

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

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Weekly Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am and 10:30am

Scripture and Communion

Wednesday, 11am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30pm

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

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

The Week at a Glance...

Sunday, May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinco de Mayo • CFF <i>Last Class</i> 9:15am • RCIA 12noon
Monday, May 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr Andy attending Convocation in Charleston • Scripture Sharing Zoom 12noon • SVdP Advisory Board 6pm
Tuesday, May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr Andy attending Convocation in Charleston • Board Games Group 3:30pm
Wed, May 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic Outreach Committee 2pm • Finance Council 6pm • Gathering Space Group 7pm
Friday, May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Friday Prayer Group 11am
Saturday, May 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling at Boonsboro GreenFest 9am-2pm • Cindy Huesman Funeral 11am
Sunday, May 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day • RCIA 12noon

Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill, especially Rosario Tan, Richard Hitchcock, and Georgette Rush. Names are placed in the bulletin for one month and then moved onto the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.

Invitation to Discuss New Gathering Space

A small group of people have been meeting to discern if our parish needs, or even wants, to build a gathering space near the Church. Fr Andy has stressed the importance of making this decision in a synodal manner. We don't want a small group to make a big decision that would impact the entire parish without having everyone's input. All of our members are important and deserve to have their thoughts and opinions heard. ***Sign-up sheets for groups will be available in the Narthex and sign-ups available on the website.***

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:

Marilyn Boucher Butler

By Eileen Dooley & Denis Woods

Keegan Michael Long

By Brigitte Schmidt

Manny Cabral

By Fr. Andy, Fr. Mat,
and the Parishioners of St. Agnes
Judith Lilga

Phoebe Shields

By Beth & Joe Yates

John Hines

By Jane Edwards

Tracy Mawhinney

By the St Agnes Parish

Cynthia Huesman

By Eileen Dooley & Denis Woods

Susan Jefferson

By Eileen Dooley & Denis Woods

In your kindness, please pray for Susan Schott who recently died. May Susan share in the fulness of God's love and peace.

Cinco de Mayo

Unfortunately, Mother Nature has plans for a lot of rain on Sunday, so we have had to make the difficult decision to **cancel our Cinco de Mayo event**. Our hope is to plan another event in the future to take its place, so keep an eye out for that!

Dear Parishioners,

This gospel from John 15 probably is my favorite scripture in the entire Bible. The bold claim here is that actually the Father loves us as much as he loves Jesus. This is an unconditional love and invitation into the mystery of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that we are invited even to participate in the very life of God. We have these intimate words that Jesus calls us his friends. The gift of friendship means that we don't have to prove ourselves, that we are loved just as we are in our uniqueness. And, it is not based upon a "doing," but, rather, a being in friendship with Jesus. This leads to true joy and freedom. I often wonder what if the word on the street with us at St Agnes was "those people are truly friends of Jesus and radiate Joy." I feel this joy when we gather to celebrate Eucharist, we often bring what is sad or heavy, but we can truly experience a joy that comes from knowing we are loved by God. I often remind our elect that just came into the church what we celebrate at Mass is known as the Paschal Mystery. This means that we enter the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection and, if we're open, are transformed by it as a community. When someone is baptized, in a sense there is dying of the old self and rising into a new self. This is renewed every time we celebrate Eucharist. One way of putting this is that when we realize we are loved by Jesus and we have a community that loves us, we can grow into our most authentic self—a self that takes up the unselfish or unconditional love that comes from Jesus. Let us continue to cultivate an environment of God's love at St Agnes as friends of Jesus, and may the world see that we truly radiate joy. And as the gospel tells us today, this is contagious and will bear fruit.

Fr. Andy

Camp Firelight: Community Bible School

Camp Firelight

A summer camp adventure with God

Asbury United Methodist Church, Shepherdstown, WV
Community Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 8th - Friday, July 12 from 5pm until 8:15pm
Contact: Pastor Pam Boomer & Heranna Summerville
Church: (304) 876-3112 <http://4pillarchurch.org/>

New Street UMC Ladies Tea

New Street United Methodist Church welcomes you to an afternoon of Broadway music, fine tea, and an amazing three-course elegant luncheon on June 15 from 1-3pm. The deadline to purchase tickets is June 1st. Tickets are \$25/person, and there is limited seating! RSVP: Judy Pitzer 304-876-9126. Join us in your favorite Broadway show or theatre attire!

Community Garden Starting Up

The Intergenerational Community Garden is getting ready for the new season. We welcome any level of involvement and would love to have your participation. Potential areas of engagement include: Planting seeds, watering, weeding, and harvesting.

If you are interested, please email Samantha Yates and Fanny Smith at samanthaeyates@gmail.com.

Service, Justice, and Peace Weekend

This weekend is our monthly Service, Justice, and Peace weekend. The Parish nurses will be taking blood pressure and blood sugar levels as well as the Knights of Columbus will be handing out blue bags to be filled with canned and boxed food for the hungry. There will be Haiti coffee for sale, and donations will be accepted for Feeding the Hungry, providing feminine hygiene products and diapers for the needy, financial help for the education of young women in Kolofata, and support for mothers and babies by Mary's Refuge. Your generosity is so important.

May 17 Book Discussion

Our May 17 selection is *The Most Important Words of Jesus* by Gerhard Lohfink and Linda M. Malony. Father Lohfink died during Holy Week of this year. This is a profound and challenging book. Don't worry if you can't make your way through the entire book. We will meet at 11am on the 17th in the Parish Center.

St Joseph School—One Mission One Day

Saint Joseph School is taking part on May 7 in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's day of giving called One Mission One Day - an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community.

From 12am May 7 to 12am May 8, you may go to [onemissiononeday.org](https://www.onemissiononeday.org) and make a donation to our school and/or to any of the great participating nonprofit organizations. If you only want to give to SJS, you can go directly to <https://www.onemissiononeday.org/organizations/st-joseph-school-martinsburg-wv>.

Scripture Sharing

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

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024

With Bishop Mark Brennan

Participate in the pivotal moment in the Church and draw deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code to attend this historic event or visit the DWC website for more information, including itinerary and cost: <https://dwc.org/year-of-the-eucharist/>



Let the Games Begin!

St. Agnes invites you to join us in the Parish Hall every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 PM. You are welcome to bring games and snacks but they will be provided. *A parent/guardian needs to be present for any child attending.*

2024 St Agnes Scholarships

St. Agnes announces the 2024 Annual Scholarship Award! Active, participating members of St. Agnes who are graduating high school in 2024 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, at the parish center, and can be emailed to interested applicants. **Deadline for applications is Friday, May 10th.**

Boonsboro GreenFest

Upcoming is the **Boonsboro GreenFest Swap & Recycling Event on Saturday, May 11th!** They will take a LOT of recycling, many things that cannot usually be taken elsewhere. You can find a complete list on their Facebook page, but here are just some of the items they can take:

- ⇒ Medications
- ⇒ Appliances without refrigerant
- ⇒ Sewing Machines
- ⇒ Blankets
- ⇒ Luggage
- ⇒ Books, Magazines, Textbooks, Encyclopedias
- ⇒ Bottles & Tubes (no cans) of hair/skin care products
- ⇒ Cosmetic packaging
- ⇒ Brita water filters
- ⇒ Cell phones & Cords
- ⇒ Clothing
- ⇒ Crayons, Markers, Pencils
- ⇒ Electronics usable
- ⇒ Electronics unusable
- ⇒ Fluorescent Tubes (limit 6), CFL bulbs
- ⇒ Ink cartridges
- ⇒ Phone, E-Reader, tablet cases
- ⇒ Toothbrushes, empty toothpaste & Floss containers
- ⇒ TVs, Computer Monitors
- ⇒ Eyeglasses
- ⇒ Bicycles, Bike Helmets, Bike tires/tubes
- ⇒ Building materials
- ⇒ Batteries
- ⇒ Musical instruments
- ⇒ Wheelchairs

There will be a drive-thru, drop-off loop with the option to stay in your car. There will also be live music, bottle crushing, tree giveaway, and swaps. This event is public and not limited to residents of Boonsboro. If you wish to volunteer, help with set-up, clean-up, or reach out to the committee, contact info@boonsborogreenfest.com. GreenFest on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/765442532076520>

Spotlight on Ministry

Our current Liturgical Schedule ends on May 31st. **Our next schedule will run from June 1st through August 31st.** Please keep in mind Thursday August 15th will be Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation. So, *please look ahead to June 1- August 31 for dates that you will be unavailable to serve in your ministry.*

Preparing the schedule takes a great deal of time and again I apologize for mistakes that I have made with some schedules. Unfortunately, there are times that we experience some technological glitches. I will do my best to make improvements. **We would ask that everyone reply to the email when you receive it whether it is to say that you have no unavailable dates or with dates you are unable to serve by Wednesday, May 8th.** Hearing from everyone will help us to know that we have reached everyone and for us to put out as clean a schedule as possible. That will make it easier for all concerned.

Please continue to invite/ask other parishioners to consider joining a ministry. We remain in constant need of Altar Servers and ministers for all Masses, especially the 5:30pm Saturday Masses. Updated ministry trainings are presently being scheduled and made convenient for all. **Also, please consider writing me an article for the bulletin for our "SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY."** Tell us about your faith journey, ministry, why, and how many years you have been involved in ministry.

If you are new to ministries and have not completed the VIRTUS Training please do so by contacting Bill Donahue, formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org. This is a requirement of the Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston. If you feel that you do not want to do the VIRTUS training, please let us know. Thank you all so much for the giving of your time and talent especially during Holy Week.

We are truly blessed at St Agnes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. **We are always in need of ministers. Will you share your time and talent?** Please consider joining one of our ministries at St Agnes. There are so many ways to get involved and grow in your faith. Altar Servers are needed. Contact Helen Harris at liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

Canned meats (especially chicken), Mac and Cheese, Soup (tomato and hearty soups), Rice, Canned Beans, Jelly, Syrup, Pancake Mix, Crackers, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Canned fruit, Canned pasta, Cooking Oil
Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner, Paper towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent
Cat and Dog Food

2nd Friday Prayer Group

A list has begun for the 2nd Friday in May. If you have names to add or if you would like to join the group, contact Judy Lilga: 301-432-2276 or jslilga8@gmail.com.

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THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:

John 15: 9-17

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter



CFF, AFF, Youth Group & Family News

Due to the unfortunate weather, our Cinco de Mayo celebration for today will be cancelled. We will replace this activity at a later date with another activity. Keep watching for this event!

CFF: Today is our last CFF class for this school year at 9:15am. Thank you for a great year! Registration is available for next year's CFF classes. We will begin our next CFF year in September.

Youth Group: Watch your emails for summer activities. We are planning a production in June, Car Show in July, etc.

ADULT Classes: Growing in Faith classes will meet again today May 5th at 9:15am in the parish library. We will be taking a summer break after today but will begin classes again this Fall! Look for all the new and exciting opportunities.

First Eucharist: Congratulations to our children who made their First Eucharist last Sunday.

Keep watching this spot, the Youth Facebook Page, our church calendar and the church website for additional activities. **Remember to join the CFF Google Classroom (link was sent to your email).** It is a one-stop spot to find all the latest forms, classroom information, recorded classes, etc.

If you are a parent and not receiving CFF announcements and emails, please contact the Parish center 304-876-6436 or Bill Donahue formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org

Parents are also encouraged to join our Youth Facebook Group. Email Bill at the above address for the link to the closed group. You won't be able to find Our Youth Facebook Page any other way!

Volunteering: The church is always looking for volunteers. It is our way to demonstrate our faith in action! **All volunteers** are required to be VIRTUS trained as required by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. If you would like to volunteer for any parish ministry including with our youth, you must be VIRTUS trained. Forms are located in the church narthex and the parish center on how to complete this process. All parents are encouraged to be VIRTUS trained.

Youth Events: At a Glance

May 5: CFF (final class for the 23-24 year) at 9:15 AM. Cinco de Mayo social gathering is cancelled today because of the weather.

May 12: Happy Mother's Day

May 19: Youth Prep. Meal for the Hungry after the 10:30 AM Mass

June 14: An Evening event of Food and Fun

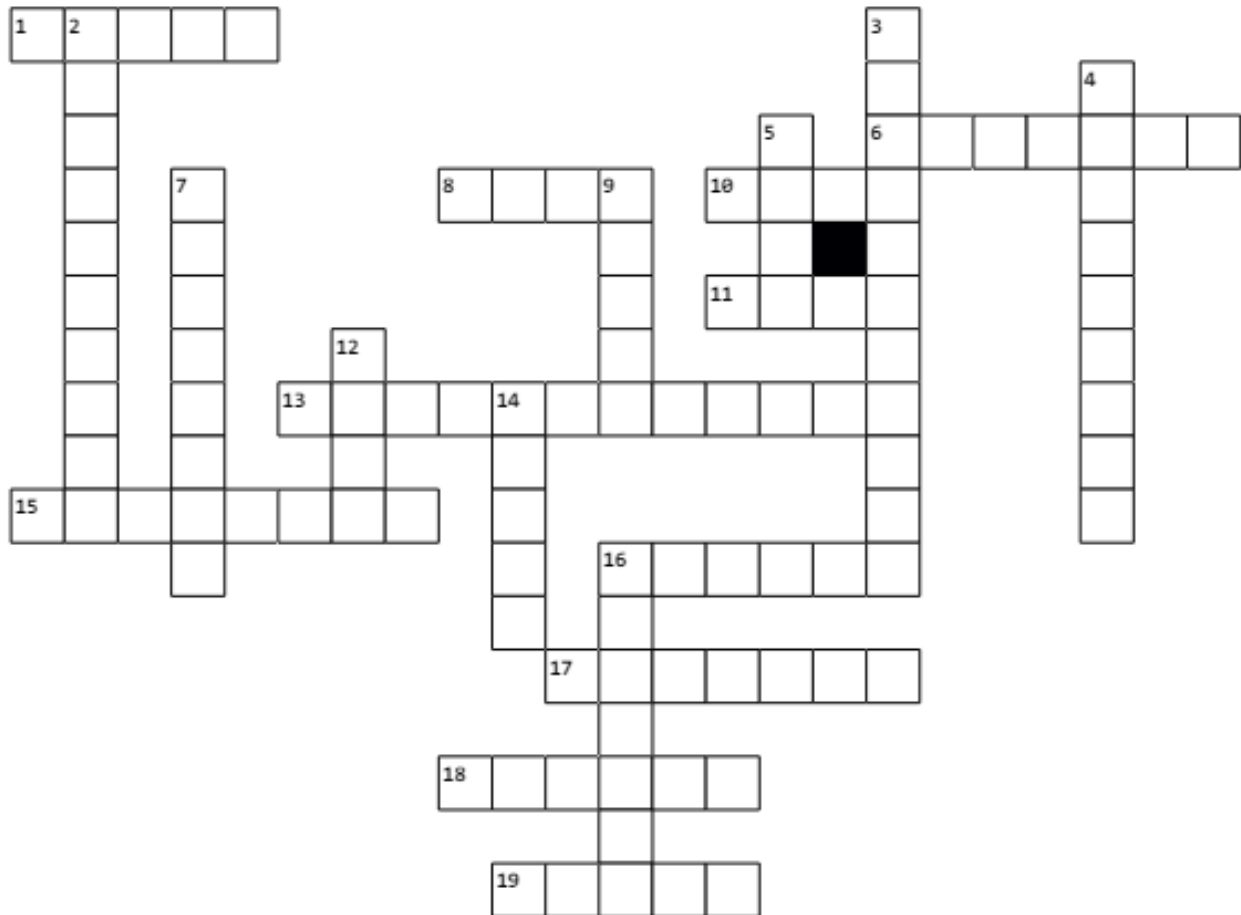
July 13: St. Agnes 3rd Annual Car Show to benefit the St. Agnes Youth Program and the New Building Fund. Event in the church parking lot.

TBD: A night of trivia

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John 15: 1-17



Across

1. Jesus' what must abide in us? (John 15:7)
6. Apart from Jesus, we can do what? (John 15:5)
8. Jesus wants our joy to be what? (John 15:11)
10. Greater love has no one than to lay down his what for his friends? (John 15:13)
11. A branch cannot _____ fruit if it doesn't abide in the vine. (John 15:4)
13. If we love Jesus, we will keep His what? (John 15:10)
15. Jesus is the vine and we are the what? (John 15:5)
16. Jesus kept the commandments of His what? (John 15:10)
17. Anyone who does not abide in Jesus is thrown away like a branch and does what? (John 15:6)
18. If a branch bears fruit, then God does what to it? (John 15:2)
19. We cannot bear fruit if we don't abide in whom? (John 15:4)

Down

2. Jesus wants us to love whom? (John 15:12) (2 words)
3. Jesus said His Father is the what in John 15:1?
4. If we bear much fruit, we prove to be Jesus' what? (John 15:9)
5. Branches that are cut from the tree is thrown into the what? (John 15:6)
7. Jesus said He is the what in John 15:1?
9. As God has loved Jesus, so Jesus has done what for us? (John 15:9)
12. When God prunes a branch, it bears _____ fruit. (John 15:2)
14. In John 15:4, Jesus says for us to what in Him, and He will do so in us, too?
16. Jesus does not call us servants, but what? (John 15:15)

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: John 15:9-17

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." The Gospel is taken from a long talk Jesus had with his disciples at the Last Supper. He calls them to live on in his love and gives them a great commandment: "Love one another as I love you."

Exploring the Gospel Message

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child learned about Jesus' one rule—love. Make sure your child understands that Jesus is always with us to help us grow into people who love other people the way he loves us. Pray that your family will always love others as Jesus loves your family.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child's class talked about Jesus' new Law of Love. Talk about the ways you show love in your family. Talk as well about the ways your family shows love to those outside of it. Make sure your child sees our call to love as their lifelong mission. Pray the Prayer of Mission from the lesson as a family this week.

Venture (Grades 4-6): In class, your son or daughter learned that they need to put Jesus' commandment to "love one another" into action. He or she also explored the Church's devotion to Mary and how her life is revealed in the Bible.

Have your child show you the Living the Gospel activity. How did your child do putting the timeline in order? Discuss the Summer Prayer for the Holy Spirit. How will the Holy Spirit guide your youngster this summer? Finally, have your son or daughter tell you about Saint Mother Theodore Guérin, founder of the Sisters of the Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods.

Visions (Grades 7-9): In class this week, your young person identified ways he or she can keep Jesus' command to love one another. They also learned that Jesus promised us all a Helper who would assist us in keeping that command—the Holy Spirit. The young people discovered some of the signs of the Holy Spirit—peace, honesty, courage, faith, generosity, compassion, kindness, patience, joy, self-control, and service. As a family, discuss how you can show these signs of the Holy Spirit to others you meet.

Pray Together

Each night before bed, say the following Holy Spirit prayer together:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the world.
Amen.

Love One Another

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Free Community Safety Trainings

Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency
2024 FREE Community Safety Training Available
for ERT and anyone interested

Community CPR and Stop the Bleed: 6pm (CPR 6-9pm)

May 21, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10,
October 8, November 12, and December 10.

To register and more info go to: <https://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/county-agencies/icesa/community-cpr-first-aid>

Interested in joining the St. Agnes Emergency Response Team?

Contact Michele Goldman at mgoldman9797@gmail.com
or Teace Noel at wvnoels@gmail.com

Stubblefield Institute's "A Community Response to Bullying" Conversation

"A Community Response to Bullying" - A Community Engagement Conversation

This Community Engagement Conversation continues the Stubblefield Institute's series of discussions leveraging culture and the arts to help communities address hate based violence. Prior to the moderated panel discussion, audience members will have an opportunity to participate in small group conversations.

Whether in the workplace, at school, or elsewhere, bullying can be detrimental to well-being. In this conversation, audience members and community leaders will explore ways communities can help.

Join us on **May 15th at 5:30pm in the Student Center of Shepherd University** (210 N. King St. 3rd Floor, Storer Ballroom). Please RSVP on Eventbrite. For more information, <https://stubblefieldinstitute.org/event/a-community-response-to-bullying/>

2024 Annual Car Show

This year's St. Agnes 3rd Annual Car Show will be Saturday, **July 13, 2024**. Rain Date: Saturday, July 27th. Come out, bring your "ride" to show, or just look at all the great vehicles and enjoy the food and fun and help support the St. Agnes Youth Group and the New Building fund.

Shepherdstown Shares Current Needs

Toilet paper, Baby Wipes

Regular Ground Coffee, Brown Rice, Pasta Sauces, Ramen noodles (not the cups of soup), Small Applesauce Cups (unsweetened), Snacks, Crackers (i.e. Ritz or Saltines) Milk (1/2 or whole gallons of whole or 2%)

Diabetic Items (candy, pudding, Jello, applesauce, etc.)

Snack and sandwich-size Ziploc bags

Sturdy paper bags (especially with handles)

Laudato Si' Initiative

Check out What Is Missing?: <https://www.whatismissing.org/> or listen to Maya Lin in conversation with Elizabeth Alexander, poet and president of the Mellon Foundation.

Laudato Si' Links:

Laudato Si': https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

EarthBeat: <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat>

If you have ideas/wish to join us, contact Carrie Blessing carriejaneblessing@gmail.com or Kimberly Connor connork@usfca.edu.

Racial Justice Initiative

A seldom told and rarely known story of racism in America is how the U.S. Census of 1840 was used by white supremacist proponents as evidence for the "blessings" of slavery. The census included counting the numbers of those residents of the U.S. to be deemed "insane and idiotic". The census reported that Blacks in Northern slave free states were ten times more likely to be categorized as such than their Southern enslaved counterparts. This statistic was seized upon as proof for the civilizing benefits of slavery for the Black race. White supremacists cited it as confirmation that Blacks could not handle being free.

The only problem with this argument was that the census data proved to be erroneous. It was discovered, for instance, that in many Northern towns the number of supposedly insane Blacks recorded actually exceeded the number of Black residents. In one instance, In Worcester, Massachusetts, 133 white residents deemed insane were recorded as Blacks. Though the accuracy of the census data was clearly found to be false, with many attempts by even members of Congress to have it corrected, it never has been to this day. When the 1850 U.S. Census came out, the new data clearly underscored how deficient the 1840 census had been, showing an astonishingly precipitous decline in Northern Blacks labeled insane.

Not surprisingly the proponents of slavery continued to use the erroneous 1840 census to support their position. Among them, one of the fiercest defenders of slavery, John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, who as Secretary of State at the time, was tasked with reviewing the census findings by Congress, concluded the 1840 census was sound and that it demonstrated that ending slavery for Black people would be "a curse and not a blessing".

Harriet Beecher Stowe aptly commented in 1853, "The moral of this ought to be deeply considered by the American people. In order to gain capital for the extension of slave territory, the most important statistical document of the United States has been boldly, grossly and pervasively falsified and stands falsified to this day."

SJS Early Childhood Education Program

Our program serves those ages 6 weeks to 4 years. All pre-K classes have a WV STARS-certified, full-time teacher and a full-time aide. We keep our class sizes lower than state ratio requirements to ensure the best individualized care for our young friends. Lunch and mid-morning snacks are included in the tuition. Students rest daily after lunch in each class.

Every day is packed with carefully designed activities to increase social, emotional and academic development. A part-time option is available for Little Crusaders (2-year-olds) and Pre-K Jr. (3-year-olds).

For more information, please email Meg Partington at mpartington@sjswv.org or go to sjswv.org!

Stay Up-to-Date with Mary's Refuge

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



West Virginia Voter Information

In West Virginia, the 2024 Primary Election is Tuesday, May 14. Here are important Primary Deadlines for voters in the Mountain State:

- ⇒ **May 8** - Last day to submit absentee ballot
- ⇒ **May 11** - Last day of early in-person voting
- ⇒ **May 14** - Last day to submit postmarked absentee ballot by mail

For more information on WV voting rules, ways to vote and election information, visit AARP WV's Online Election Guide, featuring up-to-date registration and voting information, state-specific deadlines, and find resources.

Haiti Coffee For Sale

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

Catholic Schools of DWC Giving Day

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be participating in the 5th annual Catholic Schools Giving Day, One Mission One Day to Make a Difference, on Tuesday, May 7th. More info can be found on their website: <https://www.onemissiononeday.org/>

St Agnes on Social Media



[YouTube Videos](#)
[YouTube Homilies](#)



Can't make it to Mass or events? Homilies, events (such as the El Salvador presentation), and other recordings are being posted on our YouTube. The links are on the website. We are also on Facebook and Instagram; click to see what else is new!

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Year-To-Date (thru April)

Offertory Collections	\$182,310
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$17,275
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$199,585
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$204,000
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ -\$4,415

Tithe to help those in need	\$18,231
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

Parish Financial Activity

Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$6,588
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$505
Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$7,093
Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	\$12,000
Total Collections Compared to Target	↓ -\$4,907

Tithe to help those in need	\$659
(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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- **K-5** full time position
- Full time **math** substitute until May 2024 (may become full-time)
- Long-term school **nurse** substitute through late May
- Full-Time **2nd-Grade Teacher Aide**

For more information or to send in a resume or letter of introduction, contact Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjswv.org.

And seeking two Lead Summer Camp Pre-K Teachers

Please email a letter of introduction and résumé to PK Director Katie MacKinnon at kmackinnon@sjswv.org.

West Virginia Flooding Survey

A research team from WVU and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is seeking insights from West Virginians on their experiences with past floods and preparation for future floods. The team is conducting an online survey on the topic and any WV resident 18-years or older is encouraged to participate. The survey should take 20-30 minutes, and insights will help the research team create an online resource to help increase flood resiliency for WV communities. Anyone who takes the survey can choose to be entered into a raffle for one of eight \$250 gift cards. To find out more go to <https://mapwv.gov/civic/>.

Homebound Ministry

For any parishioners with needs (groceries, rides to doctors or pharmacies, etc.), our **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** is willing to help. Please call Judy Lilga (301-432-2276).

Camp Carlo: Catholic Summer Camp

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Catholic Sharing Appeal

The CSA is one of many ways that we are united in God's love as Catholics and as members of our Diocesan Family. In addition to providing funding for our own parish community, the CSA also delivers essential support for shared ministries, Catholic education, and evangelization & outreach efforts across the state. You can donate securely online (<https://csa.dwcministries.org/>), by mailing in the pledge card, or place your pledge card in the collection basket.

Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

We are still in need of **blankets, comforters, and sleeping bags**. Any sizes, new/used, **clean, and fair-condition** can be dropped off at the parish center. If you would like to join our team of sewers, please contact Barbara Mueller at barbaramueller596@gmail.com.

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