

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 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Parish Office: Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm

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

Christmas Flowers

Our Christmas flowers have been given

in memory of Edythe Myers and Bailey Tune by Zach & Tricia Myers; Roger Hedrick, Art & Mae Gedeon, Scott Rees, Jacquelyn Klann, and Jason Morrison by Eileen Hedrick; G. Herbert & Elizabeth Mofses and H. Max & Margaret Derr by Max & Shirley Derr; John & Elsie Piccolomini and George & Dorothy Buys by John & Dotty Piccolomini; Rex A. Norton by Hilda Norton; Elvira Risi and Almerinto Risi by Maria Lamanna; Bill Fritchman by Nancy Curry; Bob & Esther Kubitschek by Margaret Kubitschek; Frank & Cecilia Vassallo by Eric & Anna Sokel; Paul Curry and Mr & Mrs Arnold Thomas by Arnold & Victoria Thomas; deceased Family & Friends by Lyle & Theresa Rush; Francis Snowden, Rebecca McCauley, Jaysen Quintana, Sandra Walker, and Leo Hamson by Marie Snowden; To all my family and friends who have gone by Russ Forrest; the Pulaski Family and the Robertson Family by Carol, Gregg, Scott, Jeanne, and Stephen Robertson; Richard & Jane Nau by Tim & Gretchen Matz; the Burleigh family, the Thompson family, the Moler family, the Robertson family, and the Greaser family by Bryan & Judy Robertson; Ralph Horley by Paula Horley; Theresa & Less Fowler and Mary Agnes & Dick Bolden by Meghan Bolden;

and as a gift to St Agnes by Alan & Mary Ellen DeBord, Dennis & Janice Wark, Patricia Keefer, Ed & Kathy Kelly, and Stan & Lucille Nelson.

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!

Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Richard Hitchcock, John Jankowski (cousin of Frank Bielicki), and Mary Hart. 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 January. 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, jsiliga8@gmail.com.

Ministry Training and Ministry Opportunities January 21, 2023

There will be updated trainings at the church for Bread/Cup Ministers (Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) 10:00am to 11:30am and for the Ministry of Hospitality 12:00 noon to 1:30pm. A copy of the duties for these ministries will be provided. I am also asking for your input and/or suggestions to help you with your ministry so we can better serve the people of God.

Other ministries will be scheduled in the very near future. If there are any questions, please email me at liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org or call 304.261.0196.

God bless, Helen Harris

Book Discussion Group January-July, 2023 Selections

We decided to alternate easy and challenging “reads” for the upcoming months. Please join us for any or all of the discussions. We meet the 3rd Friday of each month at 11 am in the Parish Center.

1-20-23 STRANGE GODS: A Novel About Faith, Murder, Sin and Redemption by Daly, Peter J., Myslinski, John F.

2-17-23 LIGHT OF ASSISI: THE STORY OF ST. CLARE by Margaret Carney, OSF.

3-17-23 FORGIVE EVERYONE EVERYTHING by Greg Boyle and Fabian Debora.

4-21-23 CREATION AND THE CROSS: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril by Elizabeth Johnson

5-19-23 OUT OF THE DEPTHS: The Story of Ludmila Javorova by Miriam Therese Winter

6-16-23 A WORLD TRANSFIGURED: The Mystical Journey by Philip Sheldrake

7-21-23 THE STRANGER IN THE LIFEBOAT by Mitch Album

We have several extra copies of the Fr. Peter Daly book for sale (\$10.50) at the parish office. Please call 304/876-6436 to reserve a copy.

Dear Parishioners,

If you have been following the news the past week, you may be aware that Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI died on December 28. I think his death reminds us that, if you look at the whole of a person's life, they are much more complex than the limitations we can place upon them. I think that is why it would be true that when it came to the internal life of the church Pope Benedict 16th was conservative, but, as journalist Tom Reese this week pointed out, on many social issues he was very progressive. Perhaps this is a lesson for us to be careful not to freeze others with our labels; that there is probably more to a person than we see on the surface. This is only my opinion, but I want to offer two ways that I think Pope Benedict played, historically, a giant significant role in the reforms and implementation of the Second Vatican Council.

First, we should remember the young Joseph Ratzinger, as a priest, was a peritus at the council. Father Joseph Ratzinger was a giant of a theologian that was certainly considered a progressive. If you read some of his writings at that time, he was calling for the humble church that Pope Francis today is trying to implement. If you do study the council and read the debates, you will find that Joseph Ratzinger is a giant figure in many of the debates and, in many ways, was a key leader as a theologian that helped guide the church into the future of the contemporary world. The second very significant thing that Pope Benedict XVI did was that he had the humility and courage to step down as Pope. This is extremely significant because it is the first time in 600 years that a Pope has resigned. This will be important, I believe, historically because it allows for a healthy, necessary demystification of the papacy. The role of Pope,

or probably better called Bishop of Rome, important as it is, is also subject to all the human limitations even as by the gift of God's grace it is an important leadership role especially for the unity of the universal church. Pope Benedict's resignation allowed for Pope Francis to be passed the baton to help direct and guide our church in the next stages of the development and reform of the council that we see with the Synod on Synodality.

I offer this final thought: one of the theologians that Joseph Ratzinger worked closely with at the council was priest and theologian Hans Kung. As time went on, they took very different views—Ratzinger being considered more conservative while Kung's perspective was more liberal. When Cardinal Ratzinger became Pope, he had lunch at the Vatican and spent a long time with his old friend, priest Hans Kung. I, like many others, would have loved to be a fly on the wall at that lunch. I think though it reminds us that in a world of polarization and division what unites us is greater than what divides. I once heard it alluded to by a scripture scholar that what keeps the Roman Catholic church in communion with each other, if you took a priest like Hans Kung who would be considered the most liberal and took someone who was considered to be as conservative as Pope Benedict, the Eucharist still reminds us that we are one. I like to think that Hans Kung and Joseph Ratzinger greeted each other in heaven, maybe even had lunch, and realize that when it comes to the mystery of God's love, they both only saw in this life a small piece of the mystery. Now they see the fullness of it.

Fr. Andy

After-Mass Coffee Service

We would like to bring back the after-Mass coffee service starting in January. We need people at all three Masses who would be responsible for setting up, making coffee, bringing (homemade or store-purchased) baked goods, then cleaning up afterwards. We will be happy to show you how to do everything we do. You wouldn't have to do it every week and the more people we have, the less frequently everyone will have to be on the schedule. If you would like to join us or if you have any questions, please send an email to cvpierpont@comcast.net.

New Hymnals

The Gift of Music

Memorialize this year's hymnal

You will find envelopes in each hymnal if you would like to dedicate a hymnal to a loved one. Place completed forms in the offertory basket.

Shepherdstown Shares

Shepherdstown Shares is moving into its third year thanks to the support of the Shepherdstown community. Their mission statement: to respond to the crises in the lives and needs of the people of our community. They are feeding more people than ever, and are falling short by nearly \$200 a week. Shepherdstown Shares is a 501(c)(3) organization, so any donation is tax-deductible. If you would like to make a one-time donation or set up routine donations, please check out their website shepherdstownshares.org. Or mail your check to PO Box 1780, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.

Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

We are always 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.

Epiphany Home Blessing

Traditionally, Catholics bless their home and those who live in their household on the Feast of the Epiphany each year. We have blessed chalk in the Narthex available for you to take home. Here is the blessing:

All: Make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader or Head of Household:

Peace to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: *Blessed be God forever!*

Reader:

God our Father, source of love and harmony, bless our home. In our kitchen, nourish us with stories and spirit. Help us remember here Jesus' gift of himself in a meal. In our bedroom, give us rest. Make them peaceful places, where we find energy to serve your people who do your work.

In our living room, give us strength to welcome all guests, Christ in disguise. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Using blessed chalk, write on the outside (or inside) of your house, above or next to an entrance:

"20 + C + M + B + 23"

This is the date of the new year and the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar). This is also an abbreviation for the Latin prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (May Christ bless this house).

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

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:

Elizabeth Staley

by John & Liz

Judy Lilga

Jane Edwards

Marcelene "Marce" Tissue

by Frank & Rosalie Bielicki

Judy Lilga

Jaye O'Brien

by The St Agnes Community

James Lovelace

by Jane Edwards

Margaret Mary Long

by Joe & Sue Bosco

Melinda Hurst

by Jane Edwards

Theresa "Terry" Rohal

by Judy Lilga

Barbara Broomall

by Judy Lilga

CDA National Education Contest

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are sponsoring a contest for grade 4 through adult. Topics include: essay, poetry, art, computer art, music, and photography. Forms and additional information can be found in the Narthex and parish center or on their website: catholicdaughters.org. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2023.

Family News

CFF class begins again today, January 8th from 9:15—10:15 AM for K-8 and Pre Confirmation.

There is NO CFF on January 15th for the MLK Holiday.

First Reconciliation Parents Meetings will be Jan. 22 and Jan. 29 at 9:15. First Reconciliation will be Feb. 25th at 4 PM. Please mark your calendars.

Other things to look for in January: Youth Centered Mass (Jan. 29), Family Movie Night II (Jan. 20), Hungry Meal Prep (Jan. 22)

Please keep watching this section, the St. Agnes Website, as well as the CFF/ Youth page for continuing announcements regarding Faith Formation and youth activities.

As we update our email lists, 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

- **Jan. 8:** CFF 9:15 AM— 10:15—K-8 Class & Pre Confirmation
- **Jan. 15:** NO CFF (Holiday)
- **Jan. 20:** Movie Night (6:45 PM) Parish Center
- **Jan. 22:** CFF 9:15 AM— 10:15—K-8 Class & Pre Confirmation. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting (9:15 AM);
11:35— 12:35 Youth Group & Meal Prep.
- **Jan. 29:** 9:15 AM First Reconciliation Class and 2nd Parent Meeting of First Reconciliation Students. There is NO CFF for the other children this weekend.
- **Jan. 29:** Youth Centered Mass—5 PM



THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:

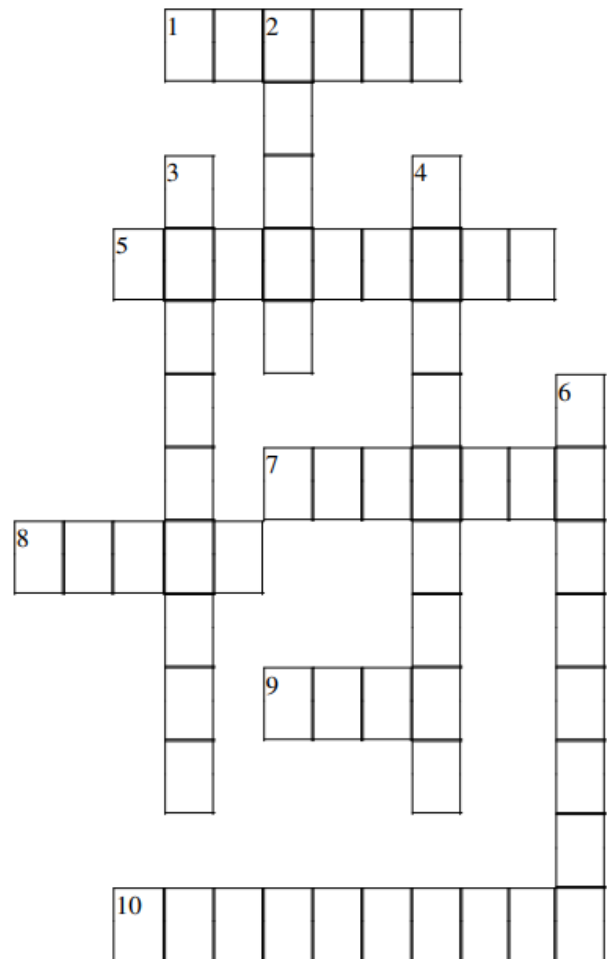
Matthew 2: 1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord



Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12



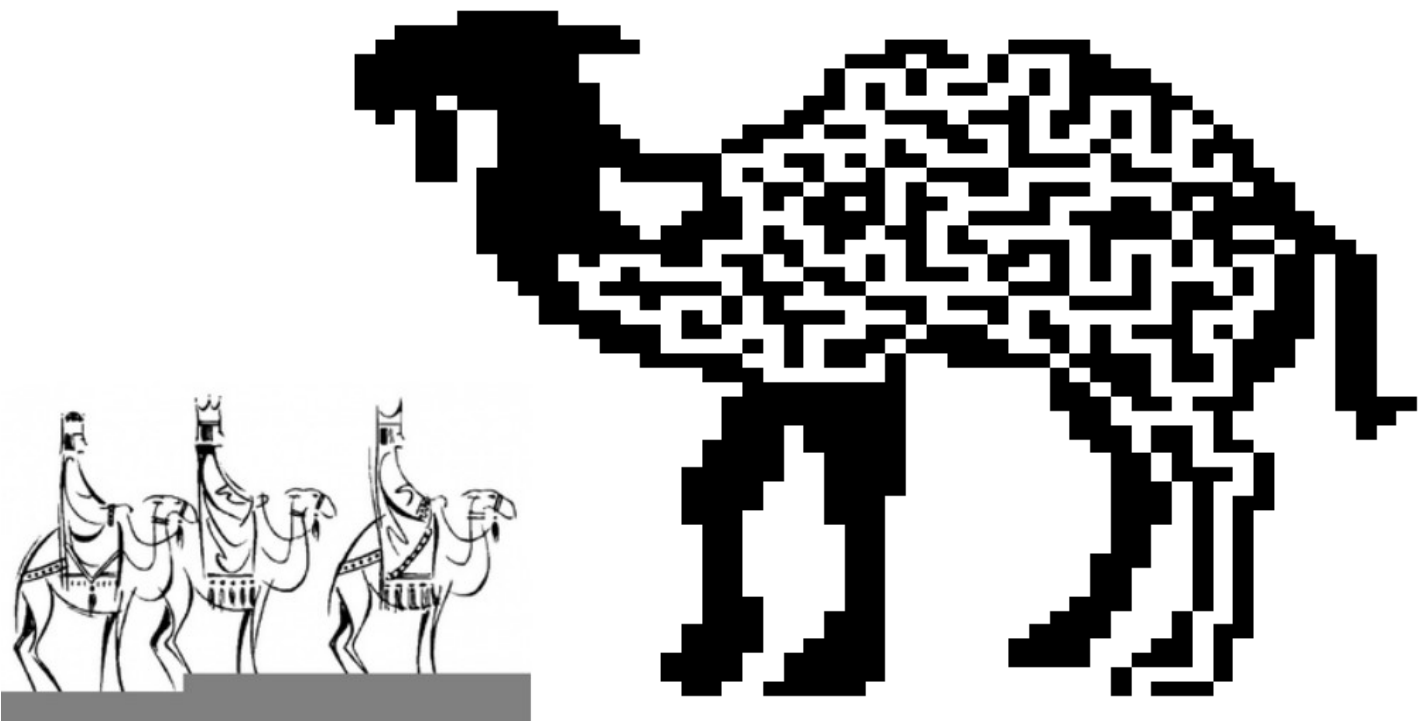
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1. the wise men paid _____ to Jesus.
5. How did Herod call the wise men?
7. Herod asked the scribes and chief priests where he would be born.
8. Bethlehem was in this province.
9. These men from the East were called _____.
10. Reaction of Herod when he heard the wise men.

Down

2. One of the gifts.
3. City in Judea where Jesus was born.
4. The wise men first came to find Jesus in this city.
6. According to the prophecy, the ruler would _____ God's people.

Camel Maze





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Epiphany

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Epiphany: Sunday closest to January 6

Today is another Christmas celebration. The Epiphany celebrates the first time Jesus was seen by gentiles—people who are not Jews. The word epiphany means “an appearance” or “manifestation.” The first gentiles to see Jesus were the Magi, or wise men. They brought him gifts. Because of this, people in some countries give gifts on Epiphany instead of Christmas.

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 and Matthew 3:13-17

The account of the Magi traveling to the infant Jesus opens this week's lessons. They honor Jesus as the king of all people. The Baptism of the Lord is also recounted from the Gospel of Matthew. When Jesus approached John the Baptist to be baptized, John hesitated saying, "I need to be baptized by you." Still, Jesus said it was fitting for him to be baptized by John. When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Trinity comes together when the Holy Spirit descends as a dove, and the Father speaks from heaven, saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): This week's class focused on Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist and how Jesus' grew up in a loving family like many of our own families. Talk about your favorite memories of your child's younger years. Also ask to see the picture of a baby's Baptism that they colored during class. Share your memories of your child's Baptism and maybe photos of your own Baptism.

Promise (Grades K-1): First your child helped the Magi find the newborn Jesus through a maze. This week's lesson also focused on Jesus' baptism by John and on the Holy Trinity, which was present at Jesus' baptism. Talk about the tools that workers need to do their jobs and share what tools you use for your work. Talk about the mystery of the Holy Trinity and add all three Persons to your prayers this week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week's lesson talks about how the Magi honored Jesus and about Baptism and family ties. Have your child recall the words of Baptism from the lesson.

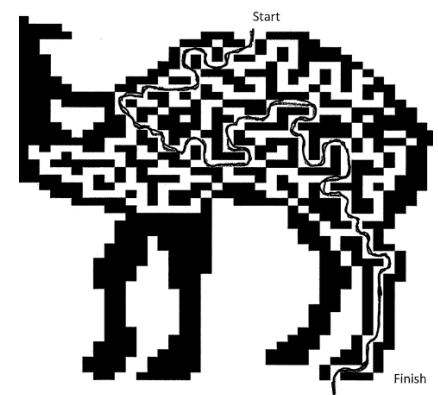
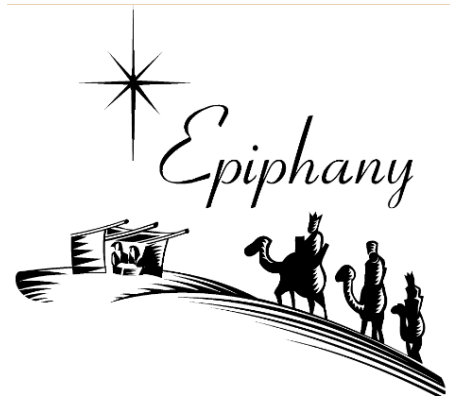
Friends talk about their family ties in the story on page 2. Discuss your family's nationality and share stories of each other's Baptisms, with photos, if possible. Discuss the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which is a big part of the Gospel story of Jesus' baptism. Recall with your children how we remember the Holy Trinity in the Sign of the Cross.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your youngster's class discussed the Magi's visit to see Jesus and how we belong to God's family. Talk about how the various countries mentioned in the lesson celebrate the birth of Jesus. Ask where the Magi came from and also what happens when Jesus is baptized by John. Your youngster can tell you the stories. Go over how we celebrate Baptisms and be sure to share stories from each family member's Baptism, with photos if possible.

Visions (Grades 7-9): The mystery of the Holy Trinity is a key theme of this week's lesson. Talk with your youngster about how the young people from the Tijuana Ministry fulfill the work of the Holy Trinity. Take time to visit the ministry's website to see more about the work members do. How was your family involved in your young person's Baptism? Let them know some of the roles played by extended family members. Ask your youngster what it was like to play The Family Feelings Game.

Pray Together

After discussing so much about the Holy Trinity and Baptism this week, consider emphasizing the Sign of the Cross before and after family prayers. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pray that your family can love others in the way that the Holy Trinity loves the world.



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Join in Renewing, Renaming and Reinvigorating St Agnes' Commitment to Service

**Please join us at the Church right after the 10:30 Mass
on January 29, 2023**

- if you have been or are involved in one of our parish outreach activities,
- or want to be,
- or have questions about any of the ministries,
- or have an interest in starting a new ministry.

We need you! We need folks with new energy, new ideas, new interests. We need folks to serve on the coordinating committee and folks to reinvigorate the individual ministries. What would you like to do?

Let's start the new year with a new commitment to justice, peace and human development.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops refers to its efforts as Justice, Peace and Human Development. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston just reopened its Justice and Peace Office. To be in tandem with these efforts we are thinking of renaming ourselves either the Justice, Peace and Human Development Committee (JPHD) or the Justice and Peace (J&P) Committee. Please give this some thought.

Catholic Charities Pantry

As they strive to provide for those in need in our community, Catholic Charities needs to keep their pantry stocked. Donations of the following items for their pantry or a donation of funds to purchase items are always welcome and very much appreciated (all items are purchased from donated funds and are used solely for those in need):

Bleach Tablets (WalMart)

Laundry Detergent (Pods)

13 Gallon Trash Bags

Dishwashing Soap

Soap (mild brands – no Zest or Irish Spring)

Shampoo (3 in 1 is preferred - shampoo, conditioner, body wash) If not, individual items will do.

Conditioner

Deodorant (men and women)

Razors (men and women)

Toothpaste

Shaving Lotion

Toilet Paper

Cleaning Supplies (Pine Sol, Fabalouso or other liquid cleaner)

Items can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities office at 224 South Queen Street, Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Donations can be mailed to Catholic Charities, Attention: Laura Brigantic, 224 South Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

This weekend there will be two new books added to our Racial Justice Library in the church narthex that are worthy of your attention.

The first, Under The Skin - The Hidden Toll of Racism on American lives and on the Health of Our Nation, by Linda Villarosa, was published in 2022. Information from this book has been shared the past two weeks in the Racial Justice Initiative News in the bulletin. It is a revealing, sobering, well-documented account of the present challenges people of color face in receiving the health care they should expect in the richest nation on earth.

The second is Joseph Holston - Color in Freedom - Journey Along the Underground Railroad, with text by Barbara Stephanic. This is a wonderful art book of a series of paintings depicting the experience of those who traveled the underground railway to escape slavery. The many illustrations, beautifully reproduced in the book, are on display at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown through January 14th.

The meetings of the Racial Justice Initiative group have resumed on Zoom for the new year, planned for the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 3:00pm. The next meeting is on January 17th. We are looking to plan some events/programs for the upcoming year. New voices are welcome.

Cash Cards

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

Updating Our VIRTUS (Protecting Our Youth)

As per diocesan policy, all people who work with youth in the parish need to be trained in VIRTUS. If you work with our youth or plan on working with the youth in the future, please take the opportunity to complete the online diocesan VIRTUS training. The program is completely online and requires only about 1 hour of your time. We all want our children to thrive in a safe and nurturing environment. Please consider helping us achieve that environment. Copies of the steps to complete VIRTUS training can be found in the Narthex of the church as well as the parish center. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Donahue at formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

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 the website events calendar.

Adult Faith Formation Courses

Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) in the first part of 2023. These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The 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. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoiciu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dw.org with your name, address, email, and phone number.

Survey of Catholic Doctrine

January 9th - February 12th, 2023

Have you ever wanted to explore your faith more deeply and understand more clearly the Trinity, Jesus as God's self revealed, the Holy Spirit and much more? We will study some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church through the five week hybrid course Survey of Catholic Doctrine, a course sponsored through the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation, it will run from January 9th to February 12th. There are no prerequisites, just bring your questions and a desire to learn about your faith. This course combines Zoom lectures/discussions

once a week on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm led by Dr. Rodica Stoiciu with materials available online through the VLCFF website and meets the course requirement for catechetical certification for the diocese. You can register for this course by contacting Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dw.org.

New Testament

January 9th-February 12th, 2023

This course builds on the material learned in Introduction to Scripture and assumes a basic understanding of how Catholics read and interpret Scripture. We will explore the world behind the text of the New Testament, its history and culture, as well as examine how we today read and understand these texts in light of our own world and culture. We will look at how all four Gospels developed, study the letters of Paul, and examine the world of first century Christianity. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton. You will be able to work online taking quizzes and accessing material, as well as meet once a week via Zoom for class lecture and discussion with the course facilitator, Dr. Rodica Stoiciu. The Zoom sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm (a second session on Monday afternoon may be added if the response is large enough). You can register for this course by contacting Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dw.org.

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$31,371
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,590
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$32,961
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$11,500
Total Collections Compared to Target	↑ +\$21,461

Tithe to help those in need \$3,137
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

The totals above include some generous end-of-year giving received 12/26/2022 through 12/31/2022 along with the weekend collection for 1/1/2023. Of note in this is that some of the contributions will be applied toward 2022 income and some will be applied toward 2023 income.

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

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St Leo's Fish Fry Fridays

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

Considering a Catholic High School

St. Maria Goretti Catholic HS is a co-ed Catholic high school in Hagerstown, MD. Goretti provides bus transportation and financial aid. For more information visit www.goretti.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@LoLradio.org and dedicated volunteers will get them broadcast. For more information on Catholic radio in West Virginia, call 304-598-0026.

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 sjsvw.org. For more information, email mpartington@sjsvw.org or call the school office at 304-267-6447.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

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February 11, 2023

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

Registration: \$27/couple and \$18/individual
 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.

March for Life & Life Fest Friday, January 20, 2023

Anyone planning to attend the March for Life on Friday, January 20, in Washington, DC, might be interested in a new rally. The Sisters of Life and the Knights of Columbus are hosting an all-new morning rally, Life Fest, to be held in conjunction with the 2023 National March for Life in Washington, D.C. Life Fest will be held on January 20, 2023, at the 4,200-seat Entertainment & Sports Arena in Washington D.C. Doors will open at 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Life Fest will feature dynamic speakers; music; Holy Mass; and a time of Eucharistic adoration. Visit the website www.lifestest2023.com and feel free to email any questions to lifestest@sistersoflife.org.

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