

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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St. Agnes Church

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Sunday Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday at 11am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30pm

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

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8am Mass for

Marylou Anderson



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for

Miriam Moriarty

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

Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Margie Didden, Richard Hitchcock, Mike Vojtako, Dan Thomas, Mike & Lindy Keefe, Jay Hoke (brother-in-law of Georgette Rush), Ray Rizzo (brother of Bob Rizzo), Carol Papinchak (sister of Bob Rizzo), Bill Gray, Fred Brigham, Beverly Belchik, Frank Bielicki, and Gene Falck. 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.

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 a donation of one item to our raffle. You will have to provide your own tables, chairs, and canopies. For more information related to the craft show, please contact Melinda, Melinda_y@comcast.net, or Jan, j_yates348@comcast.net. Registration is also available online through a link on the St Agnes website.

2nd Annual St Agnes Car Show

Our 2nd Annual St Agnes Car Show will be 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. Online registration is available through a link on the St Agnes website. Registration is also available on the day of the event, but only the first 50 registered cars will receive dash plaques.

We are looking for door prizes for the car show. If you are interested in contributing a door prize, please contact the office.

We still need volunteers to help with setting up and working the car and craft show (Friday, May 19th during the day for various set up tasks; Saturday, May 20th starting at 8 AM with setup activities as well as adults and youth willing to help with running the show: registration table, food table, auction/raffle tables and selling 50/50). We will have people stationed in the church—last year we used the car show as an opportunity to give church tours. The church will be open for people to use the restrooms and to get a break from the sun. Please call the parish office at 304-876-6436 or email Bill Donahue at formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org to volunteer.

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers everywhere including **all** the women who have helped to mother us. We acknowledge the courage, bravery, wisdom, dignity, and love possessed by our women which they generously share with all of us.

Intergenerational Community Garden Blessing & Inaugural Planting

Please join us after the 10:30am Mass today at our Intergenerational Community Garden (Rectory and Parish Center yards) for a blessing from Fr Andy and to begin planting!

Columbarium Garden Memorial Wall

With the approach of Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day, you may find yourself reminiscing about your departed parents or other family members and loved ones who are interred in other locations. Should you want to memorialize the departed in a more convenient location, the St Agnes Columbarium Garden has special Memorial Walls where names may be engraved as a permanent remembrance. Why not visit the "We Remember" walls in the Columbarium Garden the next time you attend Mass. If you wish to reserve a memorial, or want more information, brochures and applications are available at the front of the Church, or you may contact the parish office at 304-876-6436.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training

CPR/AED/First Aid training Being Offered

For anyone that is wanting to be part of the **St. Agnes Emergency Response Team** or **any parishioner**, there will be a CPR/AED/First Aid training held at the Shepherdstown Fire Department on Sunday, May 21, from 1-5PM or Saturday, June 3, from 9AM-1PM. If you want to be trained or recertified, this is a great opportunity. There is a nominal cost of \$25, and that goes to the fire department directly to cover their costs. To register for the CPR/AED/First Aid training contact Michele Goldman at mgoldman9797@gmail.com.

Don't Miss This Show!

As you know, St. Agnes is presenting "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" as our musical this year. Some of you might recall we did Joseph back in 2015 as our very first musical, and it was a big hit and a lot of fun. With this year's production, we have a few surprises in store for you. First, we'll be doing the show in our church, not outside but inside, as we have made sure it complies with canon law and all the applicable restrictions for utilizing the space (you won't see the Altar or Tabernacle during the show). The show comes directly from the Bible and is appropriate for all ages. The second surprise is one of the cast members will be vaguely familiar to you. I don't want to spoil the surprise, but if you've been around St. Agnes for any part of the past 30 years, you may recognize him, although you may have occasionally misspelled his name. So, make sure you mark your calendars for June 9-10-11 and/or 16-17-18, and make your reservations early and often.

St. Agnes Catholic Church Proudly Presents



Lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

June 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18
Friday & Saturday at 8pm—Sundays at 3pm

St. Agnes Catholic Church — 200 South Duke St, Shepherdstown

Free and Open to the Public—Donations Gratefully Accepted
For Reservations Call 304-876-6436
or visit StAgnesShepherdstown.org

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!

Craft Show Early Access Raffle

In the church you will find some handmade items from our own artisans: Quilt; canvas painting; quilted rope basket; and a crochet elephant. These items are being raffled off with 100% of the proceeds going to St Agnes. You can purchase your raffle tickets at the church this weekend and next as well as at the Car & Craft show. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be on Sunday, May 21, after the 8am Mass.

St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

In light of the ominous rise in antisemitism and neo-nazi followers in our country today, we are adding to the Racial Justice Library a book that is a clear reminder of where these paths can lead.

The book is [A Light in the Darkness](#), by Albert Marin, published in 2019. It recounts the story of a person most of us have never heard of, Janusz Korczak, an internationally known pioneer pediatrician of his era who also was a Polish Jew who established an orphanage that eventually was within the walls of the infamous Warsaw Ghetto set up by the Nazis during WWII. Janusz Korczak and the children in his charge eventually were gassed together in the Treblinka death camp. This eminently readable, moving and powerful book is a reminder of the need to defend the value of every human life and how one gave his all for this cause. We can never forget that Jesus himself was a Jew and was unjustly killed by the government of his day. He was crucified, as history records, for the crime of being, "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews."

The book also vividly reveals how what began as racially charged political rhetoric and lies eventually led to extermination camps where millions of innocents perished. It can happen. It did happen. We can never let it happen again.

Well worth a read.

Liturgical Ministries

Thanks to all the Liturgical Ministers who give of their time and talent to make the Masses at St Agnes a wonderful and spiritual place to attend.

We are still very much in need of ministers in all ministries—Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Hospitality, Lectors, and Altar Servers. Please prayerfully consider joining one these ministries; we offer trainings for all of them. Everyone has a gift, so please discern the way you can best use your gift for your parish. Please contact Helen Harris at liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org or call 304.261.0196 for more information or to volunteer.

2nd Friday Prayer Group

Please contact Judy (301-432-2276, jsilga8@gmail.com) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add to the prayer list or to join the group.

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Happy Mother's Day

DATES AT A GLANCE

- **May 14: Mother's Day—AND Blessing of the Intergenerational Gardens.**
- **May 20: St. Agnes 2nd Annual Car and Craft Show 10 AM—1 PM. Come for the Fun, Food, Great Crafts and Cool Cars.**
- **May 19: Family Movie Night—6:45 PM Parish Center**
- **June 9, 10, 11 and June 16, 17, 18—This year's musical: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM, Sundays at 3 PM. St. Agnes Catholic Church 200 S. Duke Street.**

THE YOUTH CORNER

May 14, 2023

This Week's Gospel:

John 14: 15-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- the Car Show—May 20 (Lots to do)
- Garden Project (at your own convenience—all summer) - The Blessing of the Gardens will be today after the 10:30 Mass.

IF YOU LOVE
ME KEEP MY
COMMANDS

- JOHN 14:15



Family News

Happy Mother's Day!

Once again a special thanks to our YAM committee and Chuck Pierpont for the the Cinco de Mayo end of the year CFF party after the 10:30 AM Mass last weekend. We are blessed to have the YAM committee and their contiued support of our Youth Programs. If you are interested in being a member of this committee please contact Melinda Yates at melinda14y@gmail.com

We will begin **early registration** for CFF in May. Registrations forms can be found in the Narthex and the Parish Center.

May 20th—St. Agnes 2nd Annual Car and Craft Show. 10 AM—1 PM. Come out and enjoy this festival, vote for your favorite car and perhaps even pick up some unique gifts.

Have a car to show or a craft to sell, check out the events page on the St. Agnes web site at <https://stagnesshepherdstown.org/event/car-and-craft-show/> Click on the link to register.

New this fall. We will be offering adult classes that will be meeting between at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings between the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses. This is open to all parishioners. In addition, based on our needs, we will be offering Pre-K Faith Formation.

Not new but still important: Classes for K– Confirmation will continue following the schedule pattern we did for the 2022-2023 event year. Finally, we will be continuing our Youth Group Continuing Faith Formation which will continue meeting at 9:15 (which seemed to work best for everyone).

Looking into June, please mark your calendar to come out and support our Intergenerational cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This is always a great example of Intergenerational catechesis.

For a quick reference to youth led and sponsored events, please look at the **"Dates At A Glance"** 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. 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 Our Youth Facebook Page any other way!

John 14:15-21

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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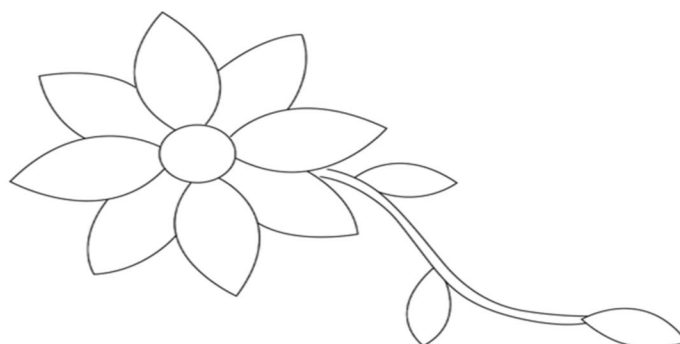
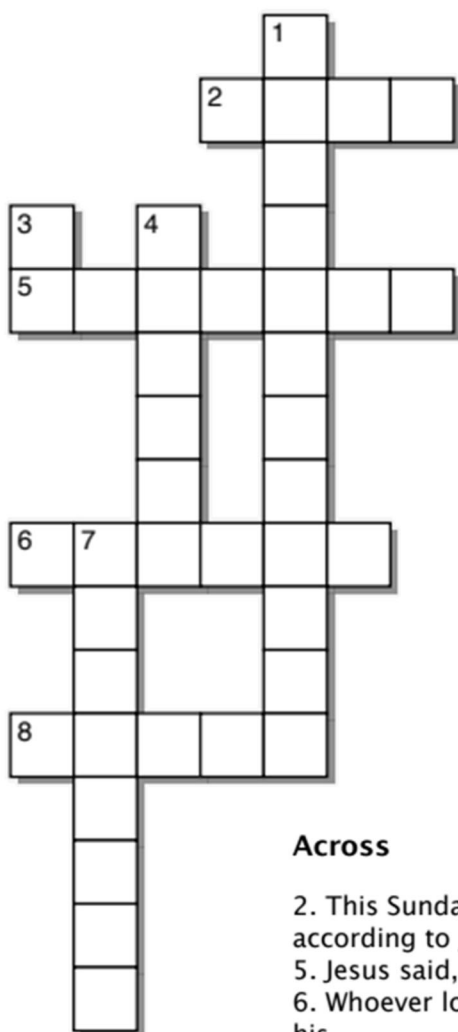
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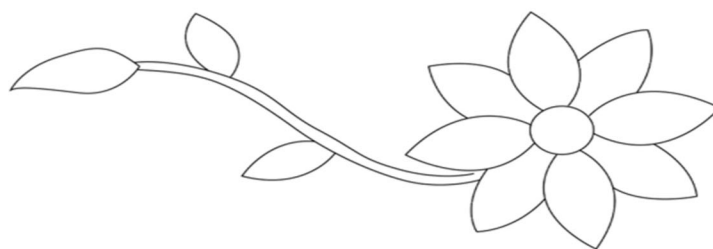
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IF YOU LOVE ME,
YOU WILL KEEP
MY COMMANDMENTS



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2. This Sunday, we read from the Gospel according to ____.
5. Jesus said, "I will not leave you ____."
6. Whoever loves Jesus will be loved by his ____.
8. Jesus said, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who ____ me."

Down

1. Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my ____."
3. Can the "Advocate" be seen by the world? (Yes or No)
4. The "Advocate" Jesus speaks of is the ____ of truth.
7. Jesus said that the Father would send an ____ to be with us always.



Canonization—Recognizing and Proclaiming a Saint

Heaven is full of saints, people who led such Gospel-driven lives that they have achieved union with God. You probably have known some in your life, yet it is unlikely the Church will be able to say for sure that they are in Heaven. We celebrate them on All Saints' Day, along with the millions of other holy people through the ages who have obeyed the Ten Commandments, lived the Beatitudes, and loved God and neighbor.



Pope John Paul II (left) was declared venerable in 2009 and beatified in 2011. Pope John XXIII (right) was declared venerable in 1999 and beatified in 2000. On April 27, 2014, both Popes were canonized. Saint John Paul II and Saint John XXIII were added to the canon—the list of official saints recognized by the Church.

Canonized saints are those people whom the Church is sure are in Heaven. We call them by name, and churches are named after them: Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Thomas More, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Francis of Assisi, and thousands more. These are the people whom we try to imitate and whom we call on to ask God to help us when we're in trouble. Their names are included in the canon—the list of official saints recognized by the Church.

In the early days of the Church when many Christians died for their faith, it was easy to identify a saint. Because all martyrs go to Heaven, anyone who died rather than deny Jesus was considered a saint. Or if enough people learned about an especially virtuous person, he or she might be regarded as a saint in a particular area. The whole Church might then accept that person as a saint.

Since around the year 1000, however, the Church has been very careful about the investigation it does before naming a saint. It looks into every aspect of a person's life. It interviews people who knew the candidate. It reads everything the candidate wrote. It prays for guidance. It takes its time. It does everything it can to avoid a mistake.

Getting Started

Suppose an especially virtuous young man, Jacob Willy Brownlee, dies in a terrible accident in Toledo, Ohio. Everyone who knew him, or about him, feels he went right to Heaven because of his heroic virtue. But the Church has decided that no "cause"—the process for making a saint—can be undertaken fewer than five years after the person's death. That's to prevent the Church from being influenced by the emotion surrounding the candidate's death. Only the Pope can suspend this rule. Pope John Paul II did so for Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope Benedict XVI did so for Pope John Paul II. The cause of these two people moved ahead before the end of the five-year waiting period.

But the cause of Jacob Willy Brownlee has to wait. Five years after Jacob Willy Brownlee's death, the bishop of the diocese where Brownlee lived asks the Vatican for permission to begin a cause for Brownlee. There is no objection, and a cause is begun. The candidate for sainthood is called the Servant of God Jacob Willy Brownlee of Toledo.

Becoming "Venerable"

The diocese's job now is to find out as much as it can about Brownlee through the testimony of those who knew him and through his public and private writings. They look at his high school essays, his graduation speech, even his letters from summer camp and his email. If the diocese decides he is a worthy candidate, it forwards its findings to the Vatican, where several committees must decide if Brownlee's cause lives or dies. If it lives, the Pope makes the final decision to proclaim Brownlee "Venerable." He becomes known as the Venerable Servant of God Jacob Willy Brownlee or just Venerable Jacob Willy Brownlee.

Becoming "Blessed"—Process of Beatification

Before the Venerable Servant of God can be called "Blessed," the Church must confirm that the candidate is responsible for a miracle. This shows that the candidate can intercede at the throne of God for a confirmed miracle to occur. A miracle shows that a candidate does indeed live with God. The investigation of a miracle begins in the diocese in which it occurred. First, it must be proved that there is no natural way the miraculous event could have happened. Then the people who were praying for the miracle must testify that they were praying to Venerable Jacob to intercede for them. A panel of scientists and theologians must confirm the miracle and send its findings to the Vatican, where another committee meets to review the data and pass its recommendation on to the Pope. If this committee recommends that the person be called "Blessed" and the Pope agrees, a ceremony takes place to name the candidate as "Blessed"—for example, Blessed Jacob Willy Brownlee.

The Declaration of Sainthood—Canonization

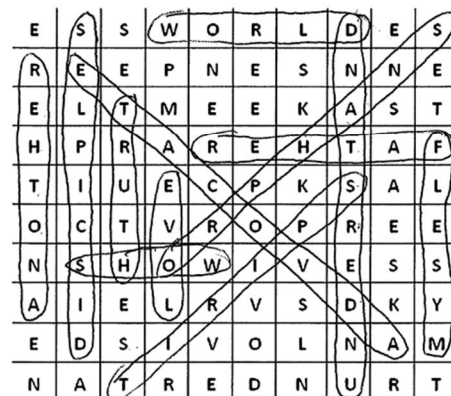
Before Blessed Jacob can be proclaimed "Saint"—really in Heaven with God—a second miracle must be found and authenticated. The miracle must have occurred after Jacob was declared "Blessed." The same process for verifying the miracle is followed. If the candidate's reputation for holiness is still intact and even growing, the Pope may decide that canonization can take place. The ceremony at the Vatican does not make Blessed Jacob a saint; it confirms that Jacob is already a saint and enjoys the presence of God. He has lived a life of virtues that are worthy of imitation by the faithful. The rite of canonization proclaims infallibly, without the possibility of error, that Jacob has attained that goal for which all of us were born—eternal union with God.

SOLUTIONS



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New Course Offerings

Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). 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 Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Stoicoiu at rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com.

The Mass

In this course we will examine the core principles of the Eucharistic liturgy as found in the foundational documents of the Mass. We will consider its history and make connections between the modern liturgy and the historical context. Our central point of discussion throughout the course will be focused on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Over the course of the five weeks, we will take a deep dive into the elements of the Sunday celebration and its component parts. This course will be of value for liturgical ministers, RCIA Team members, and anyone interested in learning more about this most central celebration of all the baptized. All course materials are online, and we will meet for class lecture/discussion once a week on Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning May 23rd

Images of Jesus

Through this course the participant will have the opportunity to examine, from a variety of theological perspectives, what we know and believe about the central figure of the Christian faith and arguably the most influential person who ever walked the earth. After looking at many different resources, the student will be able to form a personal answer to "Who do you say that I am?"

We will look at the images of Jesus in the New Testament, as understood in theology today, as understood in the Paschal Mystery and as encountered in the liturgical life of the Church. All course materials are online and we will meet for class lecture/discussion once a week on Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning May 24th. This course is part of the sequence for the catechetical certification.

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
Or call 1-571-426-0319

Book Discussion Group

Our May 19, 2023 Book Discussion selection is **OUT OF THE DEPTHS: The Story of Ludmila Javorova** by Miriam Therese Winter. We meet in the Parish Center on the third Friday of each month at 11. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Javorova may not be the only Catholic woman priest since the first century, but she is the first to tell her story publicly. Her remarkable journey takes readers from bombings in World War II to the clandestine activities of an underground church in which she functioned as vicar general for nearly 20 years.

Intergenerational Community Garden Update!

Exciting News! We are expanding the garden space at the parish center and rectory at St Agnes in partnership with the Ranson Community Gardens. We are welcoming community members of all ages to participate, any level of ability and interest will be nurtured and appreciated. Ideally we will have participants form teams, each team will be responsible for one raised bed. We already have one scouting troop interested in participating, and we are inviting those affiliated with groups of all ages to let us know of their interest in such a community endeavor. Please help us spread the word beyond our St Agnes borders. This is an ecumenical project!

The raised beds were prepared for planting on April 22; a small group of volunteers, including Fr Andy, came together to erect and fill the new raised beds. **On May 14 following the 10:30am Mass, we will gather at the gardens and have our opening event, at which time Fr Andy will get us started with a blessing and we will be planting seeds and plants that have been started in pots.** We will be sharing this information with the media in a forum not yet determined.

Do not let limited mobility stop you from joining us. We have two raised beds that are 3 feet tall that will accommodate people who need to work from a higher level.

Produce raised in this community garden will be donated to the local food bank and others in the community. We will also have a flower garden.

So teams, start thinking about your name and/or focus—the Kitchen Garden, Tea Please, Salad Bowl, Southern Delight, Singing Sowers—suggestions to start you thinking.

Need more information? Ready to volunteer? Contact the office!

2nd Friday Prayer Group

Please contact Judy (301-432-2276, jsilga8@gmail.com) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add to the prayer list or to join the group.

JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

Unfortunately, food pantry needs have increased while donations have decreased. This has left the food pantry with a large deficit. Please help restock the shelves!!

Spaghetti Sauce
Ramen Noodles
Canned meat (vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna)
Canned beans
Canned vegetables (not green beans/corn)
Soups (hearty and condensed)
Canned chili
Rice (small bags)
Cereal or Oatmeal
Instant mashed potatoes
Jelly
Pancake/biscuit mix and Syrup
Instant oatmeal
Crackers/snacks
Cooking oil
Sugar and Salt
Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner
Paper towels/Toilet paper
Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent

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.

Haiti Coffee Sales

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

Cash Cards Make Sense & Cents

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

Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet via Zoom on Mondays at noon. The Zoom link can be found on the website under the events calendar. All are welcome to join the conversation!

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.

New Street UMC Spring fling

New Street UMC in Shepherdstown, WV will hold their Spring Fling Event on May 27, 2023, from 9AM – 3PM. The event includes a large yard and bake good sale. Among the items to be sold will be dishes, books, furniture, plants, and collectibles. Starting at 10AM lunch will also be served. Country ham sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, steamers, and desserts will be among the food offered. The church is located on the corner of Church and New Streets. Everyone is welcomed.

Outlook: From the Knights of Columbus



An Observation about the Knights

Men are drawn to the Knights for a variety of reasons. We are all different and our motives are reflections of just how diverse we all can be. Some join to take advantage of our *excellent insurance program*. Others understand that the Knights offer the opportunity to become better Catholic men, and to express our faith through action. No matter why we begin this journey some continue farther than others. There are those who find it is difficult to participate fully, while some make greater commitments. Neither are wrong, but in many cases you clearly get more out of the experience when you put your best efforts into it.

Of course as a volunteer organization we are thankful for whatever our fellow Knights bring to the table. Time is precious and we understand that for some there is little to spare. We can only ask that you search your hearts and ask, "Am I expressing my faith fully by the way that I am living my life?"

If you have thought about participating as a Knight, please feel free to contact Stan Nelson, (raymond.nelson.jr@gmail.com) and we can discuss joining the Knights of Columbus. You'll find it a rewarding dimension to life as a Catholic gentleman.

Dominican Sisters of Peace

Mission for Peace—June 2-6, 2023 with the Dominican Sisters of Peace

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a no cost "Mission for Peace" prayer and service immersion program, designed to help women explore contemporary Dominican life. Experience Dominican prayer and community with our Sisters and reflect on God's call for your life. The service program begins at 9:00am on Friday, June 2 and concludes at noon, Tuesday, June 6 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 1230 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44313-7108. For more information, call, or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email jfitzger-ald@oppeace.org (The sisters can offer some travel assistance on a need basis).

St Joe's School Seeks Kindergarten Aide

Kindergarten aide sought for 2023-24 school year
Saint Joseph School (SJS) educates in the spirit of the Gospel, inspiring Catholic values, academic excellence, global awareness and service to those in need. The ideal candidate would be one who embraces the SJS mission and who is looking for a place in which to be respected and supported.

SJS is seeking a kindergarten teacher aide for the 2023-24 school year. The aide promotes academic and social behaviors in children in a developmentally appropriate manner and supports the classroom teacher.

Essential Responsibilities

- Establishes a safe and supportive environment that is conducive to learning
- Provides one-on-one attention to students who need additional support with their studies
- Follows the classroom teacher's directions in completing tasks
- Provides academic support through small groups or one-on-one instruction as needed
- Works with the teacher to create an engaging learning environment that encourages student interest and involvement.
- Helps children with their daily needs, including taking them to the bathroom or monitoring lunch, recess and/or nap time
- Helps children understand the rules and routines of the classroom and school through modeling appropriate behavior
- Encourages social interaction and emotional development through activities such as arts and crafts, playtime and circle time
- Participates in staff events, as needed
- Observes students to identify any behavioral issues that might require intervention by the teacher or principal

Qualifications

Trip to Klein Theatre

All are welcome to join a group of parishioners to carpool from St. Agnes Parking lot for the June 8th 7pm showing of C S Lewis, Further Up and Further In. The show run time is 90 minutes with no intermission.

Contact Brigitte Schmidt if interested in carpooling. Text 301-660-0376. We plan to gather at 4:45pm and leave the parking lot by 5pm at the latest. Parishioners are responsible for purchasing their own tickets. You may also choose to attend another date. The show runs June 7-18, 2023 at the Klein Theater in Washington, DC.

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).

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.

St Agnes on Social Media



Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$6,496
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$915
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$7,411
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$11,900
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ - \$4,489

Tithe to help those in need	\$650
(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 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 Joe's School Seeks Math Teacher

Saint Joseph School is seeking a great communicator with excellent interpersonal skills for the role of middle school math teacher. He or she will have solid classroom management skills, be responsible for developing learning activities and hands-on material, tending to individual student needs and communicating regularly with parents. Please send a letter of introduction and résumé to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjsww.org.

Job Type: Full-time, Contract, \$36,000 to 42,000 per year
 ESSENTIAL Responsibilities:

- Developing/applying the WV College and Career Readiness mathematics curricula
 - Planning daily lessons and activities to meet standards
 - Adopting a data-driven attitude toward measuring learner progress
 - Attending to individual student needs
 - Demonstrating an awareness of different student backgrounds and cultures
 - Communicating regularly with parents
 - Providing extra support to students who need it
 - Monitoring student growth to identify strengths and areas for improvement
 - Using learner data to constantly refine the curriculum
- Providing regular feedback to students

Math Teacher Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in relevant field
- State teaching license in relevant field
- Knowledge of teaching best practices
- Empathy and great interpersonal skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Proficiency with basic computer software such as Word and Excel
- Experience working with children and adolescents. Previous experience as a middle school teacher advantageous
- Good classroom management skills
- Good teamwork abilities

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St Joe's Seeks Lead Teachers for Pre-K

Saint Joseph School is seeking lead teachers for 2- to 4-year-olds at its new preschool at St. Leo Catholic Church in Inwood, W.Va., for the 2023-24 school year.

Job responsibilities include ensuring the daily care of every child by following all licensing guidelines and the school's standards of care. Applicants must be at least 21 years old; able to meet state licensing requirements; and have a minimum of two years experience working in early-childhood programs. Benefits include 401(k), dental, health, vision and life insurance; and paid time off. Please send a letter of introduction and résumé to Marilis Collazo at mcollazo@sjsww.org.



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