

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 62:1-5
Psalm 96:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10ac
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-12

Weekly Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am and 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday, 11am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30pm

Parish Office: Monday through Friday 9am-4pm

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

The Week at a Glance...

Sun Jan 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No CFF (MLK Holiday) OCIA 12noon Youth Feeding the Hungry Food Prep 11:30am Defend Your Rights Project Presentation 1pm
Mon Jan 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Scripture Sharing Zoom 12noon
Tues Jan 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racial Justice Initiative Zoom 3pm Board Games Group 3:30pm ESL Class 6pm
Wed Jan 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Feeding the Hungry Delivery 5pm
Fri Jan 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ugly Sleeping Bag Project 9:30am
Sat Jan 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KoC Raffle Ticket Sales After all Masses
Sun Jan 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFF, AFF, Youth Group 9:15am OCIA 12noon

ESL Classes

St. Agnes ofrecerá clases gratuitas de inglés como segundo idioma. La clase de cinco semanas es del 14 de Enero al 18 de Febrero en el Centro Parroquial St. Agnes los Martes por la noche de 6:00 a 7:30. Si usted o alguien que conoce desea mejorar sus habilidades en inglés, por favor pídale que venga a partir comenzando el 14 de Enero. El registro se puede encontrar a <https://bit.ly/learn-english-2025>. **En caso de mal tiempo, seguimos las políticas de cierre de escuelas del condado de Jefferson.**



St. Agnes will be offering free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. **The five-week class will be held January 14 through February 18 at the St. Agnes Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm.** If you or anyone you know would like to improve their English skills, please have them join us starting January 14. The registration form can be found at <https://bit.ly/learn-english-2025>. **In the case of bad weather, we follow Jefferson County school closure policies.**

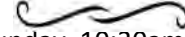
Scan the QR code, visit the St Agnes website <https://StAgnesShepherdstown.org/>, or email for information and to register English-Class@stagnesshepherdstown.org



Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8am for

Miriam Moriarty



Sunday, 10:30am for

Maureen Maidhof

May Miriam and Maureen share in the fulness of God's mercy and peace.

In your kindness, please pray for Helen Overholt who died this past week. May Helen share in the fulness of God's love and peace. We celebrated her funeral Mass on Thursday, January 16th here at St Agnes.

The funeral Mass for Richard Hitchcock will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 21st at 11am at Holy Family Catholic Church in Middletown, MD and livestreamed online here: <https://vimeo.com/event/1643151>.

Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill, especially Ron Mancini (son-in-law of Bob & Martha Rizzo), Richard Morris (brother-in-law of Georgette Rush), Daniel Thompson, Shelly Stowell (daughter of Nina Hockman), Teresa Verteramo (mother of Rosanne Hutton), and Mark Switzer. Names are placed in the bulletin for one month then moved onto the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.

Prayer Sponsors Needed!

We need **prayer sponsors for our children preparing for First Eucharist!** A prayer sponsor is someone who shows support and offers prayer for a child preparing to receive their First Eucharist. You will be assigned a child and asked to faithfully pray for them every day. A prayer sponsor may anonymously send a card to the child and let them know they are being prayed for, but the giving of gifts is not necessary. This is 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 luncheon on May 10th.** We ask, if you can, please come to the **First Eucharist Mass on Sunday, May 11th at 10:30am** to support your First Communicant. If interested in being a sponsor, email Bill Donahue formation@stagnesshepherds-town.org or call the office. *Thank you for praying for our youth during this time of formation.*

Danny DuVal
Nora Goldizen
Evelyn McCreery
Saoirse Mello
Connor Pender
Carter Phipps
Charlie Turano

Dear Parishioners,

Parishioners, I want to let you know some exciting news of an upcoming event that the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association will be hosting. We have invited Denise Gardina, Episcopal Deacon and historical fiction writer on Appalachia, to visit us to give a presentation on April 8th on her book Saints and Villians about the life of Dietrich Bonhoffer who was martyred by Hitler and the nazis in Germany. The book and presentation are also timely because right now there is a controversial new movie on Dietrich Bonhoffer that the Bonhoffer family has rejected because it is being manipulated for political purposes and is false to what the real Dietrich Bonhoffer believed and stood for. Below, I have included a link to an article from National Catholic Reporter about this problematic movie. I think it is something that we should reflect on this weekend being Martin Luther King weekend, how prophets' messages can be distorted and manipulated for purposes that go against the message they lived and died for. This is very dangerous. This reminds us that history and facts are so important. Denise Gardina's book is well researched and honors the historical Bonhoffer who is an inspiration to our faith. The book shows us the dangers of Christian nationalism that is a growing danger in our own country now. That Denise will be here for this presentation on April 8th we find as a work of the Holy Spirit because it was only after we, as ministerial association, scheduled her that we realized it is the 80th anniversary of his death and April 9th will be the 80th anniversary of Bonhoffer day. We hope to organize book discussions on this work, and Four Seasons bookstore has offered to give us a church discount on the book. I recommend you consider ordering a copy that has discussion questions in it because it could be helpful for group discussions. We will be trying to plan book studies and times to talk in April as we get nearer to Lent.

<https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/biopic-and-misuse-christian-nationalists-reignite-battle-bonhoeffer>

Fr. Andy

KoC Chili Cook-Off

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Chili Bowl on February 9th . 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 and at all Masses starting on January 11th . If you are interested in cooking, please contact Fergus Sugrue at 240-876-8478 or mfs1son@verizon.net. There is a deadline of January 26, 2025 to contact Fergus to enter your chili.

Accompaniment Ministry

Over the last several months, St. Agnes, in coordination with our Diocese, has explored the establishment of an **ecumenical, community-based immigrant support committee known as the Accompaniment Ministry**.

The purpose of this committee "is to accompany immigrants who are living on the margins of society just as our Creator did." The range of accompaniment and support continues to evolve and may include activities such as language interpretation, transportation, basic daily needs, and access to existing medical and legal resources. In the coming months please be on the lookout for updates on this effort and possible areas where your individual gifts and talents may be of help to our brothers and sisters. For additional information or questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Durante los últimos meses, St. Agnes, en coordinación con nuestra Diócesis, ha explorado la posibilidad de establecer **un comité ecuménico de apoyo a inmigrantes basado en la comunidad, conocido como Ministerio de Acompañamiento**.

El propósito de este comité "es acompañar a los inmigrantes que viven al margen de la sociedad, tal como lo hizo nuestro Creador". La gama de acompañamiento y apoyo continúa evolucionando y puede incluir actividades como interpretación de idiomas, transporte, necesidades básicas diarias y acceso a recursos médicos y legales existentes. En los próximos meses, esté atento a las actualizaciones sobre este esfuerzo y las posibles áreas en las que sus dones y talentos individuales pueden ser de ayuda para nuestros hermanos y hermanas.

(Para obtener información adicional o si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con la parroquia a: office@stagnesshepherdstown.org)

Defend Your Rights Project Presentation

On **Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 1pm**, St Agnes will be hosting an information session on the **Defend Your Rights Project**. The WVU Immigration Clinic and the West Virginia Innocence Project are partnering to re-launch a program they offered in 2018 to offer legal assistance to immigrants. This event is open to anyone, so please extend an invitation to anyone you know who may have an interest. All are welcome!

Este **domingo 19 de enero de 2025, a la 1pm**, la parroquia de St. Agnes, en Shepherdstown, organizará una sesión informativa sobre el **proyecto Defiende tus derechos**. La Clínica de Inmigración de la Universidad de West Virginia y el Proyecto Inocencia de West Virginia se están asociando para relanzar un programa que ofrecieron en 2018 para ofrecer asistencia legal a los inmigrantes. Este evento está abierto a todos, así que extienda una invitación a cualquier persona que conozca que pueda estar interesada. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Laudato Sí 10th Anniversary

Series Announcement:

Laudato Si' at 10: Envisioning a Livable Future

This is an online, 7-part serial conference hosted by John Carroll University in collaboration with the Hank Center at Loyola University Chicago, marking the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Sí: On Care for Our Common Home*. There will be four events in winter/spring 2025 and three in fall 2025. The four winter/spring events will cover: the current state of climate science (January 29); the contributions of Catholic social thought (February 17); the political economy of climate change (March 11); and environmental politics (April 9). All the events will be "Zoomcast"; register for Zoom links at www.jcu.edu/livable-future.

Help Protect Our Water!

Back in December, we brought to your attention the proposal to build a water bottling plant in Middleway, a community not far from us. Building this plant in a rural area raises numerous concerns not only for that immediate area but also for the infrastructure for the entire county. Without clean, safe water, we have nothing. We simply cannot survive without it. Due to the karst geology of our region, what happens to the water in one part of the county ultimately affects the water for the entire county. The non-profit, Jefferson County Foundation, Inc, has been active in educating the community about many of these problems; the foundation's website (<https://www.jeffersoncountyfoundation.org/zoning/water-bottling-facility-in-middleway/>) is an excellent source of information.

Members of our *Laudato Si'* initiative held a 'write in' at the parish center on Saturday, January 18, to help folks send their thoughts to the Commission before the deadline for close of public comments for the February 17th hearing. If you missed the event, there is still time to make your feelings known to those who hold our future in their hands. Once again, the Jefferson County Foundation's website noted above has helpful information to assist you with this task.

In Case of Inclement Weather...

It is that time of year when we need to be prepared for inclement weather! Should we experience wintry precipitation, we will do our best to make a decision regarding in person CFF class *by 8pm the evening prior*. To see if we will be closed: check our website, call the parish office and listen to the recording, or you can access this information on the CFF/Youth Facebook page (see Youth Pages for how to join). Please note, **if Jefferson County Schools are delayed or closed, there will be no weekday Mass**. The Parish Center office will also follow the school system's decision and will be closed if schools are closed.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968

As our country honors the life of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., we share here some of Dr. King's memorable and inspiring quotes that are as pertinent today as they were when he spoke them:

- "The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral conflict."
- "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."
- "Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."
- "If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."
- "A nation or civilization that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on the installment plan."
- "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
- "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
- "The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But ... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"
- "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."
- "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."
- "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."
- "Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will."
- "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
- "The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people."
- "There comes a time when silence is betrayal."
- "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

Stay Informed

If you are not already signed up for our email blasts, you can sign up on the website at <https://stagnesshepherdstown.org/join-our-mailing-list/>.



THE YOUTH CORNER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week's Gospel:
John 2:1-12

January 19, 2025

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CFF, AFF, Youth Group, & Family News

There are no CFF, Youth Group, or Adult classes today in accordance with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday tomorrow. Classes will resume next Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 9:15am in the Parish Center.

It is that time of the year when we might need an **Inclement weather policy for CFF**. Should we experience wintry precipitation, we will do our best to make a decision regarding in person CFF class by 8pm the evening prior. Check our website, call the parish office at 304-876-6436 and listen to the recording, or you can also access this information on the St. Agnes CFF/Youth Facebook (closed) group page.

St Agnes offers a **Pre-K religious education program**. If you have a child who is in Pre-K, please consider having your child start religious education. There is no cost for the Pre-K program and it is Gospel-based. Please look at the "SEEDS" section under the "Gospel at Home" (Youth Page 4) to see what is covered each week in Pre-K.

Fr. Andy's **Adult Continuing Education Class** is still occurring on every Sunday that there is CFF in the Parish Center at 9:15am. Although there is a core group every week, all adults are always welcome to "drop in" on Fr. Andy's class. There is always a huge turnout but we always have space for more. Everyone is welcome. Come join for coffee and great discussion. Fr. Andy's class meets in the small conference room in the Parish Center.

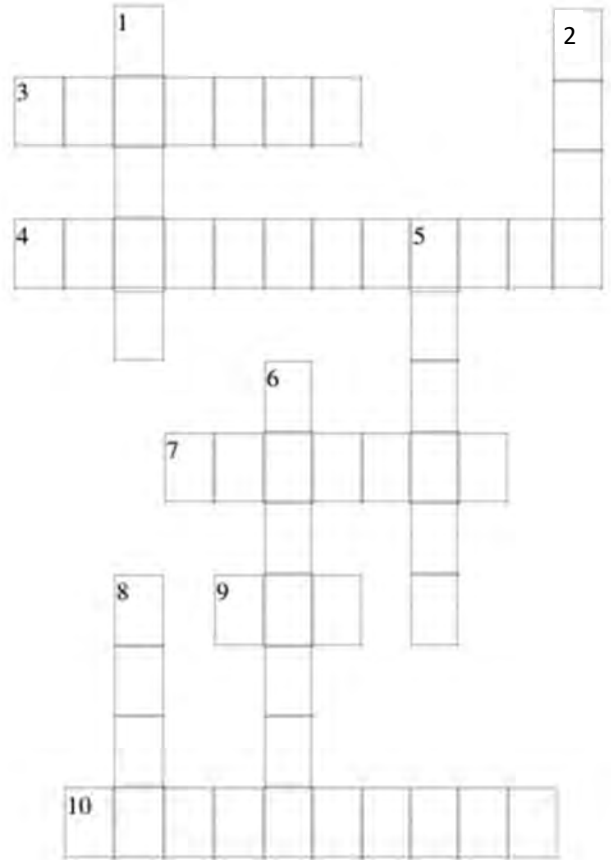
Finally, the standard paragraph that all parents who have registered their children for CFF should be in the email list. **If you are a parent and not receiving CFF announcements and emails**, please call the Parish Center at 304-876-6436 or email Bill Donahue at formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

Parents are also encouraged to join our Youth Facebook Group. Please email Bill at the above address for the link to the closed group. *You won't be able to find Our Youth Facebook Page any other way!* We are also able to communicate via Google Classroom. All parents should have received an email invitation to Google Classroom—click the link in that email to join. If you have not received these emails, please contact Bill so you can be added to the email distribution list.

*There
Was A
Wedding
At Cana*



Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11



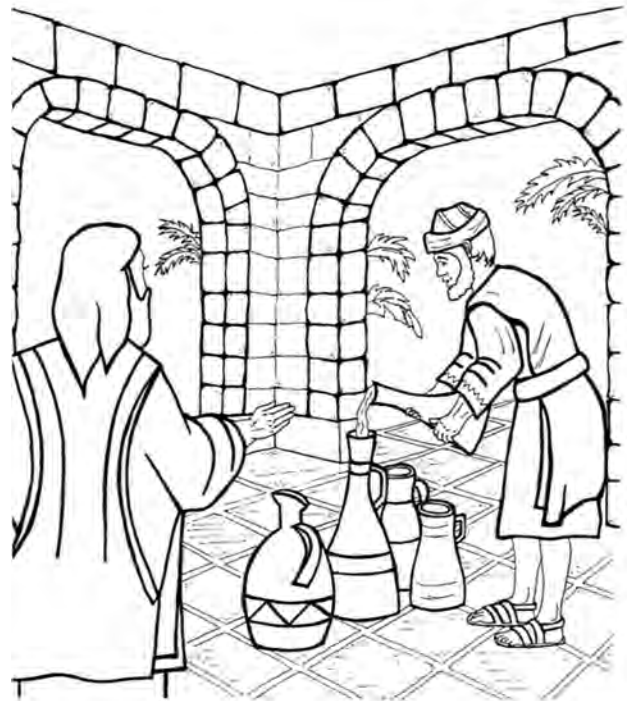
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3. Cana was in this province.
4. Use of the stone jars.
7. He tasted the wine.
9. Number of stone jars.
10. The headwaiter talked to him.

Down

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2. Miracle.
5. The jars could contain up to _____ gallons each.
6. Reaction of the disciples.
8. Jesus said that this had not yet come.

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Jesus turns water into wine.
JOHN 2:1-12

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Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
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saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous

Youth Events: At a Glance
Dates for the Calendar


January 19: No CFF, Youth Group, or Adult classes today for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
 Meal Prep. for the Hungry 11:40am in the Parish Center

January 26: CFF, Youth Group, and Adult classes resume in the Parish Center at 9:15am

February 2: CFF, Youth Group, and Adult classes meet in the Parish Center at 9:15am.
Youth Group's Souper Bowl Collection after each Mass this weekend!

February 9: CFF, Youth Group, and Adult classes meet in the Parish Center at 9:15am.
 First parent meeting for parents of First Eucharist students in the Parish Center at 9:15am.

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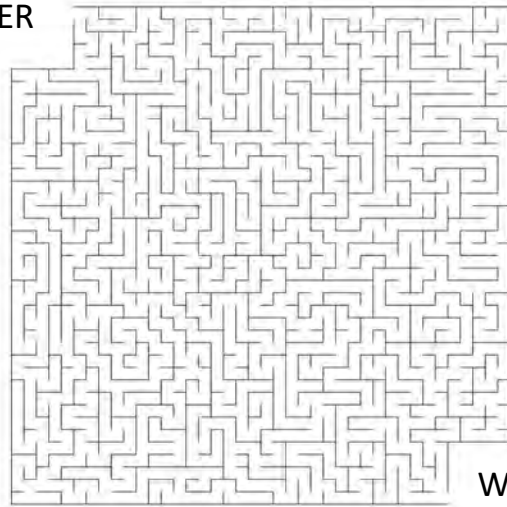


John 2:1-12

*Do you know what Mary said to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana?
 Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!*

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 2:1-11

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins his public ministry at a wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. He saves the groom some embarrassing moments by providing a fresh supply of wine. Jesus demonstrates that he brings people together in joy and that he uses human events to convey his message that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child's feelings of love, security, and trust stem from experiences in your family. This week in class the lesson helped your child understand that he or she belongs to a family and to appreciate the love and concern there. Take time this week to talk together about the experiences you all share, and be especially aware of what your young child needs from you. Have your child show you the drawing from page 4 of the lesson.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week your child explored the ways he or she makes a difference to family and friends. Your child learned about Jesus' blessing a young bride and groom with his presence. This is a good week to share how your family shows the love and care that Jesus expressed by saving the wedding couple from embarrassment. Have your child tell you the story, "Michael Brings Joy," from this week's lesson.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week your child learned about the Seven Sacraments. Encourage your child to share what each of the sacraments means. As a family, share experiences of receiving the sacraments or how the sacraments are part of your life as a family. Your child may be preparing for First Communion; plan ways for the whole family to join in the preparation.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your young person's class learned how the sacraments offer Jesus' loving and healing actions. Starting with the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana, the class saw how Jesus used a sign to make a difference in people's lives and to form a community. What are the welcoming, healing, and loving signs your family shares with others? Ask your youngster to teach the "Sacramental Life" game to the family, and play it together.

Visions (Grades 7-8): This week's lesson used the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana to teach about all the sacraments. Your youngster talked about the ways that the sacraments make our faith visible. Ask your youngster to share the symbols, words, and gestures of the sacraments with the family. Talk together about what the sacraments mean for your family. How can you help one another participate regularly in Eucharist and Reconciliation? How have the other sacraments made an impact on your family?

Awaken (Teens/Adults): Discover a new level of spiritual growth for parents with *Awaken*, the new adult level of the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies, developed to deepen your faith journey alongside your children. Scan the QR code to learn more.

Pray Together

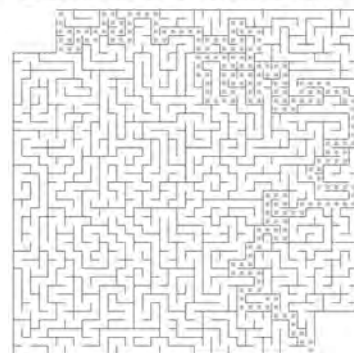
Try to join in a morning or evening prayer together each day for a week. The prayer does not have to be formal, structured, or long. Say a special prayer in your own words for all the weddings that will occur this week that God may bless the couples and keep them faithful, safe, and loving.

Scan here for parent resources
at www.pflaum.com/Guide

Volunteering: The church is always looking for volunteers. It is our way to demonstrate our faith in action!

All volunteers are required to be VIRTUS-trained as required by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. If you would like to volunteer for any parish ministry including with our youth, you must be VIRTUS-trained. Forms are located in the church narthex and the Parish Center on how to complete this process.

All parents are encouraged to be VIRTUS-trained.



SUDOKU #2

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Answer to What did Mary say:
Do whatever He tells you.

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SOLUTIONS



Upcoming Faith Formation Courses

There are Two Upcoming Faith Formation and Catechetical Certification Opportunities! **These are 5-week courses beginning January 20th** and are offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). Hybrid models, these courses are composed of both weekly live 2-hour Zoom lectures/discussions and a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through VLCFF. The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. **For further information or to register, please contact the course instructor, Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu, at rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com.**

Survey of Catholic Doctrine

This course is part of the level one certification for catechesis and open to all who are interested in learning more about their faith. If you are a catechist, a Catholic school religion teacher, or a member of an OCIA team, you will find this course especially helpful! During this course we will come to a better understanding of some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church, including: the Trinity, original sin, church, salvation history and the communion of saints. By the completion of the course, participants will be familiar with concepts such as the magisterium, ecumenism and eschatology. We meet on Zoom on Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning January 23rd. This course is a basic course and is an introductory course in the Catholic Faith.

Scripture and Justice

What is our biblical vision of a just community? How are we ordered towards justice and cooperation through the Old and New Testaments? How does scripture provide us with the framework for living justly today? In this course we will study how scripture forms the basis for our Catholic understanding of justice and how justice is an essential part of God's plan for the reign of God, the message of Christ, and the way we, the baptized, are to live in the world today. We meet on Zoom Monday evenings from 7-9pm beginning January 20th.

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston offers Catechetical Certification and recognizes VLCFF courses for various levels of certification. Certain courses are especially designed for volunteer catechists, Catholic school religion teachers, members of OCIA teams and all those who would be enriched by formal training in this field. For further information regarding the VLCFF certification program please contact Dr. Stoicoiu. There are 6 required courses for level one certification including the Survey of Doctrine class below. Both classes are open to all adults interested in deepening their faith and growing in their understanding of the theology and Tradition of the Church.

Cash Cards Donates \$4000 to St Agnes

Our cash card program was recently able to donate \$4000 to St Agnes! Many thanks to those of you who go out of your way to support our cash card program by purchasing them through the office.

We would love to once again be able to offer cash card sales before and after Masses as well, but that requires many volunteers. Back before the pandemic, we were able to do so and our cash card program thrived to the point where St Agnes would receive \$10,000 to \$15,000 on a yearly basis. If you would be interested in helping us to reintroduce cash card sales before and after Masses, please contact the office. Purchasing cash cards is a great way to help financially support St Agnes at no additional cost to the purchaser.

Religious Item Recycling

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.

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, as we have them professionally cleaned and/or restored if possible so they can be worn, we can also use them to make new vestments, rosary cases or missal covers, we accept any style, color, vintage)
 - Crucifixes
 - Statues (any size, no outdoor concrete statues)
 - 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
 - Framed Religious Pictures
 - Used Musical Instruments
 - Prayer books//Breviaries/Catholic Encyclopedias
- (Please No Religious Books/Reading Books/Story Books, Hymnals, Pamphlets/Magazines/DVD's, VHS Tapes, Christmas items or Wax Candles)**

Help Us Serve at Mary's Refuge!

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to support our mission:

- 1. Certified Dietitian/Nutritionist:** Assist 1-2 hours weekly to provide guidance for healthy living.
- 2. Alumni Coordinator:** Build connections and offer support to past residents.
- 3. Volunteer Coordinator:** Help organize and manage our amazing volunteer team.

Your skills can make a difference! If interested please send an email to life@marysrefuge.com.

All volunteers must complete Virtus, a background check, and attend volunteer training.

And stay up to date with Mary's Refuge: Mary's Refuge invites you to stay up-to-date with their baby bulletin. You can find the bulletin through this QR code or visit <https://marysrefuge.com/baby-bulletin/>.



SJS Benefit Dinner

A Back to the '80s dinner fundraiser for Saint Joseph School is **scheduled for 6:30pm on Saturday, March 8, in the SJS gym**. All attendees must be ages 21 and older. Tickets cost \$90 per person; two for \$175; or \$650 for a table of eight. They may be purchased using the QR code on the flier or by going to <https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=586>. The event will feature dinner, beer, wine, a 50/50 raffle, tip jars, and silent and live auctions. For more information, please email sfa@sjsvw.org. Ticket sales end Sunday, Feb. 23.

Scripture Sharing Zoom

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet via Zoom (link is on the website events calendar) on Mondays at noon (except major holidays). All are welcome!

JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

- Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta
- Canned meat (chicken, spam, ham, tuna)
- Soups (hearty and condensed)
- Canned pasta, Canned chili, Canned fruit
- Rice (small bags)
- Cereal
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Jelly and peanut butter
- Syrup, Pancake/biscuit mix
- Instant oatmeal
- Crackers
- Cooking oil
- Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper, Wipes
- Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent
- Cat/Dog food

Shepherdstown Shares Current Needs

- Toilet paper
- Baby Wipes
- Regular Ground Coffee
- Brown Rice
- Pasta Sauces
- Ramen noodles (not the cups of soup)
- Small Applesauce Cups (unsweetened)
- Snacks
- Crackers (i.e. Ritz or Saltines)
- Milk (1/2gal or full gallons—whole or 2%)
- Diabetic-Friendly Items
- Candy, pudding, Jell-o, applesauce
- Snack and sandwich-size Ziploc bags
- Sturdy paper bags (especially with handles)
- Regular tea bags

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$31,588
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,610
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$33,198
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,000
Total Collections Compared to Target	↑ +\$21,198

Tithe to help those in need \$3,159
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)



Supporting our St. Agnes community is easy!

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

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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2025 Quo Vadis Retreat

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Vocations Office has set the dates for the 2025 Quo Vadis Retreat for boys who will be in grades 6-8 for the 2025-2026 school year.

The camp is set for June 30-July 3 at the scenic Priest Field Pastoral Center in Kearneysville. The camp is free! Registration form is available online at our diocesan vocations' website - wvpriests.org

Men's Catholic in Recovery

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Join us Thursdays at 7pm at Priest Field Pastoral Center. For more information visit: www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact John G. (304) 725-1435 guiney@stjameswv.org

Open Positions at Saint Joe's School

Saint Joe's School is seeking to fill these positions:

- ⇒ **Principal for new high school—starts Jan 2025**
- ⇒ **Pre-K Aide/After-School Care Worker**

To send in a resume or letter of introduction, contact Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjswv.org. These have been posted to Indeed <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Saint-Joseph-School/jobs>.

St Leo's Variety Show Auditions

AUDITIONS for the first-ever St. Leo Variety Show will be held on Thursday, January 23rd and Friday, January 24th, from 6-8pm, in the Parish Hall, 2109 Sulphur Springs Road, Inwood, WV. Come on out and give the review panel your "best three minutes"---we're looking for all kinds of talent. The show is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th, in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Dave Lasko (540) 533-9828.

CBT Grants update

Our grant group—Sue Kemnitzer, Fanny Smith, Judy Lilga, Mike Drewes, Scott Hutton, Greg Welter, Beth Yates, and Fr Andy-- is actively working on the next steps in the grant process with the help of Josephine Saikali from Region 9.

For our Track 2 design grant, our engineering firm, Thrasher Group, is actively working on our project.

For our Track 4 grant, we will soon begin planning for plantings in the southeast area.

Program partners: United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 3, Chesapeake Bay Program, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

This project had been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under assistance agreement 41-95300301 or CB-96375501 to West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP).



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About the Black Catholic Experience

On **February 26 from 12noon to 2pm**, Frederick Community College's Institute for Retired Learning is offering a course on The Black Catholic Experience in America. Link to the course: [The Black Catholic Experience in America - Frederick Community College](https://www.fcc.edu/retired-learning/black-catholic-experience-in-america).

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