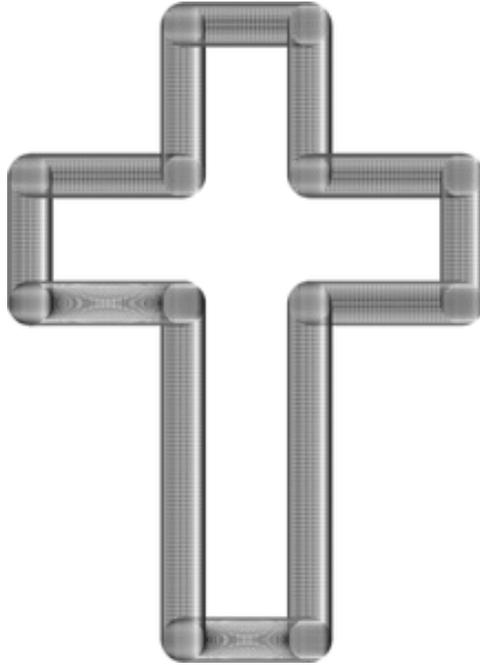


# S a i n t A g n e s



*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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Acts 6:1-7  
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Monday at 11am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:30pm

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

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

In your kindness, please pray for Father Bob Park who died this past week at the age of 93. A dear friend to both Father Andy and Father Mat, Father Bob served the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston for very nearly 66 years, from June 1, 1957 until his death. May Father Bob 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 Mike Vojtasko, 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.

## Cinco-ish de Mayo on May 7

Please join our youth and CFF program in front of the church after the 10:30 Mass this weekend as we gather to celebrate our summer break from formal CFF classes. We will have games and food with a Cinco de Mayo theme. Come for the food! Come for the games! Come for the fellowship! **All are welcome** and encouraged to participate in this intergenerational faith community event!

## OWLS Movie Matinee

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers: During the 1850s, Milly (Jane Powell), a pretty young cook, marries Adam (Howard Keel), a grizzled woodsman, after a brief courtship. When the two return to Adam's farm, Milly is shocked to meet his six ill-mannered brothers, all of whom live in his cabin. She promptly begins teaching the brothers proper behavior, and most importantly, how to court a woman. But after the brothers kidnap six local girls during a town barn-raising, a group of indignant villagers tries to track them down. A brawl ensues. As winter approaches the brothers pine for the women they fell in love with, Adam tells them they should do whatever it takes to get their loves. Lyrics by Johnny Mercer.

DATE/TIME: May 11 / 1 p.m.

WHERE: Parish Center

## Mother's Day Gift Project

Please join us for our annual Mother's Day gift project gift bag stuffing party on Sunday, May 7th at 11:30am at St. Agnes Parish Center. If you can't make it, you can also drop items by anytime prior to event in the box at church.

We're planning to fill 60 gift bags to brighten the day of local women at two local homeless shelters and for a Young Lives teen Mom support group. Suggested donations: toiletries (mini and regular), feminine hygiene products, diapers and baby wipes, tooth brushes, tooth paste, hand sanitizers, chocolates, treats, granola bars, journals, makeup, socks, hair ties, brushes, anything you can think of that would be useful to a Mom.

## 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.

In addition, we need volunteers to help with setting up and working the car and craft show. We need help Friday, May 19th during the day for various set up tasks. On Saturday, May 20th starting at 8 AM we need additional assistance with setup activities. We also need adults and youth willing to help with running the show: registration table, food table, auction/raffle tables and selling 50/50. We need 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](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) to volunteer.

Dear Parishioners,

On Friday, April 28, I had the honor to deliver the Invocation and Benediction for the Naturalization Ceremony held at the Martinsburg Courthouse. In this very moving ceremony, 39 people from 21 different countries became citizens of the United States of America. I share with you here the prayer from that event.

*Great Spirit of Goodness and Love we honor you today with great joy and gratitude. Your presence has come to us in those who have journeyed here. May we show our newest citizens the hospitality and profound respect that they deserve. For you have shown us that as we get to know the stranger, we are opened to the mystery that they are our brother, our sister, our friend, and they reveal to us your sacred presence. We thank you for the culture, language, land, traditions, and values that they bring with them. May we receive these as gifts and be open to learning all that they have to teach us. They have traveled far carrying along the way joys and sorrows. They each have a unique story, and may we be open to listening to that story and open to sharing our own. May we be gentle and accompany them as they navigate and settle in our land. May they know that they are a part of us and that this is also their home. May our highest ideals of equality, peace, justice, human dignity, and care for our earth grow by your spirit in us so that we can become more a country that allows for human flourishing. As we accompany our newest citizens may in both words and actions, may we welcome them with love as we walk together to a new future. May we see ourselves as pilgrims on a journey toward that beloved community. May we as pilgrims commit on this journey to live together, to pick each other up when we fall, to share joys and sorrows learning to trust one another so that your love can grow in us, in our country, and in our world. May we dream big together and dream for new life for all.*

Fr. Andy

## 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](mailto:mgoldman9797@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Service, Justice, and Peace Weekend

This weekend we begin our monthly Service, Justice, and Peace Weekends. The first weekend of each month, we will have volunteers available after each Mass to take donations for meals for the hungry, feminine hygiene products, and Kolofata as well as to sell Haiti coffee. The Knights of Columbus will be distributing blue bags for returning non-perishable items for JCCM food pantry and Shepherdstown Shares. And, our parish nurses will be available to check blood pressures and blood sugars.

## 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!

St. Agnes Catholic Church Proudly Presents

**JOSEPH  
AND THE  
AMAZING  
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DREAMCOAT**

Lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

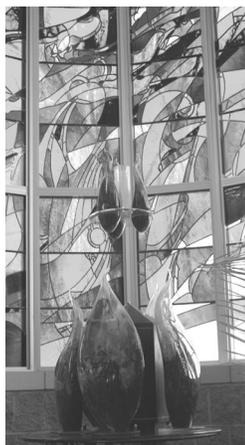
**June 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18**

Friday & Saturday at 8pm—Sundays at 3pm

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## 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:

Robert Michael Krygowski  
by Bob & Maureen Maidhof

Jolanta Szaralska  
by Frank & Rosalie Bielicki  
Eileen Dooley & Denis Woods  
Jane Edwards

Ronald Niemesch  
by Eileen Hedrick

Dorothy Marinucci  
by Jane Edwards

Elizabeth "Beth" Mary Kluge  
by Lyle & Theresa Rush

Marylou Anderson  
by Jane Edwards

Jean Carper  
by Judy Lilga

Ivaloo Hughes King  
by Eileen Dooley & Denis Woods

## 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

## 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, [jslilga8@gmail.com](mailto:jslilga8@gmail.com)) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add to the prayer list or to join the group.

# THE YOUTH CORNER

May 7, 2023

This Week's Gospel:  
*John 14: 1-12*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**A special thanks** to the Old Navy Store at the Commons in Martinsburg. They joined forces with our youth group to provide socks for the needy this Lent. Sales associates bought socks to donate. The Old Navy at the Commons then took our project out to the other 11 Old Navy stores in the area, who joined in and provided even more socks for the youth project!!

Thank you Old Navy so much for supporting our youth project!

The next time you are in Old Navy, please thank them!

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**We are looking for volunteers to help with:**

- the Car Show—May 20 (Lots to do)
- Garden Project (at your own convenience—all summer)

## DATES AT A GLANCE

- **May 7:** Last CFF class (Summer Break) at 11:35 outside the church. **Note the time change—no CFF at 9:15 AM—Come celebrate our Field Day. Everyone is welcome. (Food, Fun, and Games)**
- **May 13: Mother's Day—AND Blessing of the Intergenerational Gardens.**
- **May 19:** Family Movie Night—6:45 PM Parish Center
- **May 20: St. Agnes 2nd Annual Car and Craft Show 10 AM—1 PM. Come for the Fun, Food, Great Crafts and Cool Cars.**
- **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.**

I am  
**THE WAY**  
 the TRUTH,  
 and the  
**LIFE.**  
 No one comes to  
 the FATHER  
 except through  
**ME.** JOHN 14:6

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## Family News

Congratulations to Ben, Harper, and Owen as they have celebrated First Communion. Also a special thanks to our YAM committee for the wonderful spread after Mass last week as well as their continued support of our Youth Programs.

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

Today, May 7th is our End of the Year CFF celebration. Come join in the fun after the 10:30 Mass. A Cinco de Mayo celebration. Food and fun. Everyone is welcome.

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.

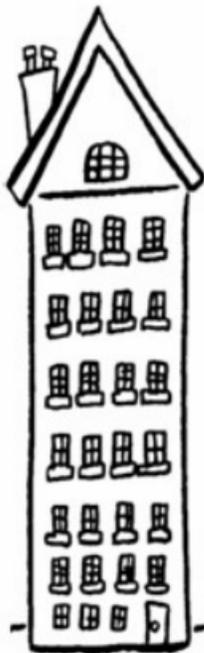
**New this fall.** We will be offering adult classes that will be meeting between at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings between the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses. This is open to all parishioners. In addition, based on our needs, we will be offering Pre-K Faith Formation.

**Not new but still important:** Classes for K– Confirmation will follow our typical schedule. Finally, we will be continuing our Youth Group Continuing Faith Formation.

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.

Please look at the **“Dates At A Glance”** for a quick check for upcoming activities.

If you are a parent and not receiving CFF announcements and emails, please contact the Parish center at 304-876-6436 or Bill Donahue at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) Parents are also encouraged to join our Youth Facebook Group. Please email Bill at the above email address for the link to the closed group. You shouldn't be able to find it any other way!



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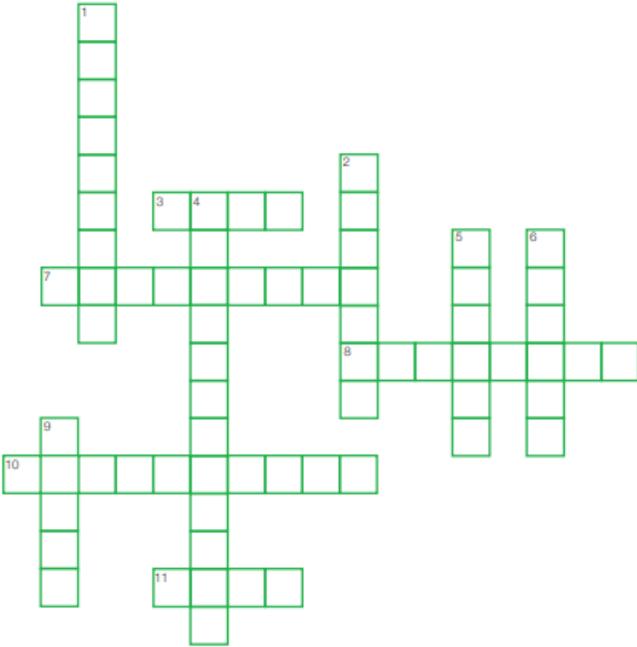


## Feasts of Spring

Complete the crossword puzzle by supplying the names of the spring feasts described.

### Across

3. The first day of Holy Week is traditionally called \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.
7. The day Jesus went back to the Father is the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The day Jesus gave us the Eucharist is Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
10. On May 31, we celebrate Mary's visit with her cousin Elizabeth  
We call this feast the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The feast in honor of the Eucharist used to be called *Corpus Christi*. Now it is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ and Blood of Christ.



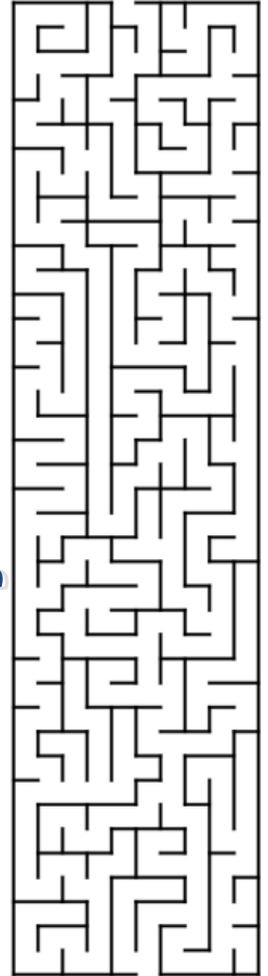
### Down

1. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to Jesus' friends.
2. We celebrate our belief that Three Divine Persons share one nature on the feast of the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The day (March 25) the angel Gabriel told Mary that God wanted her to be the mother of Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We celebrate the fact that Jesus loves us with a human heart on the feast of the \_\_\_\_\_ Heart.
6. The day Jesus died is called Good \_\_\_\_\_.
9. On Holy Saturday night, we celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of Easter.

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I am the way and the truth and the life.



JESUS SAYS:  
"I AM  
THE WAY."

How can you walk in Jesus' way?  
Draw a picture of you doing something he wants.

# The Gospel at Home

**JESUS** JOHN 14:6  
THE WAY - TRUTH - LIFE

## This Week's Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus directs us to not let our hearts be troubled. Our faith in Jesus can keep us filled with God's peace. In this week's Gospel, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for each of us in heaven. We will get there through following Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. As Jesus tells his Apostles, whoever has seen him has seen the Father.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child concluded this week that Jesus is not just someone we follow, but also a friend. Talk with your child about how we follow Jesus. Then discuss how Jesus is our friend. Consider placing the drawing your child did in class in a prominent place. Each time you see it, repeat the message from Jesus.

**Promise (Grades K-1):** Your child created a church from cutouts in the lesson. Take a look at it together, then talk about how your own church is set up. How are the pews lined up? What does the art look like? Is there stained glass? Describe the altar and other special areas of the church.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** Your child learned about Jesus' Way. He healed people. He made friends, and he taught people how to live a holy life. Ask your child what happens when we receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Explain how you understand the Holy Spirit's action in your life. How does your family share Jesus' Good News in the world?

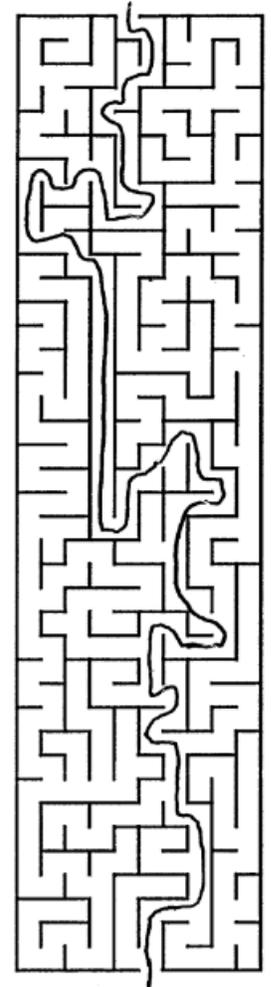
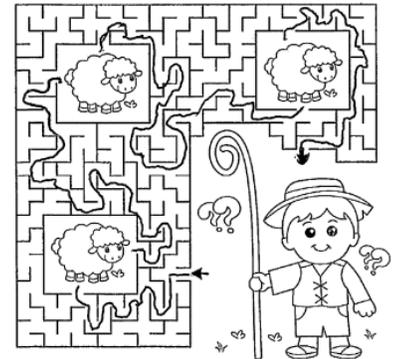
**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Ask your son or daughter how Chief Seattle's quote describes our relationship with God and each other. In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that whoever believes in him will do his work on Earth. Discuss ways that you already do this and talk about how you might do even greater things. A discussion about things that your child worries about may be timely this week as Jesus tells his friends to have faith to calm their troubled hearts. Talk about how the Second Vatican Council opened the Church to the modern world. Is there anyone in your family who remembers the time before the Council?

**Visions (Grades 7-9):** Your youngster discussed the work that Christians do. Talk about how your son or daughter does that work today. Jesus says in the Gospel this week that he is going to prepare a place for each of us in heaven. Make sure your young person understands how to get there through Jesus. Ask your youngster why we are all "living stones." What ministries are members of your family involved with, and what are some that you might consider exploring? Adopt the Living Stones Prayer Service for home this week.

### Pray Together

Pray that each member of the family will use his or her feet, hands, voice, head, and heart to help us build the living temple of God's house. During family prayer, make the Sign of the Cross on each other's heads and hands. Bless each other to do God's work this week and on into the rest of your lives. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and courage.

Maze solution from last week's bulletin.



**SOLUTIONS**

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Feasts of Spring Crossword

Across: 3-Palm; 7-Ascension; 8-Thursday; 10-Visitation; 11-Body  
Down: 1-Pentecost; 2-Trinity; 4-Annunciation; 5-Sacred; 6-Friday; 9-Vigil

## Thank You!!!!

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. I especially thank those who served during the Triduum [Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (Vigil)], and some of you doubled up. A special thanks to the parishioners who stepped up to join the ministry of Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

We are still in need of ministers in all ministries (Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Hospitality, Lectors, and desperate for Altar Servers). There are so many behind-the-scenes ministries that could also use volunteers. There's a group that keep the church grounds pretty, maintenance, decorating, etc. Everyone has a gift, so please discern the way you can best use your gift for your parish. I can be contacted by email; [liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org) or call 304.261.0196.

There were so many wonderful comments from parishioners and visitors who enjoyed being at St Agnes during the Triduum and Easter Sunday. That is due to the friendly, warm and welcoming atmosphere. Keep it up!

God bless, Helen L Harris, Liturgy

## Fast Fashion and Laudato Si

Fast fashion has completely revolutionized the apparel industry, but not for the better. Behind every piece of clothing in a store, there is an industry stripping the Earth of its limited resources and exploiting the labor force that works in its garment factories. Tremendous waste characterizes this industry as it depletes healthy soil, contaminates fresh water sources, pollutes the air we breathe, defiles our oceans, destroys forests and damages ecosystems and the health of their biodiversity.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Consumers have the power to change the trajectory of fast fashion. Here are a few important things you can do:

- Educate yourself about sustainable clothing.
- Buy less and shop for quality over quantity.
- Choose natural materials – organic cotton, linen, or hemp.
- Buy 100% recycled fabrics – 100% recycled polyester, viscose (rayon), etc.
- Research brands to identify those that are ethical and practice transparency and sustainability.
- Post a picture of yourself wearing a sustainable garment, explaining its attributes and why you like it.
- Choose brands that are manufactured in their own community and connected to the place, people behind them, local economy, and environment.
- Buy secondhand clothing.
- Swap clothes with a clothes swap group or start a swap yourself.
- Learn how to repair your clothes yourself. The longer clothes are kept, the lower their emissions footprint.

*Excerpted from [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)*

## St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

The initial comments of the Texas governor on the recent mass shooting of five people in Cleveland, TX on April 28th deserve to be noted by anyone concerned about social and racial justice in our country. While not uttering the usual "thoughts and prayers" for the victims and their families, he felt the need to point out on Twitter the immigrant status of the victims, labeling them as "illegal immigrants." This is perhaps a not so subtle dog-whistle that the victims of this shooting are not as worthy of our sympathy and compassion as others might be. His casually gratuitous, unnecessary mention of their legal status should disturb us all, whether intentional or simply cluelessly insensitive. Either way his remark points a way down a disturbing path that implies some humans are more God's children than others.

Needless to say, he was called out by other elected officials and representatives of Latino organizations, among others. His only "apology" was to say he got some inaccurate information about the victims that did not reflect the apparent legal status of at least one of the victims - not addressing the racial overtones of his comments.

These victims of a mass gun shooting with an AR-15, including a nine year old child and two mothers, who died using their bodies as shields to save their children, deserve better from those who speak on our behalf in government. The victims fled the ravages of gang violence riddled Honduras, only to have this happen to them here in America.

As Christians we need to make our voices heard.

## 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

## Boonsboro Swap & Recycling Event

The Boonsboro Green Fest Committee is sponsoring a Swap & Recycling Event in Shafer Park in Boonsboro, Maryland, on Saturday, May 13 from 9am-2pm. This event is open to the public and not limited to the residents of Boonsboro.

Clothing will be collected on Friday, May 12, beginning at 3pm at Pavilion 1. Please separate clothing into labeled bags (Boys, Girls, Mens, Womens, etc).

You can Swap & Recycle usable goods including plants, household items, art & Craft supplies, accessories, shoes, book, and more. They will also be collecting hard to recycle items such as scrap metal, electronics, bulky hard plastics, glass, wine corks, disposable razors, beauty product packaging, dental care items, and lots more. A full list of items will be available on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BoonsboroGreenFest/>.

## Working Stair Lift Being Gifted

Working stair lift to be gifted to someone in need. Local pick up is required. The recipient would also have to arrange for installation. If interested, please call the office.

## Trip to Klein Theatre

All are welcome to join a group of parishioners to carpool from St. Agnes Parking lot for the June 8<sup>th</sup> 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).

## Scripture Sharing

Scripture Sharing continues to meet on Mondays at noon. The Zoom link is found on the website events calendar.

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$5,285
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$785
<b>Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$6,070</b>
<b>Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$11,900</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ -\$5,830</b>

Tithe to help those in need \$529  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

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

Offertory Collections	\$174,283
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$17,950
<b>Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$192,233</b>
<b>Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$214,200</b>
<b>Total Collection Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ -\$21,967</b>

Tithe to help those in need \$17,428  
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## VIRTUS

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



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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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@sjswv.org](mailto:mcollazo@sjswv.org).

**Summer Camp**

**Camp Carlo**  
 Huttonsville, West Virginia, June 25 – July 29, 2023  
 This camp is open to students in grades 3 through 12. The rate is \$325.00 per child with scholarships available. Early Bird Special Rate of \$275 applicable through June 1, 2023. There are 5 one-week camps from which to choose. Please contact Camp Carlo Director, Deacon Raymond Godwin at [rgodwin@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgodwin@frontiernet.net) or Camp Carlo Assistant Director, Maggie Moran at [mmoran@dwc.org](mailto:mmoran@dwc.org) for more information.

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