus Trained Individuals

VIRTUS accounts have been updated and moved to an ALL online system. **Files must be updated for the Diocesan Annual Audit which will occur in March. We are asking all VIRTUS trained individuals to please log into their VIRTUS Account at virtusonline.org and please make sure your account is up to date.**

If you are having difficulties logging into your VIRTUS account, please email Bill Donahue at formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org for help.

Haiti Coffee

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

Dear Parishioners,

Enlarge the Space of your tent is really the theme of our universal church right now, and something we take seriously here at St Agnes. I think it is important to recognize that the things that we are implementing towards the synod are part of the magisterium of the church in communion with Pope Francis. We are teaching the doctrine of the Second Vatican Council and its latest development, synodality. I am amazed when I look at the Continental report and the report that came out of Rome at how they seem to so closely, in aspects, parallel St Agnes' report. This tells me that this is truly led by the Holy Spirit and we are following direction with the larger church.

The latest of this is that the Pope has told us that there will be an ecumenical prayer service on September 30th in Rome before the bishops gather for the synod meeting in October. The Pope goes on to say, "The path toward Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion are linked." I would emphasize that they are two sides of the same coin. This is why we have put such an emphasis on working with the other churches in our community. This cannot be secondary to the life of the parish but should be seen as a priority in our pastoral planning and work. In this synodal time, St Agnes has invited the other churches and pastors in our community to gather on Ash Wednesday at 7pm for a liturgy of the word and distribution of ashes. Lutheran Pastor Karen Valentine has agreed to give the reflection during the service. Perhaps we can make it part of our penance during Lent by honoring this service to break down division in the body of Christ, and in our country and world. We then have the opportunity to gather at different churches the following Wednesday evenings for an evening prayer and a reflection given by someone different than the pastor of the particular church. As we get closer to Lent, we will have more details on these services. This is a way for us, as Shepherdstown, to celebrate Lent as churches together and continue through the help of the Holy Spirit to enlarge the space of our tent. For those who would like to come to Mass on Ash Wednesday, we will have Mass at noon.

Fr. Andy

Scripture Sharing

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

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!



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 **facilitate or host** a group, meet at the **Parish Center** either:

- Saturday, February 4, at 4:00 PM or
- Sunday, February 5, following the 10:30 mass.

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** the first two weekends in February (**February 4, 5, 11, and 12**).

You can also sign up using this QR code:



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.

St. Agnes Perpetual Mass Memorial



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

Rieks Koning

by Jan V. Sengers

Barry O'Hare

by Elaine Rendler-McQueeney

Cindy Peck

by Frank, Rosalie, and Kathleen Bielicki
Jane Edwards

Jan Jankowski

by Frank & Rosalie Bielicki
Jane Edwards

Leonard Testa

by Don & Pat Barth

Lew Paul

by The Ambrose family

Donna J. Phelan

by Eileen Dooley & Denis Woods

Sr. Mary Janelle, SND

by Jimmy & Claire Williamson
Dolores Moriarty

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!

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

Message from the Parish Nurses

Gabriele Davis, BSN, RN, Parish Nurse

Lynn Dunlevy, BSN, RN (retired), Faith Community Nurse

Barbara Mueller, RN (retired), Faith Community Nurse

Feb 2023

PARISH NURSING NEWS

February is American Heart Month.

There are many factors affecting heart health such as blood pressure, cholesterol, diet and exercise levels.

Some symptoms of heart disease to look out for are:

- * Chest pain, chest tightness, chest pressure, or chest discomfort

- * Shortness of breath

- * Pain in the neck/jaw/throat, upper belly or back

- * Pain, numbness or coldness in the legs or arms if the blood vessels in those body areas are narrowed.

Regular appointments with your primary care physician or cardiologist will help to keep you up-to-date on any changes you may need to make to keep your heart healthy. You can also go to https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american_heart_month.htm%20or%20mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/heart-disease

for more information on symptoms, links for specific heart disease, i.e. stroke, and information for programs regarding heart health.

We will be checking blood pressures and blood sugars after all Masses the first full weekend of every month.

If you have time and/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.

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.

Family News

CFF will occur at 9:15 again on Feb. 5th for all children k—pre-confirmation. First Reconciliation parents will also be meeting.

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.

Kids Movie Night: Feb. 10 at 6:45pm, Parish Center. Bring sleeping bags etc. to get comfortable on the floor. We are watching Hercules (Disney 1997) Come join in the fun. RSVP link: <https://forms.gle/hZjfQmBr53TaiFf8A>

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: 13-16

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

DATES TO REMEMBER (Events for February)

- **Feb. 5:** 9:15 AM First Reconciliation Class and 3rd Parent Meeting of First Reconciliation Students. Youth Group Planning Mtg.
- **Feb. 5 and Feb. 12:** Souper Bowl Collections after each Mass (Youth Outreach Project)
- **Feb. 10: Kids Movie Night**—Parish Center 6:45 PM—"Hercules" (Disney 1997) Rated G
- **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 (consider signing up)

LET YOUR LIGHT
shine
BEFORE OTHERS.
THAT THEY
MAY SEE YOUR
good
deeds.
Matthew 5:16





Saint Josephine Bakhita

(1868–1947)

Feast Day: February 8

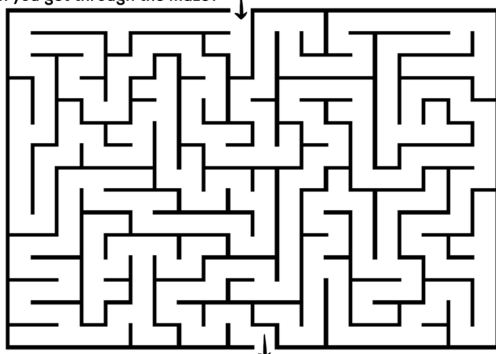
Discover the story of this remarkable African saint. Put the letter of the best conclusion to each sentence in the blank.

1. Josephine Bakhita was born in 1868 ____
 2. At the age of seven or eight ____
 3. One of her owners even had her tattooed, ____
 4. At last, she was sold to an Italian family ____
 5. In Italy, Josephine accompanied her "owner's" daughter to a Catholic school ____
 6. At school, Josephine also learned that she was free ____
 7. Because Josephine wanted to serve God by becoming a religious sister, ____
 8. She did jobs ____
 9. Students of the school and people in need grew to love ____
 10. She took care of wounded soldiers ____
 11. And in World War II, the townspeople were afraid of being bombed, ____
 12. As she was dying, ____
 13. She was canonized by Saint John Paul II ____
- a. such as cooking, sewing, and tending the door of the school and convent.
 - b. who treated her kindly and took her to Italy with them.
 - c. she became a Canossian Daughter of Charity.
 - d. because slavery was illegal in Italy.
 - e. she thought she was a child again and said, "Please, loosen the chains. They are so heavy."
 - f. in the Darfur region of Sudan, a country in East Africa.
 - g. during World War I.
 - h. which back then was done with sharp razors and salt that was rubbed into the cuts.
 - i. Sister Josephine because she was so kind and loving.
 - j. she was kidnapped by slave traders and sold to a succession of cruel masters.
 - k. in a ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica on October 1, 2000.
 - l. but Sister Josephine, whom they called Madre Moretta (Our Dark Mother), promised that no bombs would fall on their town. And none did.
 - m. where she learned about Jesus.

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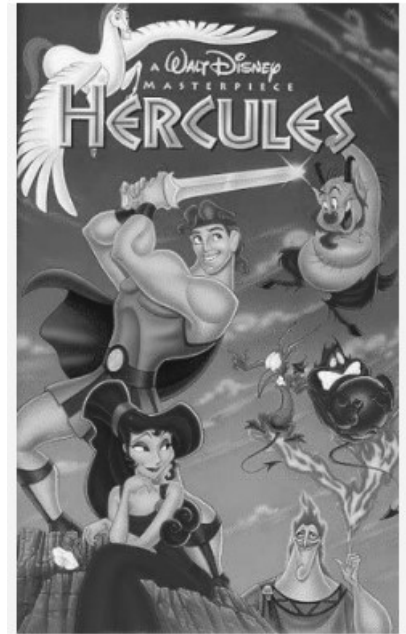
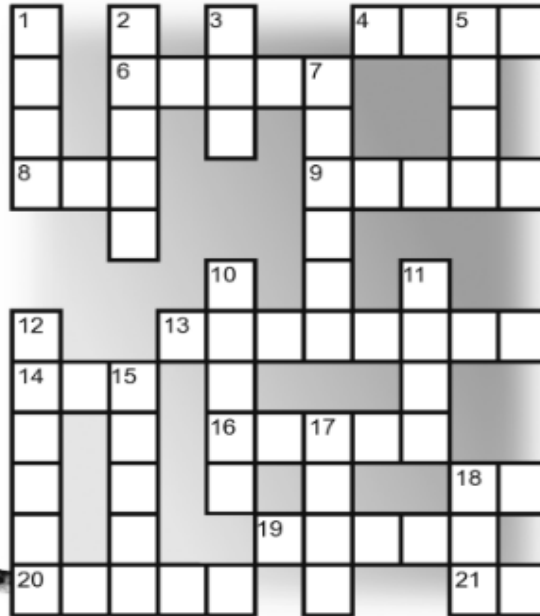
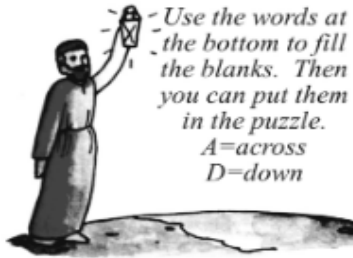
Can you get through the maze?



Which of these salt shakers is different?



Salt and Light Crossword Puzzle



Kids Movie Night

February 10, 2023

Parish Center

6:45 PM

2D _____ 5D to his disciples: "You are the
11D of the _____ 6A But if salt _____ 15D its
20A with what can it be seasoned? It is no
longer _____ 17D for anything but _____ 21A be thrown out
and trampled underfoot. _____ 8A _____ 3D the light of
the _____ 10D A _____ 1D set on a _____ 13A
cannot be _____ 7D Nor do they light a lamp and
then put it under a bushel _____ 12D; it is _____ 18D
on a lampstand, where it gives _____ 16A to _____ 14A
in the _____ 19A Just _____ 18A your light _____ 4A
shine before others, that they may see your good
_____ 9A and glorify your heavenly Father."

MUST JESUS MOUNTAIN CITY LIGHT
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earth
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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus commissions his followers to be "the salt of the earth" and "light to the world." Salt and light are just as important to us today as they were to people in Jesus' time. Jesus' image of salt challenges us to bring out the best in others as salt brings out the best flavors in food. The image of light challenges us to warm and brighten others' lives like sunlight. It challenges us to live as Jesus did so that our actions shine forth like a lamp on a stand.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Young children love to be noticed. "Watch me!" they demand. They love to "shine." Ask your child to tell you what the class learned about what Jesus said about the lamp. Talk together about how the whole family can shine God's light on all they meet. Ask them what a Saint is and talk about how Saints have shined light on how to live like Jesus.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child has learned in class that the little things can make a big difference. Jesus calls us to be the light and salt—two little things that make a very big difference. Ask your child to share the story of the little mouse who performed an act of kindness to help the lion. Talk about how each member of the family can make a difference in the home and in the world. Discuss how a little service for each other helps in big ways.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Ask your child to share with the family the story of the Princess Stella and the salt shaker titled, "Please Pass the Salt." The class learned that Jesus told his followers they were the salt of the earth. Explore ways your family is already salt for the world, and how you can do more to make the world a better place. Add a discussion on the meaning of this week's vocabulary word: the Body of Christ.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your youngster's class discovered what it means to be salt and light for others. Ask your child to share the story of how Kai used his gifts to shed light on issues in his community. Acknowledge the gifts that you see in your young person, and brainstorm ways that your son or daughter can share these gifts with the world. Ask your youngster to share the dilemmas they discussed in class, and talk about how your young person would respond if they found themselves in any similar situations. Also invite your son or daughter to share what the class learned about the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass, and who Saint Paul Miki and the Martyrs of Nagasaki are.

Visions (Grades 7-9): This week's class invited the young people to explore Jesus' call for his followers to be salt of the earth and light of the world. The Gospel reading comes from the famous Sermon on the Mount. The class learned that working for social justice adds both salt and light to the lives of others. Ask your child to share the story of Boy Scout Griffin Burchard and how he was a light to others. The class also took time to identify problems, make choices, and evaluate their choices in the light of the Gospel. Together, talk about problems that your family may face and discover how you can bring salt and light to the ways you face them. Discuss, too, the light brought to others by artist Chloe Becker.

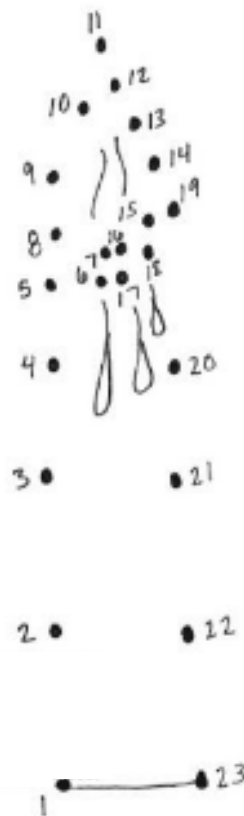
Pray Together

At a family meal, pray that your family may truly be salt for the earth by making a difference. Pass a salt shaker around the table. While holding the salt shaker, each person can pray in his or her own words for God's help in making a difference in the life of your family and in the world.



Scan here for parent resources
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Connect the dots

SOLUTIONS

St. Josephine Bakhita

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7-c; 8-a; 9-l; 10-g; 11-l; 12-e; 13-k

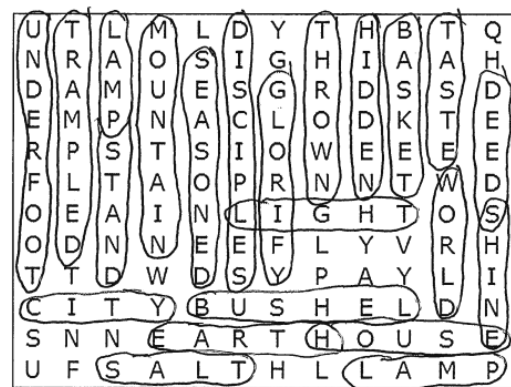
Answers to Cross-word Puzzle:

Across

4-must; 6-earth; 8-you; 9-deeds; 13-mountains
14-all; 16-light; 18-so; 19-house; 20-taste; 21-to

Down
1-city; 2-Jesus; 3-are; 5-said; 7-hidden; 10-would
11-salt; 12-basket; 15-loses; 17-good; 18-set

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5	6	1	2	8	4	7	3	9
8	4	2	9	1	6	3	5	7
9	7	6	8	5	3	4	1	2
3	1	5	4	7	2	6	9	8



St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

In 1927, a sixteen year old girl, as part of the Great Migration, left the Jim Crow South for Chicago, in search of her dream of freedom and opportunity. The girl was to become the nationally acclaimed "Queen of Gospel", Mahalia Jackson. In spite of her fame and accomplishments, when she tried to buy a home in 1956 in an upscale neighborhood on Chicago's South Side, white owners refused to sell to her. She got phone calls warning her not to move in, that her home would be bombed. Even the local Catholic pastor rallied his flock, telling them not to sell to her. Finally a white doctor, who had heard her sing and admired her, sold to her. After she moved in, neighbors shot rifle bullets through her windows and local police stood guard at her home for nearly a year. One can easily imagine how other not so famous, prospective Black homeowners would have fared.

As a friend of Martin Luther King and strong civil rights activist herself, Mahalia Jackson was invited to sing at the 1963 March on Washington, where she sang, "I Been 'Buked and I Been Scorned." The woman who had fought for her dream and that of so many others, during a pause by Martin Luther King at the beginning of his speech, shouted out to him, "Tell them about the dream, Martin, tell them about the dream." Martin laid aside his prepared text, which had not included "the dream." The rest is history.

This weekend we are adding to the Racial Justice Library the Pulitzer Prize Award winning book, The Warmth of Other Suns - The Epic Story of America's Great Migration, by Isabel Wilkerson. The book reflects on the epic exodus of nearly six million Blacks from the South from 1915 to 1970, in search of a dream for a better life. The author does so by focusing on the life stories of three individuals who courageously followed the dream. The New Yorker has said of the book: "This is narrative nonfiction, lyrical and tragic and fatalist. The story exposes; the story moves; the story ends. What Wilkerson urges, finally isn't argument at all; it's compassion. Hush, and listen."

Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

We want to thank all parishioners of St. Agnes Catholic Church and Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church for donating all the supplies that go into making sleeping bags as well as those parishioners that have donated old used sleeping bags. 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.

Hospice Valentine's Project

Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle has a tradition of giving a thank you gift to doctors, nurses, social workers, and others who support Hospice. In years past, they were able to give home baked goods with the help of volunteer bakers. The Pandemic has put a stop to the home baked option.

This year, Hospice is asking churches and other organizations to help them by donating pre-packaged, individually wrapped snack foods like chips, pretzels, popcorn, granola bars/protein bars, nuts, trail mix, snack cakes, brownies, cookies, hard candies, candy bars, or packs of gum. Or, you could give a monetary donation (made out to St Agnes with "Hospice" in the memo line). We have a couple of folks willing to shop. Please bring your donations to church or the parish center by Sunday, February 5th.

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 on February 4th and 5th as well as February 11th and 12th (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!

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.

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.

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: 304-876-6436, or office@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$7,501
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$525
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$8,026
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$11,500
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ -\$3,474

Tithe to help those in need	\$750
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

Collections – Year-To-Date (thru January)

Offertory Collections	\$28,198
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$6,512
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$34,710
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$57,500
Total Collection Compared to Target	↓ -\$22,790

Tithe to help those in need	\$2,820
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

Sacred Art in Action

Byzantine Icon Workshop

June 19-23, 2023

Presented by Iconographer Tatiana Bubenko

St Agnes Church, Shepherdstown, WV

Pre-registration required

For more information & to register visit:

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Or call

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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

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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.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference
February 11, 2023

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Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation
 and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

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 Early Bird discount available through January 9.

Scholarships available upon request.

On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

Save the Date

Gala to support St Joseph School
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