

# 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**

Genesis 12:1-4  
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20+22  
2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
Matthew 17:1-9

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Monday at 11am

### SMA Lenten Service

Wednesday, 7pm, Asbury UMC

### Stations of the Cross

Friday at 7pm

**Parish Office:** Monday, 12noon-4pm

Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm

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

## Happy 97th to Fred Bringham!

On Monday, March 6, Fred Bringham will celebrate his 97th birthday. So at the 10:30am Mass this weekend, we will give Fred a special blessing in honor of this momentous occasion. We wish Fred a very happy birthday and many returns of the day!

## Help Brighten a Birthday

Irene Dunn, a dear friend of St Agnes and former parishioner, will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 20<sup>th</sup>. It would be wonderful if some St Agnes parishioners who remember her would send her a card to help her mark this milestone. Her address is:

Ms Irene Dunn  
Piper Shores apt 208J  
15 Piper Rd  
Scarborough, ME 04074

## 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. The Zoom link to join the conversation can be found on the website on our events calendar. All are welcome!

## 2nd Friday Prayer Group

A list has begun for the 2nd Friday in March. Please contact Judy (see below) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add or to join the group. Please contact Judy: 301-432-2276, [jsiliga8@gmail.com](mailto:jsiliga8@gmail.com).

## 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:

**Sr. Mary Janelle, SND**

by Jane Edwards  
Lyle & Theresa Rush

**Tammy Wine**

by Jane Edwards

**Thomas Harbor**

by Elaine Rendler-McQueeney

**Eileen Marie Reilly Potocnak**

by Rev. T. Mathew Rowgh & St Agnes Parish

**Catherine Irene Gaudio**

by Mary Heinen

In your kindness, please pray for Terry Morris who died this past week. May Terry 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 Mark Switzer, Shayla Harris Brown, Ron McCafferty (brother of Pat Merhaut), and Richard Hitchcock. Names are placed in the bulletin for approximately one month and then those names are placed on the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we hear the story of the Transfiguration. I believe one of the hardest things to describe is an encounter with the mystery of God's love, and it often happens in very ordinary ways. This past week our First Communion children prepared a meal for the homeless, and, as they were doing it, I remembered a lesson I learned from my mom. My mom is a cafeteria manager in a Catholic school, and every year she helps the children as young as kindergarten to prepare a meal that will be served at the local homeless Bartlett house. My mom tells the children as they make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and spread the jelly to remember that they are making this sandwich for Jesus. The First Communion children helped make a very nice home-made meal for our brothers and sisters that are homeless. I told them they were doing this for Jesus as they peeled peanuts to make peanut butter balls. I watched them do this with such focus, prayerfulness, and joyfulness, and I realized we all have a lot to learn about the Eucharist from our First Communion children. The food that they fixed was made with an abundance of love; and what better of a witness of what the Eucharist we celebrate every Sunday is all about. As we made this meal, we did not travel to a mountain top like the disciples in the gospel, but it was certainly, like theirs, a transforming experience.

Fr. Andy

## New Socks for the Homeless Youth Project

We are happy to announce that the Old Navy store located in the Commons in Martinsburg has partnered with the St. Agnes Youth and each employee is purchasing New socks from Old Navy to contribute to the youth project. The store is also working to achieve a grant from Old Navy corporate to support our youth's project. If you are in the Old Navy store at the Commons in Martinsburg, please consider identifying yourself as a parishioner of St. Agnes and thank them for their support.

## Prayer Sponsors Needed

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

If you are interested in being a prayer sponsor, please call the parish center or contact Bill Donahue at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org). Thank you for praying for our youth during this time of formation.

## 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!**

## 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).

## An Ecumenical Lent

Our Ecumenical Lent continues each Wednesday in Lent at 7pm. Each week, a different church will host and a preacher from yet a different church will lead. This is a superb opportunity for us as we seek to continue to deepen our relationship among the churches while making this a meaningful Lent. Please join us for as many sessions as you can!

### Shepherdstown Ministerial Association 2023 Midweek Lenten Schedule

Week	Date/Time	Location	Preacher
2	March 8, 7pm	Asbury UMC	Rev Gusti Newquist
3	March 15, 7pm	Trinity Episcopal	Pr. Pam Boomer
4	March 22, 7pm	New Street UMC	Rev GT Schramm
5	March 29, 7pm	St Peter's Lutheran	Rev Dee Ann Dixon

## St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

For anyone seeking to conform themselves more fully to Christ's infinitely compassionate heart, Melissa Harris-Perry's book, [Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes and Black Women in America](#), opens an important window into the lives of such persons who face unique and formidable challenges, as being not only female, but also black. Melissa Harris-Perry observes, "...black women in America have always had to wrestle with derogatory assumptions about their character and identity. These assumptions shape the social world that black women must accommodate or resist in an effort to preserve their authentic selves and to secure recognition as citizens. This is less a book about what black women do to become first-class American citizens than about how they feel while they are in that struggle."

Christ's ministry was always about "seeing" the unseen, recognizing and valuing the person before Him in spite of society's attempts to stereotype and ignore. This book shines compassionate light on a group of people in our midst who have been, and often still are, unseen and ignored, whose true value to our society goes unrecognized. There is a lot of valuable heart knowledge to learn from this book. [Sister Citizen](#) has been added to our St. Agnes Racial Justice Library in the church narthex.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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!

## Book Discussion Group

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

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

## 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).

## 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

## Our Policy for Protecting Our Children

We follow the [Diocesan Safe Environment Program](#) DWC at St. Agnes. **As of January 2023, all staff and volunteers 18 or older are required to complete the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston's Safe Environment program.** The purpose of this program is to increase awareness and provide a safe environment for the children of our parish and greater community. We do this to protect our children. The process is completely online now. There are directions available in the Narthex and the parish center for both creating a new Virtus account as well as directions available to help you log into your VIRTUS account if you already have an account.

Safe Environment Certification includes:

1. Virtus workshop — Complete online training at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Step-by-step instructions are available.
2. Background Check — Completing Screening One online application, part of the steps you will complete at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)
3. Diocesan Policy — Reading the Diocesan Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children & completing the DWC Policy forms, also a step in the [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) process.

Again, all steps are now completed online only. If you do not have access for this online procedure, please contact St. Agnes Parish Office at 304-876-6436.

If you have any questions or for additional information, please contact Bill Donahue at 304-876-6436 or email at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

# THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:

*Matthew 17: 1-9*

March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

## Family News

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

**Sock Collection:** The youth are collecting NEW socks to distribute to the needy as we deliver our "Meals to the Hungry." Please consider donating new socks by dropping them off in the box at the church or dropping them off at the parish center during the week. This is one of the Youth's Lenten Projects. Socks will be delivered in March.

**Youth Centered Mass:** March 12 @ 5PM.

A simple Lenten Snack to follow.

**March 19 & 26:** CFF, Youth Small Faith Group, and First Eucharist Parent Meeting, at 9:15AM in the Parish Center

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

Check out the other things coming up in the "**Dates At A Glance**"

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).



## DATES AT A GLANCE

- **March 5:** CFF at 9:15, Youth Small Faith Group Meetings. Parish Center.
- **March 12:** Youth Centered Mass 5 PM—No CFF classes or Youth Small Faith Group
- **March 19:** CFF, Youth Small Faith Group, and First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 9:15 Parish Center
- **March 26:** CFF, Youth Small Faith Group, and First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 9:15 Parish Center
- **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, check the website for details

## Analogyes for Lent

Complete the following analogy to answer the question at the bottom of the page.

- Abraham is to Isaac as Jesse is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
If you think the answer is King David, put a P in space 1. If King Saul, a Y.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe is to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Lourdes is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
If you think the answer is Lucy, put an O in spaces 2 and 12. If Bernadette, an R.
- Kind David is to Psalms as Saint Paul is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
If you think the answer is Gospels, put an E in spaces 3, 6, and 11. If Epistles, an A.
- The First Sunday of Advent is to Advent as \_\_\_\_\_ is to Lent.  
If you think the answer is Ash Wednesday, put a Y in space 4. If Holy Thursday, an S.
- Green is to Ordinary Time as \_\_\_\_\_ is to Lent.  
If you think the answer is violet, put an F in space 5. If red, an M.
- Saint Patrick is to Ireland as Saint Boniface is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
If you think the answer is France, put a T in spaces 7 and 9. If Germany, an S.
- Saint Thomas More is to lawyer as Saint Joseph is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
If you think the answer is doctor, put an S in space 8. If carpenter, a T.
- Moses is to Ten Commandments as \_\_\_\_\_ is to Two Great Commandments.  
If you think the answer is Peter, put an L in space 10. If Jesus, an H.
- John is to baptizes as Jesus is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
If you think the answer is saves, put an E in space 13. If forgets, an G.

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**What are Christians asked to do in Lent?**

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**Matthew 17:1-4**

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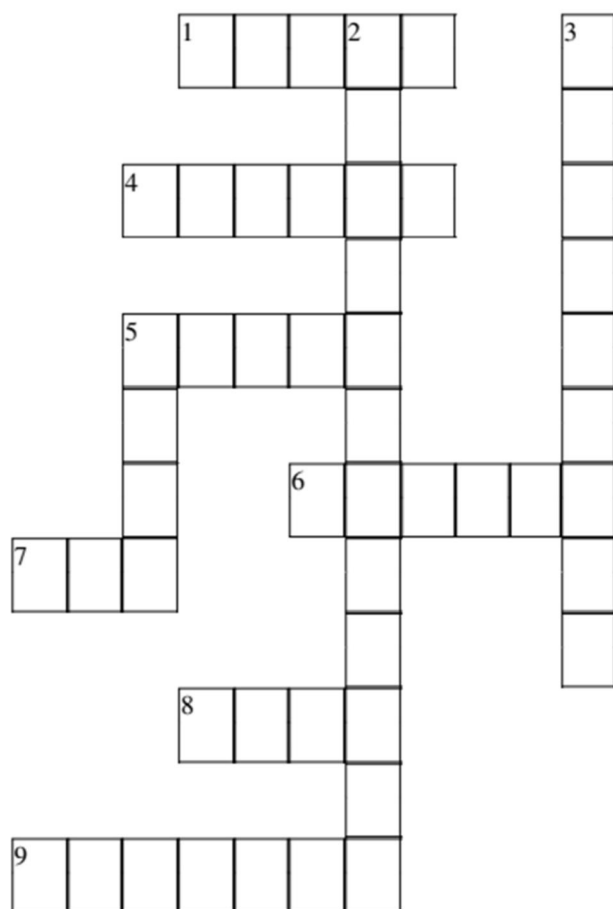
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## Transfiguration Matthew 17:1-9



### Across

- The color of Jesus' clothes on the mountain.
- They saw Moses and him on the mountain.
- He was John's brother.
- Jesus told them to tell no one about this.
- Jesus' face was like the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Reaction of the three apostles on hearing the voice from heaven.
- The words from the cloud said that Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Down

- changed
- Peter wanted to build these.
- He was with Peter and James on the mountain.

## The Gospel at Home

### This Week's Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday's Gospel shows both Jesus' future and our own future. The Gospel sets our sight on Easter, just as Peter, James, and John glimpse the risen Jesus for a passing moment in the Transfiguration. Lent invites us to join Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem where he will be crucified, but also where he will rise victorious over death.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds** (Preschool): This week's lesson helps children reflect on how they grow and change, and how nature around them is continually changing. Ask your child to recount how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. Make it a practice to compliment your child every day for a way he or she is growing, especially in learning loving ways to act toward others.

**Promise** (Grades K-1): Lent is a time for growth in loving, sharing, and forgiving. Your child is learning how the world changes with the seasons and age. Talk to your child about what an adventure it is to grow as a loving person when we listen to Jesus. Praise your child when he or she shows love, sharing, or forgiveness.

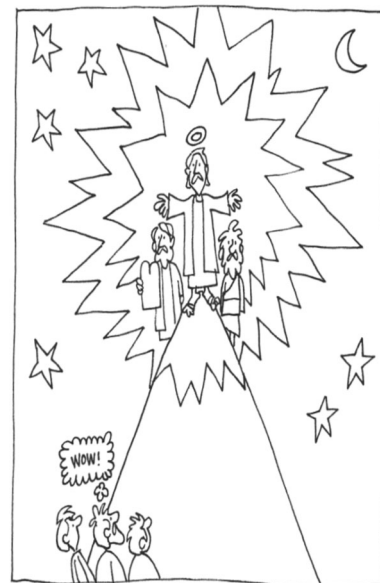
**Good News** (Grades 2-3): Your child learned to recognize that Jesus is God's Son and learned how prayer is a way to change one's life. Ask your child to share with the family ways of praying—blessing, asking, thanksgiving, and praise. Discuss the meaning of the Transfiguration from the lesson. Talk about various ways your family prays together, and make a plan to try at least one new kind of prayer this week.

**Venture** (Grades 4-6): Your young person learned more about who Jesus is as told in Scripture. God's Son and our Savior gave a glimpse of who he is. Ask your child to tell the family in his or her own words about Queen Esther, Abraham and Sarah, and Saint Hilda of Whitby. Tell your child about his or her Baptism. Share why you decided to baptize your child, and about the promises you made at the Baptism.

**Visions** (Grades 7-9): Your youngster learned that, painful as it may be, change and transformation is possible. Ask your son or daughter to share the story "A.J.'s Secret" with the family. Talk about what A.J. learned from the experience, and how he received understanding and help by sharing his troubles. Talk about Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain. What did this event show Peter, James, and John? What is the promise this event has for all of us? Share together what changes you would like to see in your family.

### Pray Together

As a special devotion, try to have a brief family prayer each of the remaining days of Lent. Use a favorite family prayer, pray in your own words, or say one decade of the Rosary. Be sure to set a definite time for your daily prayer. Try to join in a morning prayer or an evening prayer together each day for a week. Begin and end your prayer times with the Sign of the Cross.



## SOLUTIONS

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### Analogies for Lent

1-David (P); 2-Bernadette (R); 3-Epistles (A); 4-Ash Wednesday (Y); 5-violet (F); 6-Germany (S);  
7-carpenter (T); 8-Jesus (H); 9-saves (E)  
Answer: Pray, Fast, Share



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## Please Help Us Bring Back Cash Card Sales After Masses

Prior to the pandemic, cash card sales at the church brought a considerable profit to the parish. The program has contributed many thousands of dollars to St Agnes throughout the years. Although we have continued to sell the cards in the parish office, it is not a convenient way for most folks to purchase them given the daytime hours. We have received numerous requests from parishioners asking that we resume the sale of cash cards after Masses, and it, obviously, would be helpful to begin the sales after Mass again. To do so requires the help of numerous volunteers, but the time commitment is actually pretty minimal. Please consider helping us to get this ministry off the ground again! To get more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish center and someone will call you back. Thanks!

## 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

## Message from the Parish Nurses

Gabriele Davis, BSN, RN, Parish Nurse

Barbara Mueller, RN (retired), Faith Community Nurse

Michelle Goldman, BSN, RN (retired)

March 2023

### PARISH NURSING NEWS

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

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

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

## OWLS Movie Matinee

Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. A young family moves in nearby and he meets his match in a quick-witted Mari-sol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around. A comedy/drama, starring: Tom Hanks.

Please join us for our second OWLS Movie Matinee on Thursday, March 16th at 1:00 at the Parish Center. Come a little early or plan to stay a little longer to reconnect with old friends or make new ones. Everyone is welcome. Masks are strongly encouraged. Since this is a relatively new release, we are asking for a donation of a \$1 to offset the cost of this movie.

**When: Thursday, March 16th, 1 pm**

**Where: Parish Center**

## Catholic Sharing Appeal

Since 2007, the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) has helped deliver essential shared ministries throughout West Virginia. Thanks to the generosity of those who have supported the CSA over the years, the diocese has been able to ensure the support needed to enliven our parishes, support our Catholic schools, and expand outreach efforts.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend – a time where we, as a Catholic community, can come together and support our shared ministries through the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Hopefully we will each prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift in support of CSA. You can donate securely online, by mailing in the pledge card you received from Bishop Brennan, or by dropping that same pledge card in the collection basket next weekend.

Together, we will provide neighbors in need the light and love of Christ each and every day through our shared ministries.

## Haiti Coffee

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

## St Leo Craft & Collectible Faire

St. Leo Spring Craft and Collectible Faire 2023

2109 Sulphur Springs Road

Inwood, WV 25428

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 10am-3pm

Sunday, April 16, 2023 10am-3pm

Climate controlled environment – Inside Event

This is an indoor event in the Fellowship Hall. We will have crafts and collectibles from several local crafters as well as collectible vendors. We will also have breakfast and lunch items for sale from our kitchen. Please come for fun and to shop!

## Bulletin Ads

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

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

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

## New Street UMC Pancake Breakfast

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

## Recycling at St Agnes

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

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

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

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$12,462
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$435
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,897
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$11,900
Total Collections Compared to Target	↑ +\$997

Tithe to help those in need	\$1,246
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

### Collections – Year-To-Date (thru February)

Offertory Collections	\$72,364
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$10,769
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$83,133
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$107,100
Total Collection Compared to Target	↓ -\$23,967

Tithe to help those in need	\$7,236
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing [www.reportbishopabuse.org](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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## 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.*

## Reflection Afternoon for Boys

All middle and high school boys are invited to spend an afternoon with some of the seminarians from Mt St Mary's. Learn about prayer, what discernment is for all vocations, and the mystery of the priesthood. This is for all boys, not just those considering a vocation to the priesthood, as it is important for everyone to learn to listen to God's Voice.

Saturday, March 18th, 12noon- 3:30 pm

St. Joseph Catholic School

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Lunch will be provided

Please Rsvp by March 15<sup>th</sup> – call the Parish office, (304) 754-7830 or Linda Abrahamian, (304)279-2315,  
[linda.abrahamian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com).

## Reflection Afternoon for Girls

Saturday, March 18th, 12noon-3:30pm

St Joe's School Cafeteria

All girls from 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come spend an awesome afternoon with the Franciscan Sisters as they talk about prayer, their vocations and our Eucharistic Lord. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP St. Joseph Parish Office, (304)267-4893 or Linda Abrahamian, (304) 279-2315, [linda.abrahamian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com) by Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Summer Camp

Camp Carlo

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June 25 – July 29, 2023

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

## Still Need a Summer Job?

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

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