

# 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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204 South Church Street, Shepherdstown

## **Sunday Readings**

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Monday, 11am

### Scripture & Communion

Wednesday, 11am

### SMA Lenten Service

Wednesday, 7pm, St Peter's Lutheran Church

### Stations of the Cross

Friday at 7pm

**Parish Office:** Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

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



## Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8am Mass for  
**Jo Lang & Andree Schlosser**

Sunday, 10:30am Mass for  
**John Chadziewicz**

May Jo, Andree, and John share  
in the fulness of God's mercy and peace.

In your kindness, please pray for Pat Lewis who died this past week. May Pat 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 Peter Gervickas (brother of Sue Bosco), Mark Switzer, Shayla Harris Brown, 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 April. 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](mailto:jslilga8@gmail.com).

## A Brief Introduction to Pysanky

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**April 1, 2023 10:30am - 1:30pm**

Presented by Cynthia Huesman

St. Agnes Church, Shepherdstown, WV

For more information and to register visit:

[SacredArtinAction.org](http://SacredArtinAction.org)

Or email: [Info@SacredArtinAction.org](mailto:Info@SacredArtinAction.org)

## St Agnes Scholarships

St. Agnes announces the 2023 Annual Scholarship Award! Active, participating members of St. Agnes who are graduating high school in 2023 are encouraged to apply for a scholarship to assist in furthering their education. The scholarship may be used for any institute of higher learning or trade school. Applications are available in the Narthex and the parish center or can be emailed to interested applicants ([office@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:office@stagnesshepherdstown.org)). **Deadline for application submission to the office will be May 5th.**

## Holy Week

### Monday, April 3

11am Mass

### Wednesday, April 5

11am Mass

### Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

(all those present will be invited to participate and have their feet washed)

9:30pm Night Prayer –Church open for quiet prayer & reflection until 11pm

### Good Friday, April 7

9:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Liturgy of the Passion  
and Death of the Lord

### Holy Saturday, April 8

9:00am Morning Prayer

NO Reconciliation or 5:30pm Mass

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Reception following Mass

### Easter Sunday, April 9

8:00am Easter Morning Mass

10:15am Children's Program before Mass

10:30am Easter Morning Mass

11:45am Easter Egg Hunt

## Stations of the Cross

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

## Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet on Mondays at noon with the exception of holidays. Check the events calendar on the website for the Zoom link!

## Emergency Response Committee

The recently formed St. Agnes Emergency Response Committee (SAERC) is developing plans to respond to emergencies at our facilities. While many steps have been taken over the years to provide a safe environment for our parishioners, we felt that we could enhance those actions by putting plans and structures in place to make sure all possible emergency scenarios are covered. It's a big task so we decided to prioritize our actions and focus on medical emergencies first. We have already begun by holding several training sessions for hospitality staff in CPR and First Aid.

We envision teams of parishioners who are assigned certain roles at each Mass and can be called to act in case of an emergency. Our first step is to identify and train parishioners who are willing to participate. On that note, we are seeking members who:

- have some medical background such as doctors, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, RNs, EMT, etc.
- have some background in security or first responders such EMT, police, firefighters, military, etc.
- are simply willing to respond in an emergency.

Not all positions require technical skills. Some assignments are very basic as in calling 911.

This is a work in progress, but we feel it is important to assure all parishioners that as a community, we are prepared to respond and strive to create a safe and secure environment to worship.

If you are interested in participating in this effort or would like more information, please contact Teace Noel, a member of the St. Agnes Emergency Response Committee, at [wvnoels@gmail.com](mailto:wvnoels@gmail.com).

## Book Discussion Group

Our April 21 Book Selection is **CREATION AND THE CROSS: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril** by Elizabeth Johnson. In this fresh creative approach to theology, Elizabeth Johnson asks how we can understand cosmic redemption in a time of advancing ecological devastation. In effect, how can we extend the core Christian belief in salvation to include *all* created beings?

We meet in the Parish Center at 11am on the third Friday of each month. We welcome anyone who wants to join us for one meeting or ongoing discussions.

## 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!

## Mark Your Calendars!

St Agnes Presents

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

June 9,10,11 and 16, 17, and 18.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a musical with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the character of Joseph from the Bible's Book of Genesis. Joseph is the favorite son of Jacob, and to show the world he loves his son, Jacob buys Joseph a coat of many colors. His jealous brothers sell Joseph to a group of hairy Ishmaelites, who then sell Joseph to an Egyptian noble. Joseph eventually lands in prison where his ability to interpret dreams gets him an audience with Pharaoh. Solving Pharaoh's dreams get Joseph a maximum promotion, becoming Egypt's second in command. When famine hits Canaan, Joseph's brothers travel to Egypt in search of food, and meet up with Joseph. Seeing that his brothers don't recognize Joseph, he tests them to see if they have changed their ways.

This upbeat, family-friendly musical stays true to the Biblical story. It originated as a school project in London, England in 1968. The first professional production was in London, in 1973, and the first production with the musical in its current form was in 1974. In 1982 "Joseph" made its Broadway debut, and the show has been enjoyed by millions ever since.

## 2nd Annual St Agnes Car Show

Our 2nd Annual St Agnes Car Show will take place on Saturday, May 20, 10am-1pm on the church grounds. There is no fee to enter, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Trophies will be awarded along with Dash Plaques to the first 50 entries.

Please register here:



## St Agnes Craft Show

Our St Agnes Craft show will take place in conjunction with the Car show on Saturday, May 20, 10am-1pm. Table spaces are \$25 and donation of one item to our raffle. You will have to provide your own tables, chairs, canopies. For questions related to the craft show, please contact Melinda ([Melinda\\_y@comcast.net](mailto:Melinda_y@comcast.net)) or Jan ([j\\_yates348@comcast.net](mailto:j_yates348@comcast.net)).

Please register here:



## One Last Ecumenical Lent Opportunity

Our final Ecumenical Lenten gathering is this Wednesday, March 29, at 7pm. Each week, a different church has hosted and a preacher from yet a different church has led. This is a superb opportunity for us as we seek to continue to deepen our relationship among the churches while making this a meaningful Lent. The community response to these events has been remarkable with not only a wonderful ecumenical mix of people, but also an impressive intergenerational one. Please join us for this last session if you can!

### Shepherdstown Ministerial Association 2023 Midweek Lenten Schedule

Week	Date/Time	Location	Preacher
5	March 29, 7pm	St Peter's Lutheran	Rev Dee Ann Dixon

## Service, Justice & Peace Ministries

### FEEDING THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS

Through the Spring and possibly beyond, we will be providing descriptions of our Service, Justice and Peace Ministries with an emphasis on **unmet needs**. We're hoping that some parishioners will be inspired by the Spirit to lend a hand. We need all the help we can get!

Three Wednesday evenings a month, four when there is a fifth Wednesday as is happening four times this year, parishioners prepare, deliver and serve 50 to 60 carry out meals for the hungry and homeless. The Youth always prepare the fourth Wednesday meal. They do most or all of the preparation on Sunday at the parish center, volunteers box and deliver the meals that fourth Wednesday. The first and second (and fifth) Wednesdays, parishioners (individuals, families or teams) prepare the meals at home or at the parish center. We continue to provide \$150 in cash cards for food purchases. The chefs usually deliver the meals themselves but sometimes need help.

Prior to covid parishioners may remember our Social Concerns weekends, the third weekend of every month. We collected funds to subsidize these food costs, and for other ministries as well. We'll soon be restarting our Service, Justice & Peace weekends but more on that later.

**THE UNMET NEED – MORE CHEFS.** For more information or to volunteer, contact Fanny Smith 304/876-3259 or [frsmartip@gmail.com](mailto:frsmartip@gmail.com).

### A SECOND NEED - DELIVERING YOUTH PREPARED MEALS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH

The meal delivery is pretty simple: leave St. Agnes at 5 pm, usually for Mt. Zion Episcopal Church parish hall, 215 East Washington St., Charles Town; meal distribution starts at 5:30. With COVID restrictions reduced, food distribution is again indoors. This allows some of the recipients to eat there, and also allows for more interaction with the folks, which is a big deal. Generally, the dinner is within take-out containers, sometimes with an addition (dessert or fruit). We utilize recycled (donated) plastic grocery bags to put the meals together so they can be transported easily. Into the bag goes the meal(s) in the take-out container(s), a set of fork and knife (if needed) wrapped in a napkin, a bottle (or two) of water, and any addition (fruit or dessert) if needed.

The whole process takes about 30 minutes tops. Lately, as we have been moving back inside, we have more of an opportunity to interact, which was the whole point when we started this.

**If you are interested in volunteering**, contact Joe Yates, 304-676-8059, [joeyates47@gmail.com](mailto:joeyates47@gmail.com). Joe always welcomes folks who'd like to come along and meet and interact with the people we serve.

### DELIVERING ST. AGNES DRY/CANNED FOOD, ETC. DONATIONS TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." - Matt. 25:35

Your generous food donations continue to put food on the tables of many people in our area. The first week of each month, food donations will be taken to Shepherdstown Shares, and to Jefferson County Community Ministries the remaining weeks. Any and all non-perishable food contributions are needed and sincerely appreciated. You may leave the donations in the narthex of the church or take them to the parish center during the week.

**THE UNMET NEED – DRIVERS/VEHICLES TO DELIVER THE FOOD.**

Now that the Knights are distributing the BLUE BAGS again, the donations have increased substantially. Thank you! But there's too much for Bill Sagle to pile in his small car. He needs help. If you can volunteer, contact William Sagle 301/800-1307, [williamsagle@aol.com](mailto:williamsagle@aol.com).

**GOOD NEWS** – More Freshly Roasted Haiti Coffee is Available! You may purchase it (\$10 a bag – for now) at the parish center Mon. – Fri. 9-4. We'll soon be selling it once a month at the Church. Watch for the announcement.

## Family News

CFF classes, First Eucharist parent meetings, and Youth Lenten Small group will meet today, Sunday, March 26th at 9:15 in the Parish Center. **There is no CFF April 2 or April 9.**

As we begin our journey into Palm Sunday and Holy Week, please consider attending as many of the Triduum services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Vigil) as you are able to. It is a great opportunity to deepen your faith as a family.

**Looking for things** to enhance your Lenten journey, consider Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent or the Wednesday evening Ecumenical Service.

Don't forget to look at the **"Dates At A Glance"** for a quick check for upcoming activities.

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](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org). Parents are also encouraged to join our Youth Facebook Group. Please email Bill at the above email address for the link to the closed group. You shouldn't be able to find it any other way!

### DATES AT A GLANCE.

- **March 26:** CFF, Youth Small Faith Group, and First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 9:15 Parish Center
- **April 2:** Palm Sunday—No CFF
- **April 6:** Holy Thursday Liturgy—7 PM
- **April 7:** Good Friday
  - Stations of the Cross—3 PM Youth Led
  - Liturgy - 7 PM
- **April 8:** Easter Vigil Mass—8 PM
- **April 9: Easter** —No CFF
- **April 9:** Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 Mass-Church Lawn (Remember to bring something to hold your collected eggs)
- **Stations of the Cross** every Friday Night during Lent at 7 PM in the Church
- **Ecumenical Lenten Service** every Wednesday night at 7PM Location Varies: Churches of Shepherdstown

# THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:

*John 11: 1-45*

*Cycle A*

5th Sunday of Lent





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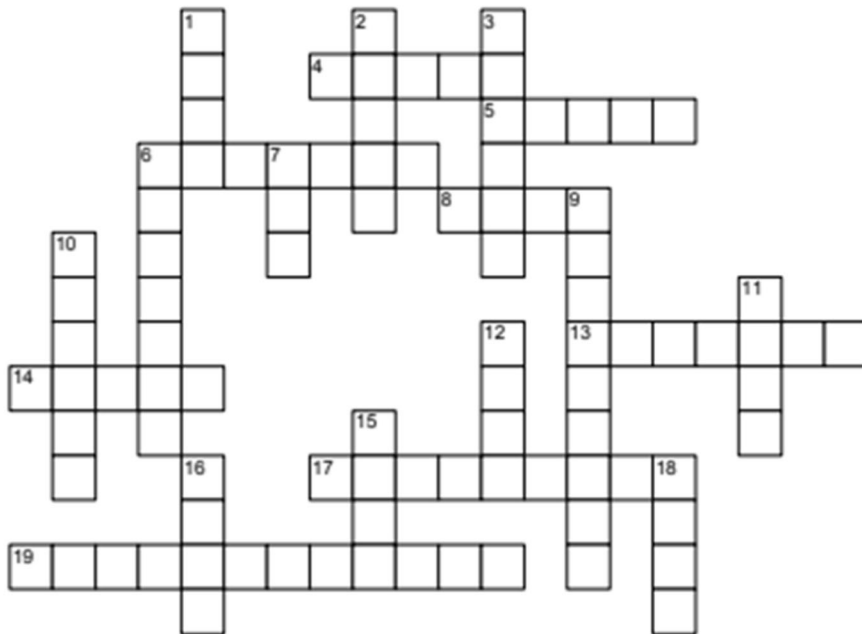
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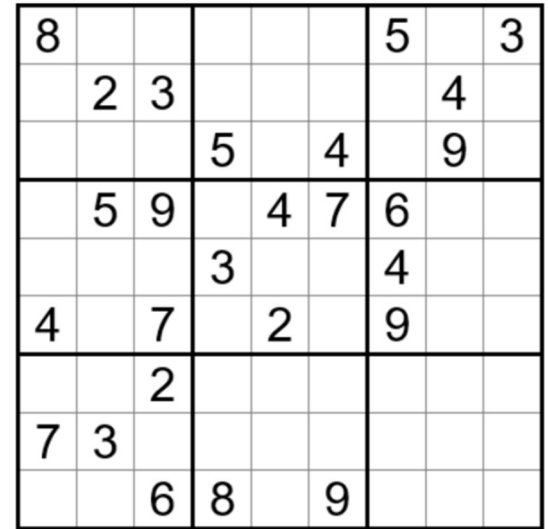
## THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

### John 11:1-44



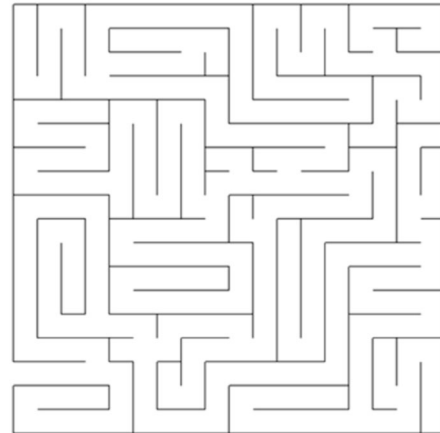
- 4 God's Son  
 5 Lazarus was wrapped in this (John 11:44)  
 6 What was Lazarus' relationship to Mary and Martha? (John 11:2)  
 8 Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus is \_\_\_\_\_." (John 11:14)  
 13 Many Jews came to \_\_\_\_\_ Mary and Martha (John 11:19)  
 14 This was laid across the entrance of the tomb (John 11:38)  
 17 Bethany was less than two miles from this city (John 11:18)  
 19 Jesus said, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and the life." (John 11:25)
- Down**  
 1 Number of days Lazarus was in the tomb (John 11:17)  
 2 Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me will \_\_\_\_\_ die." (John 11:26)  
 3 Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen \_\_\_\_\_." (John 11:11)  
 6 Village where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived (John 11:1)  
 7 Number of days Jesus stayed after He heard Lazarus was sick (John 11:6)  
 9 Followers of Jesus (John 11:12)  
 10 Sister of Mary (John 11:1)  
 11 Place where Lazarus was buried (John 11:38)  
 12 These people came to comfort Mary and Martha (John 11:19)  
 15 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (John 11:35)  
 16 Title Martha called Jesus (John 11:39)  
 18 Sister of Lazarus (John 11:1)

## Sudoku Puzzle (Challenging)



## Jesus Raises Lazarus

### Maze



Help Lazarus find the way to Jesus.



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 BETHANY  
 SISTERS  
 MARTHA  
 MARY  
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 BROTHER  
 JUDAEA  
 TOMB  
 STONE  
 PRAYER



And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here so that they may believe that you sent me." When he said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

## The Gospel at Home

### This Week's Gospel: John 11:1-45

Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus raising of his friend Lazarus from the dead. The story hints at Jesus' own Resurrection, which we will celebrate at Easter. The raising of Lazarus puts Jesus in danger from his enemies, but he risks his life to be with and to help his friends.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds** (Preschool): Young children learn about friendship from parents, siblings, playmates, teachers, and classmates. Friendship involves caring, helping, communicating, and sharing experiences. Remind your child that Jesus had friends whom he cared for, and Jesus' friends cared for him. Talk to your child about friendship and caring.

**Promise** (Grades K-1): Your child learned about the sadness Jesus felt when he found out that his friend Lazarus had died. Your child also learned that feelings are important. Ask your child to tell you what makes him or her sad, happy, lonely, afraid, or angry. Ask your child, too, to tell the story about how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

**Good News** (Grades 2-3): Ask your child to share with the family the story "A Sad Time for Peter." Talk about the sad feelings Peter had when his dog died. Then talk about the meaning of Resurrection—going from death to life. Perhaps the family can visit the cemetery and pray for all the people who have died. In your regular or daily prayers, pray for family members who have died. Discuss how Jesus' Resurrection opened Heaven for us all.

**Venture** (Grades 4-6): Your young person's class learned about compassion and caring for others. Ask your son or daughter to share with the family the story "Remember the Children" about the Holocaust. Talk about the lessons of the Gospel story of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Make and post a list of ways your family can show compassion and caring for others during the last weeks of Lent. Have your youngster tell the family about Saint Marguerite d'Youville. Discuss why mercy is important.

**Visions** (Grades 7-9): Your young person's class explored the meaning of friendship and the feelings associated with friendship. Ask your son or daughter to tell you about the "saint" who played video games. Talk about the steps to sainthood. Talk about Martha, Mary, and Lazarus and their friendship with Jesus. Does your family have a strong belief in Jesus, and do you experience Jesus' friendship? Do you seek Jesus' help when your family experiences sorrow or loss? What does the promise of Resurrection mean to each member of your family? Have your youngster tell the family about Ezekiel's command from God.

### Pray Together

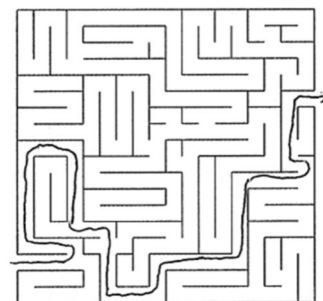
After dinner one evening, join in a "Lazarus Prayer." Each member of the family can tell the story of a family member, a friend, or even a well-known person who has died recently. After each story, say the following prayer. "Jesus, you promised that if we live and believe in you we will have life everlasting. Please come and grant him (or her) life forever with you."

## Sudoku Puzzle (Easier)

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## Sudoku Puzzle (Challenging)

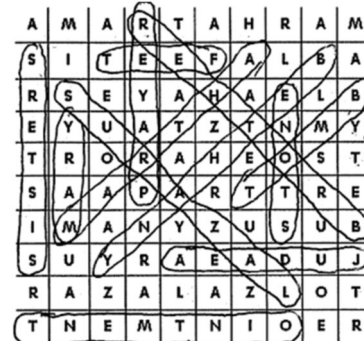
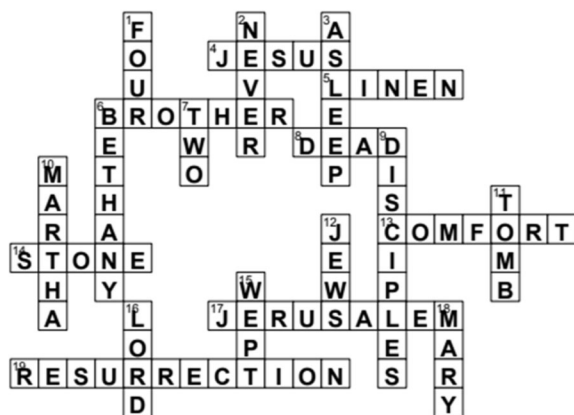
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## West Virginia Eucharistic Congresses

### 2023 Eucharistic Congresses

Christ is Present! Will you be?  
Come to the Table – Spring 2023  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

*Don't miss this gathering of the Church in WV!*

Spring 2023 will bring three regional Eucharistic Congresses to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Faithful across the state will have three locations to choose from – **Charles Town**, Wheeling, and Charleston. These home-grown events are part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year renewal of “the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.”

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Eucharistic Congresses are large weekend gatherings of faithful of all ages to bear witness to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. A Congress brings together people from a wide area for prayer services, celebratory music, Mass, enriching talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. The Eucharistic Congresses will tailor activities to target faithful of all ages. Each culminates with Mass with Bishop Brennan. The whole family is encouraged to attend along with our clergy, religious, and Catholic organizations, and schools.

**And there is one convenient to St Agnes, April 21-22, at St. James Catholic Church, Charles Town.** This **free** event features nationally known keynote speaker Father Luke Spannagel. In addition, our own Rodica Stoicoiu will be leading breakout sessions at St James.

Bishop Mark Brennan is calling all of us together to celebrate Christ's real presence and to see the faithful fully alive. “Believe what Christ said at the Last Supper, ‘This is my Body. This is my Blood!’” This has been Bishop Mark Brennan's emboldening message to the faithful during his ministry.

We are also doing this to give each one of us the gift of time with God. God is truly a God of miracles. His love heals and transforms. Let this be a time to restore our mind, body, soul, and spirit.

Choose to attend and ask God to revive our love of the Eucharist, breathe His life into our lives and the Church.

**For additional information and/or to register for the Eucharistic Congress, check out the DWC website at <https://dwc.org/eucharistic-congresses/>.**

## Sacred Art in Action

### Byzantine Icon Workshop

June 19-23, 2023

Presented by Iconographer Tatiana Gubenko

St Agnes Church, Shepherdstown, WV

Pre-registration required

For more information & to register visit:

[tagubenko@yahoo.com](mailto:tagubenko@yahoo.com)

Or call 1-571-426-0319

## St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

A front page article from this past Monday's Herald-Mail newspaper reported on the release from prison of nearly 3300 people since 1989, following the discovery of their innocence after formal reviews of their convictions. Some had served 40 years or more for crimes they did not commit. Though American Blacks make up only 13.6% of the population, they account for 53% of the exonerations. Statisticians calculate that a Black person is 7 times more likely to be wrongfully convicted of a crime than a white person. Reasons for the invalid convictions vary: official misconduct, perjury, false accusations, fake or misleading evidence, mistaken witness identification, forced false confessions, and inadequate legal representation. A significant factor, but not the only one, leading to these reasons for wrongful convictions for Blacks, is systemic racism, a factor seen throughout our American history.

The establishment of formal conviction review units, especially in the last two decades, has begun to more fully address this injustice. Today's Gospel story of Jesus, freeing Lazarus from the tomb and returning him to the fullness of his human life, reminds us the work of a disciple of Jesus is to bring people out of "tombs" and restore them to the fullness of life. By serving the cause of racial justice we are doing God's work.

A reminder - there are many great books in our Racial Justice Library in the church narthex that can aid us in doing this important ministry. They can help us to clearly "see" those who endure the pain of racism merely because of the color of their skin.

## Cinco de Mayo

### Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Keep watching the bulletin for upcoming information.

### Celebración de Cinco de Mayo

Siga viendo el boletín para próxima información

## VIRTUS

St. Agnes Catholic Church follows the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston's policy for Safe Environment. If you have questions regarding Safe Environment, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator at 304-876-6436 or email at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

## How Can You Help?

### International Disasters:

Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Poland, Africa, South America... Go to [svdpusa.org](http://svdpusa.org) and click on donate dropdown and "donate now." There, enter an amount and click on "Designate to" and there select "International Relief and Development." These funds will go to SVDP International in Paris for use in International needs. **WE CAN ALL HELP!**

## Homebound Ministry

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

## Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

We are still in need of donated **blankets**, and **comforters** (any size) and also used **sleeping bags**. Items should be clean and in fair condition and can be dropped off at the parish center. If you would like to join our ministry, email Barbara Mueller at [barbaramueller596@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramueller596@gmail.com).

## Still Need a Summer Job?

The Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp is dedicated to leading young people to Christ and His Church. If you're committed to growing in faith, modeling faithful Catholic community life to young people, and living the adventure of His Creation, we want YOU at Camp Carlo for Summer 2023! If you are interested in serving the youth of West Virginia as a camp counselor for Summer 2023, please reach out to Deacon Raymond Godwin ([rgodwin@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgodwin@frontiernet.net)) or Maggie Moran ([mmoran@dwc.org](mailto:mmoran@dwc.org)) for an application.

## St Leo Craft & Collectible Faire

St. Leo Spring Craft and Collectible Faire 2023  
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Saturday, April 15, 2023, 10am-3pm

Sunday, April 16, 2023 10am-3pm

Climate controlled environment – Inside Event

## St Agnes on Social Media



## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$7,296
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$770
<b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$8,066</b>
<b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$11,900</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ –\$3,834</b>

**Tithe to help those in need** \$730  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

## Toy Drive

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Martinsburg Court #392 is collecting new toys for Mary's Refuge. There will be a clearly marked collection box in the Narthex next weekend, March 25 and 26, for you to place your donation.

Suggestions for toys (ages 2 and younger ONLY): baby books, wooden puzzles, mega blocks, stacking toys, montessori toys.

Monetary donations can also be placed in the collection box in an envelope. Please make checks payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #392 with Mary's Refuge in the memo line. Donations can also be mailed to or dropped off at St Joe's church (235 S. Queen St, Martinsburg, WV 25401). Your support is very much appreciated.

## Summer Camp

Camp Carlo

Huttonsville, West Virginia

June 25 – July 29, 2023

This camp is open to students in grades 3 through 12. The rate is \$325.00 per child with scholarships available. Early Bird Special Rate of \$275 applicable through June 1, 2023. There are 5 one-week camps from which to choose. Please contact Camp Carlo Director, Deacon Raymond Godwin at [rgodwin@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgodwin@frontiernet.net) or Camp Carlo Assistant Director, Maggie Moran at [mmoran@dwc.org](mailto:mmoran@dwc.org) for more information.

## Haiti Coffee

We have Haiti coffee available at the parish center for purchase!

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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Joe's Hiring

### Full Time Maintenance Supervisor

The maintenance supervisor is responsible for keeping the school buildings and grounds clean, in good repair and orderly condition, while supporting and advancing the mission of the school.

**Essential Responsibilities:** Sees to and monitors needed repairs to school buildings and property—Shovels snow and ice as needed; keeps walkways clear of debris—Performs basic electrical, plumbing, heating and carpentry repairs—Assists in sweeping, scrubbing, waxing and polishing floors—Moves furniture, equipment and materials, between and in buildings or offices as needed—Operates equipment for transporting, pickup and delivery of equipment, furnishings, materials and supplies—Monitors HVAC systems to ensure temperatures are always at comfortable levels in buildings—Assists in transporting trash and waste to disposal areas as needed—Sets up and assembles furniture and/or equipment—Orders and maintains stock of janitorial and maintenance supplies—Checks buildings for signs of vandalism—Polices exterior of buildings, sidewalks and parking areas—Performs preventive maintenance on basic equipment—Ensures that the security and fire alarm systems are in sound working condition, and advises the supervisor when repairs are necessary; coordinates maintenance and repair work with contractors—Responds to emergency and security calls in the absence of the building and property supervisor—Maintains fire extinguishers and assists with fire drills—Performs other job-related duties as assigned—Supervises custodial workers

Please send a letter of introduction and resume to Principal Maria Byrd at [mbyrd@sjswwv.org](mailto:mbyrd@sjswwv.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](http://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](mailto:comcal@LoRadio.org) and dedicated volunteers will get them broadcast. For more information on Catholic radio in West Virginia, call 304-598-0026.*

## St Joe's Seeks School Nurse

SJS is seeking a school nurse to provide clinic assistance to the school community during school hours for the safety and well-being of the students. Pay will vary according to education/experience.

### Qualifications

- Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) -or-
- Qualifies to obtain one of the above certifications combined with at least a year of clinical experience in the field
- Knowledge of nursing and health care practices as applied to children and youth
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing, and to work cooperatively with others

Please send a letter of introduction and resume to Principal Maria Byrd at [mbyrd@sjswwv.org](mailto:mbyrd@sjswwv.org).

## Save the Date

Gala to support St Joseph School  
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 St Leo's Catholic Church, Inwood, WV



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