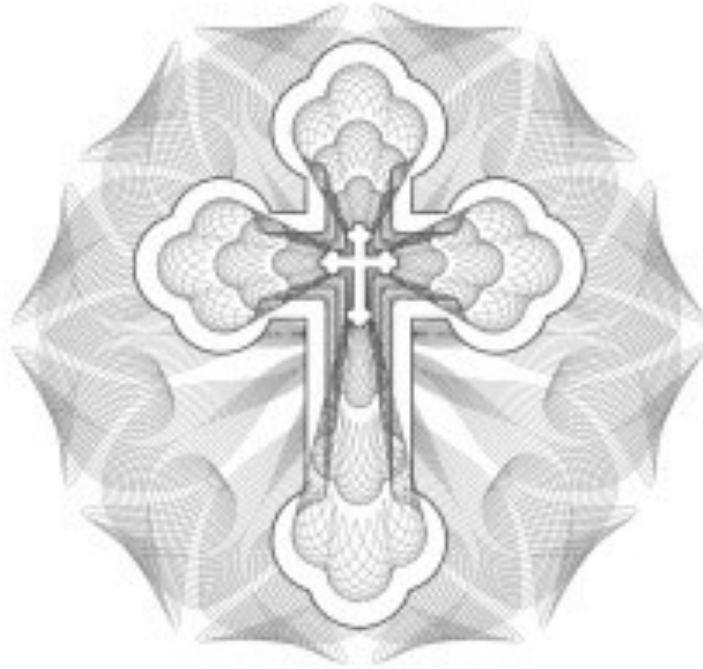


# S a i n t   A g n e s



*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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2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday at 11am

### Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday at 9am

**Bishop Brennan has lifted the request that everyone mask. However, we still encourage masking for love of neighbor.**

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

**Parish Office:** Monday–Wednesday, 9am–4pm

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



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:30pm Mass for

**Rose Boarman**



Sunday, 8am Mass for the intentions of

**Marion Webber**

May Rose 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 Roy Shilling, Marion Webber, Fred Brigham, Bill Conner, Leslie Johnson (sister of Bill Donahue), Harry Paulin (father of Maria Stewart), Emily Stransky, John Griffith, and Barbara Broomall. 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.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

The Shepherdstown Ministerial Association invites you to a Community Thanksgiving service at St Agnes Catholic Church **today, November 20th at 4 pm**, where we can be thankful for this wonderful community in which we live. We will give thanks for creation, our nation, our families and friends, and our faith communities.

We will be joined by the Shepherdstown Middle School Jazz Band and the Shepherdstown Elementary Chorus. Monetary and food donations will be accepted for Shepherdstown Shares.

## Don't Miss the Pancake Breakfast!

Want a great way to finish off your Thanksgiving weekend? Our youth are providing a Pancake Breakfast after the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses at the Parish Center, Sunday, November 27. You can eat in or take it to go! There is no particular cost for your breakfast, but the youth would very much appreciate your generous donations (checks to St Agnes with pancake breakfast in the memo) toward furnishing their youth room and youth activities. Come hungry!

## Calling all St Agnes Families...

We are gearing up for the holidays and want to decorate Father Andy's tree in the rectory! Kids and family members will design ornaments, decorate the tree and enjoy pizza and goodies while sipping on hot cocoa! Come out to enjoy the fun on Saturday, December 3rd from 12 to 3 after the Christmas parade in town! Please let me know if you would like to drop your child off to participate. We will have adults and teens available to help! We have the large room reserved in the Parish Hall, as well. Contact Erin Valasek for more information at 410-937-4612 or [info@mountaineerpopcorn.com](mailto:info@mountaineerpopcorn.com).

## Advent Gift Giving

**Gifts for our Advent Gift Giving project are due back this Sunday, November 20, by 12 noon!** If you selected a gift tag for a gift card, please bring cash or check and St. Agnes volunteers will purchase them. You may place your check along with the gift tag in the collection basket or bring them to the parish center. Please indicate "**ADVENT GIFT TAGS**" on the memo line of the check. Parishioners may also donate online at the parish website by credit card. If your tag is for a specific gift, please wrap it and attach the gift tag to the outside and bring it to the **Church or Parish Center**. Any questions? Please contact **Katie Hershey at (240)818-9595**.

## News from Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, November 15. Discussion involved creating a young adult group and young family group. Members of St Agnes interested in starting these groups presented their ideas. Fr Andy also discussed an Advent program: Mary had a baby. Watch for more information in the coming weeks regarding these groups. Discussion continued with formation of small faith groups.

Next meeting December 21.

## Thanksgiving Food Blessing

All are invited to bring food or drink that is destined for your Thanksgiving table to our 9am Mass on Thanksgiving Day to be blessed!

Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the culmination of the liturgical year and begin the season of Advent, I sense a lot of enthusiasm and good energy at St Agnes. I preached recently about the Continental Report on the Synod and its title being "enlarge the space of your tent." This, I think, could be a great theme for us in this liturgical new year. This calls us to grow in unity and to celebrate diversity. One way that we are moving in this direction is through ecumenism with our other churches in the community. This Sunday at 4pm St Agnes will host for Shepherdstown the ecumenical service. I have been connecting with local pastors, and we decided during Advent to do some faith formation together. We are going to offer two classes on Advent themes on Wednesdays of Advent starting November 30<sup>th</sup> at the times of 1pm at New Street Methodist Church and 6:30pm at St Peter's Lutheran Church. Pastor Karen Valentine and Pastor Dee Ann Dixon and myself have agreed to help facilitate the discussion. The resource we will be using is called Mary had a Baby and is based upon African American spirituals. I hope you will join us. This is a way to enlarge our tent. We hope to do another program in January and St Agnes will be one of the spaces to host.

Fr. Andy

## Please Don't Fall Victim To Email Scams!

Lately we are hearing from far too many parishioners that they are receiving emails or text messages from someone posing as Fr. Andy or Fr. Mat. **If you ever receive an email from someone posing as St. Agnes staff asking for money, gift cards, etc., it's a scam.**

No one, not Fr Andy nor Fr Mat nor St. Agnes staff, will ever write to you personally asking for 'favors' or to request that you to make a purchase or send money. **You can usually tell by looking closely at the email address who sent the message.** Emails from St. Agnes always come from <<email>>@stagnesshepherdstown.org. Emails from Fr. Andy will be from [aswitzer@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:aswitzer@stagnesshepherdstown.org) or [aswitzer@dwc.org](mailto:aswitzer@dwc.org). These scammers are very crafty and often make some very slight variation on the actual email address, so you really have to look very carefully.

If you receive an email similar to this, simply delete it and be aware that email scams, phishing, and more, are part of our digital world. To protect yourself, it's important that you learn how to recognize these scams.

## Advent 2022 (First Day of Advent November 27)

### Advent Reconciliation

Our Advent Communal Reconciliation will be on Saturday, December 17, at 4pm.

**Advent Reflection Books\*\*** have been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. They help us to spend some quiet time with the Lord each day. These Little Blue Books can be found in the Narthex. The books can also be downloaded onto your phone or e-reader. Check out their website at <https://littlebooks.org/seasonal-books/advent-christmas-season>.

### At Home with the Word\*\*

This is your guide to a deeper understanding of the Sunday scriptures. It provides the readings for this liturgical year, along with insights from scripture scholars, and action steps. It also includes prayers, citations for weekday readings, and other resources for scripture study. You can pick up your copy of At Home with the Word in the Narthex or at the Parish Center.

### Advent Wreaths & Candles\*\*

Advent wreaths and candles are available for purchase in the Narthex.

**\*\*A donation envelope is included with each item which can simply be placed in the offertory basket.**

## Historic Houses of Worship Tour December 26, 2022

After a three year hiatus due to Covid concerns, the Historic Houses of Worship (Church) Tour is returning this year to Shepherdstown. *The date for the tour is December 26, from 4-7 p.m.* St. Agnes will be represented by having both the chapel and the church sites open on the tour. This tour was very well attended in the years leading up to the Covid shut-down, and many tour participants visited both the chapel and the church. In order for St. Agnes to be a welcoming presence during the tour, we need volunteers to help at both sites. Volunteer Greeters will be needed to greet the tour participants, hand out a brief history and help people gather in groups for the tours. Docents will be needed to guide people around the church, and at the chapel, to talk with small groups as they sit in the pews. Docents will be given training and fact sheets from which to lead the tours. One can volunteer for a portion of the 3-hour time frame or the whole time. Please consider volunteering for either the chapel or the church to help make our part of the wider Shepherdstown tour a great success! Please contact Judy Lilga if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions - 301-432-2276 or [jslilga8@gmail.com](mailto:jslilga8@gmail.com).

## Updating Our VIRTUS (Protecting Our Youth)

The diocese of Wheeling Charleston and St. Agnes Catholic Church value the safety of our youth. The church uses VIRTUS as a training for adults who work and interact with our youth. We are in the process of having all volunteers of the church VIRTUS trained to help protect children. VIRTUS training is all online and the training is straight forward, and you can complete it at your convenience and in the comfort of your home.

If you are already VIRTUS trained in the diocese, your VIRTUS training is still valid. We are asking people to log in and update anything necessary and electronically sign any documents you might need to sign. To update, all you need to do is log into your VIRTUS account and virtually sign the updated documents. If you have trouble logging into your VIRTUS account, please contact Bill at the office or at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org). The parish will be audited annually to make sure our VIRTUS records are complete and up-to-date.

Over the next couple of weeks, Bill will be going through all of the VIRTUS accounts. You may receive an email regarding your VIRTUS account. You will be asked to log into your account and complete any necessary electronic document signatures. This would only be the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy Form and/or an updated Background Check Form. At no time would you need to pay for anything or need to enter any credit card or bank information. If you have any questions regarding an email, please contact the parish office prior to giving out personal information. The email will come from [virtus.org](mailto:virtus.org).

If you are a volunteer or someone that wishes to be trained but have never had VIRTUS training, you can find instructions for VIRTUS training in the Narthex of the church or in the parish center. You can also reach out to Bill (contact info above) for help.

Please help us fulfill our obligation to the children to help keep them safe.

## Shelter Volunteers Needed

Jefferson County Community Ministries is currently recruiting volunteers for their Cold Weather Shelter season which runs from October 31, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Volunteers watch over those in the shelter each night in a caring, compassionate manner. Individual volunteer shifts begin at 7pm and run through 7am the following morning. There is a shelter manager on duty every night ensuring the safety of all and that JCCM protocols are being followed. If you would care for more information or would like to sign up to volunteer, please email their Volunteer Coordinator ([kaz@jccm.us](mailto:kaz@jccm.us)).

## Catholic Charities in Dire Need

Catholic Charities is in dire need of the following items for their pantry (all items are purchased from donated funds and are used solely for those in need):

Bleach Tablets (WalMart)  
Laundry Detergent (Pods)  
13 Gallon Trash Bags  
Dishwashing Soap  
Soap (mild brands – no Zest or Irish Spring)  
Shampoo (3 in 1 is preferred - shampoo, conditioner, body wash) If not, individual items will do.  
Conditioner  
Deodorant (men and women)  
Razors (men and women)  
Toothpaste  
Shaving Lotion  
Toilet Paper  
Cleaning Supplies (Pine Sol, Fabalouso or other liquid cleaner)

All donations are sincerely appreciated and very much needed. Our needs are year round. If you are unable to shop, cash donations will enable us to shop for you. Items can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities office at 224 South Queen Street, Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Donations can be mailed to Catholic Charities, Attention: Laura Brigantic, 224 South Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

## The Christmas Potholder Fundraiser For Kolofata is Back!

Last year's Christmas Potholder sale was so successful that our master potholder maker, Regenia Carder, has done it again! She has spent the last 10 months making these lovely potholders (\$5 each) – perfect Christmas gifts! To streamline and simplify this year, folks won't have to order potholders. You can purchase them on the spot – first come, first served. And there will be an added item to make your Christmas gift giving easier. Cash or checks only, please. All proceeds benefit the Kolofata Project.

We'll also be selling Haiti Coffee (\$10 a bag) – another great Christmas gift. Cash or checks only, please. All proceeds benefit Haitian Coffee Growers. The situation in Haiti is desperate. This is a concrete way to help!

**Mark these dates on your calendar** – Sales after all Masses the weekends of November 19 & 20, and December 3 & 4; and at the Youth Pancake Breakfast on November 27.

## Book Discussion Group

This year's **December 16**, selection is *The Three Questions*, written and illustrated by John J Muth.

If anyone would like to suggest a book, we welcome the recommendation.



## Family News

Thanks again to the YAMs for the wonderful food at last week's Youth Centered Mass. We had a record number of people attend that Mass. Again, we encourage families with CFF children attend that Mass but of course ALL ARE WELCOME. We would love to see you there.

Canned Food Drive to support Shepherdstown Shares. Bring cans to CFF Nov. 20th. Our goal is to help provide food for the hungry at Thanksgiving.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, Nov. 20 @ 4 PM, St. Agnes Catholic Church. Our can project is our offering at that service.

Nov. 27th—Pancake Breakfast to benefit our Youth Teen Room Project. We need parent and adult volunteers to help! Please contact Bill or Beth at the parish center or email [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) or Joe Yates at:

[joeyates47@gmail.com](mailto:joeyates47@gmail.com)

Please keep watching this section, the St. Agnes Website, as well as the CFF/ Youth page for continuing announcements regarding Faith Formation and youth activities.

As we update our email lists, 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:

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2022

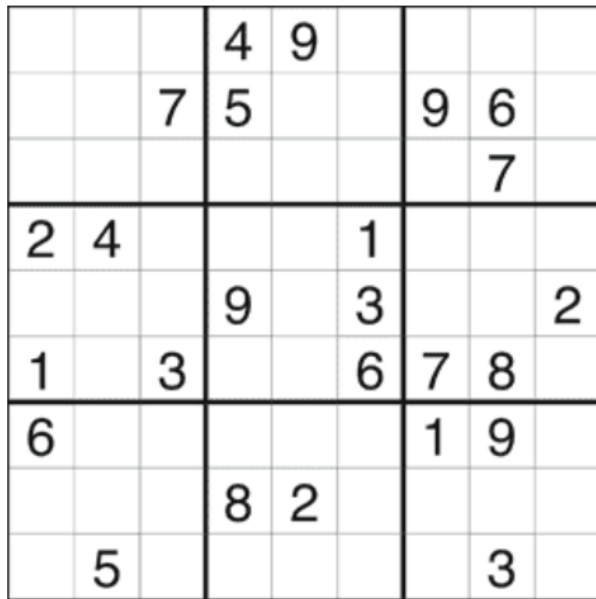
This Week's Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

# THE YOUTH CORNER



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Nov. 20:** CFF 9:15 AM– 10:15—K-8 Class; High School CFF: 11:40 AM—12:40 PM
- **Nov. 20:** Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 4PM at St. Agnes
- **Nov. 27:** No CFF Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Nov. 27:** Pancake Breakfast to support our Youth Group. Breakfast available at the parish center (eat in) or to go if you prefer. Donations welcome.
- **Dec 4:** CFF 9:15 AM– 10:15—K-8 Class
- **Dec 13:** Youth Centered Mass at 5 PM



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# What Is Advent?

Complete the puzzle to answer this question.

1. Because he prepared the way for Jesus by urging people to repent, one of the most important figures of Advent is
  - a. John the beloved disciple
  - b. John the Baptist
 If you chose a, write "The" in space 1. If b, write "A."
2. John asked the people of Israel to
  - a. prepare the way of the Lord
  - b. let their light shine before all nations
 If you chose a, write "season" in space 2. If b, write "year."
3. Advent comes immediately after
  - a. Lent
  - b. Ordinary Time
 If you chose a, write "by" in space 3. If b, write "of."
4. The First Sunday of Advent is
  - a. the beginning of the Church Year
  - b. the Solemnity of Christ the King
 If you chose a, write "hope" in space 4. If b, write "repent."
5. The liturgical color for Advent is
  - a. violet
  - b. sky blue
 If you chose a, write "for" in space 5. If b, write "and."
6. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the priest may wear a vestment colored
  - a. rose
  - b. green
 If you chose a, write "deliverance" in space 6. If b, write "repentance."
7. The Third Sunday of Advent is called
  - a. Esperanza Sunday (*Esperanza* means "hope")
  - b. Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* means "rejoice")
 If you chose a, write "toward" in space 7. If b, write "from."

8. Mary is important in Advent because
  - a. she made a long trip to Bethlehem
  - b. she agreed to God's plan to save humankind
 If you chose a, write "mistakes" in space 8. If b, write "sin."
9. An Advent symbol we're likely to see in church is
  - a. the Advent calendar
  - b. the Advent wreath
 If you chose a, write "but" in space 9. If b, write "and."
10. The candles on the Advent wreath remind us of
  - a. the darkness of winter
  - b. Jesus, the Light of the World
 If you chose a, write "light" in space 10. If b, write "darkness."
11. The circle of the Advent wreath reminds us
  - a. that God has no beginning or end
  - b. of the shape of most Christmas cookies
 If you chose a, write "through" in space 11. If b, write "beyond."
12. The greens of the Advent wreath remind us of
  - a. everlasting life
  - b. the importance of plants in the environment
 If you chose a, write "the" in space 12. If b, write "an."
13. Advent comes to an end on a day close to the winter
  - a. equinox
  - b. solstice
 If you chose a, write "death" in space 13. If b, write "birth."
14. The word *Advent* means
  - a. coming
  - b. waiting
 If you chose a, write "of" in space 14. If b, write "and."
15. When Advent ends, we
  - a. rejoice and celebrate
  - b. do penance
 If you chose a, write "Jesus" in space 15. If b, write "Mary."

## The Answer

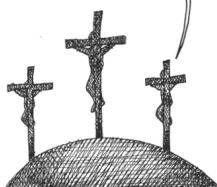


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Jesus,  
remember me when  
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# Christ the King



## The Gospel at Home

### This Week's Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

For the Solemnity of Christ the King, the *Lectionary* chooses a short passage from Luke's account of Jesus' Passion. The Passion depicts Jesus without physical or military power, yet he is dangerous enough to be put to death. As his opponents tease and taunt him, Jesus shows his divine power in forgiving a criminal on a cross near him. This man recognizes his own wrongdoing and truly believes that Jesus can help him get to Heaven. By this action of faith, Jesus transforms the Cross from a place of death to a place of life and forgiveness.

**Promise** (Grades K-1): The Gospel lesson this week is about forgiveness. Your child learned that Jesus is a leader—a king—who loves and forgives. Ask your child to tell you the story of the good thief. The class also learned that there are times when everyone needs to forgive and to be forgiven. Ask your child to show you the chain and medallion he or she made in class, and to share the loving words with you.

**Good News** (Grades 2-3): The short Gospel for this Sunday shows that forgiveness is a cornerstone of Jesus' Kingdom. Children of this age can be deeply hurt by teasing. Ask your child to share Mari's story with you, and discuss whether your child would be able to forgive those who tease him or her as Mari did. Invite your child to tell you the Gospel story in his or her own words. Talk about ways your family can show forgiveness to one another.

### SOLUTIONS:

1-b; 2-a; 3-b; 4-a; 5-a; 6-a; 7-b; 8-b; 9-b; 10-a; 11-a; 12-a; 13-b; 14-a; 15-a The Answer: A season of hope for deliverance from sin and darkness through the birth of Jesus

**Venture** (Grades 4-6): This week's lesson focuses on forgiveness. Ask your young person to tell you how we can recognize the need for forgiveness, and how we know that forgiveness has been given. Remind one another of the ways you ask for forgiveness every time you go to Mass. Discuss times when you needed both words and actions to show sorrow or forgiveness within your family. Encourage your young person to tell you what he or she has learned about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Make plans as a family to receive this Sacrament during Advent.

**Visions** (Grades 7-9): In class this week, your young person explored the human experience of suffering and forgiveness. Ask your youngster to share with the family what he or she learned about suffering and forgiveness in the world. Talk about how Jesus showed what kind of a king he is when he forgave the thief on the cross. Talk together about how easy or how hard it is for each of you to show love and forgiveness.

### Pray Together

Every family experiences the need for forgiveness. Spend a few moments together sharing things for which each member of the family is sorry. Then ask God for forgiveness and ask one another for forgiveness as well. In your family prayer, remember all those who suffer injustice throughout the world. End by praying the Our Father together.

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## Cash Cards for Christmas Giving

There is a cash card for everyone on your Christmas gift list! The office has a list of cards available that we do not normally keep in stock. We would be happy to give you a copy or email it to you. You may order cards anytime, and they will be in within a week. In order to have your cards by Christmas, we will need to have your orders in no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> so that we will have them at the office by the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.

## St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

In light of our coming celebration of Thanksgiving, here is some often neglected information in the recounting of that first celebration that is relevant to the pursuit of racial justice.

The immigrant Pilgrims of Plymouth that first Thanksgiving Day were celebrating their survival and first successful Fall harvest which had been accomplished with significant assistance from the native Wampanoag people, who had supplied food to eat, seed to plant, and instruction on local farming practices. The Plymouth settlement itself had been established on the site of an abandoned Wampanoag village, Patuxet, with ready made cleared fields, paths etc., the result of the "Great Dying" five years before the Pilgrims' arrival in which 90% of the Wampanoag had succumbed to the smallpox that had arrived with contact with previous English traders. The English viewed this as a blessing from God, clearing the way for them to take possession of lands in the New World from heathen "savages."

The Pilgrims had also been blessed with a Wampanoag translator and guide, Squanto, who was fluent in English - ironically the result of having been abducted as a child from Patuxet by an English trader, and subsequently enslaved in England, and then having found his way back years later.

On that first Thanksgiving, according to one contemporary Pilgrim diary account, there were in attendance 53 survivors of the original 102 men, women and children who had set sail from Europe, and some 90 Wampanoag. Most artistic representations of the event depict only a handful of Wampanoag present. The first Thanksgiving was a "big table" with food provided by both immigrant and native.

Unfortunately new immigrants to these shores, having previously self-identified by their countries of origin, soon began to identify themselves not as English, French etc., but as "European" or "white" vs. "Indian" or "red" with the gratitude owed to Native Americans largely forgotten.

We need to be sure we do not forget as we celebrate at our tables and the Table of the Lord. We are thankful to be called to the table of Christ, to which He invited all he encountered, and continues to do so with and through his disciples.

## Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

It is getting cold outside, and we are making warmer sleeping bags. We are in need of donated **blankets**, and **comforters** (any size). We are also accepting donations of used **sleeping bags**. Items should be clean and in fair condition. Donations can be dropped off at the parish center.

## JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

Canned meats (Vienna sausage, chicken)  
Mac and Cheese  
Tomato Soup (condensed)  
Hearty Soups (not condensed)  
Canned Fruit  
Hearty Soups (not condensed)  
Tomato Soup (condensed)  
Canned Chili  
Rice (small bags)  
Instant mashed potatoes  
Jelly/Peanut Butter  
Crackers  
Boxed Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Cooking oil  
Coffee (Instant and Ground)  
Sugar  
Canned pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc)  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent  
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste  
Deodorant

## Quilting Ministry

We are a group of sewing and non-sewing women (men are welcome, too) who make quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief for global distribution. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the social room at St Peter's Lutheran Church from 10am to noon. If you can tie knots you can help. If you have other sewing skills we have fabric, thread, and directions (the LWR has specific instructions for world distribution) to sew at home if you want to help—or if you have experience with sewing turned bindings that is another at home help. Contact Beth Hammer [hammerbethp@gmail.com](mailto:hammerbethp@gmail.com) or Betty Rini [bettyrini681@gmail.com](mailto:bettyrini681@gmail.com).

## Canned Food Drive

CFF Canned Food Drive: CFF is collecting Canned Food for Shepherdstown Shares. Canned food can be dropped off at the parish center, brought to the Youth Centered Mass, brought to class on November 20th, or brought to the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 4 PM on November 20 at St Agnes. Let's help provide food for the hungry.

## 2nd Friday Prayer Group

A list has begun for the 2nd Friday in December. Please contact Judy (see below) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add or to join the group. Please contact Judy: 301-432-2276, [jslilga8@gmail.com](mailto:jslilga8@gmail.com).

## Amazon Smile

If you are an Amazon shopper, you can start using AmazonSmile to help St. Agnes if you haven't already. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. The only thing you have to do is set St. Agnes as your charity of choice and then start using <https://smile.amazon.com> when you shop.

You can learn more about Amazon Smile and how to sign up on the St Agnes Website under the "Giving" tab.

## 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).

## Trinity Episcopal Church Christmas Cookie Walk & Handmade Craft Market

Trinity Episcopal Church (corner of Church and German Sts) will host their 11th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk & Handmade Craft Market on Saturday, Dec 3, 10am-4pm. They will have Bill Simmons' award winning BBQ, delicious homemade soups, and dozens of cookies baked with love. There will also be A Living Nativity at 1pm, 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm. Proceeds to benefit Trinity Youth.

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$7,369
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,660
<b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$9,029</b>
<b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$11,500</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ -\$2,471</b>

<b>Tithe to help those in need</b>	<b>\$737</b>
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

## Sacred Art in Action

### Free Demonstrations

St Agnes Parish Center

### "Foundations of Orthodox Iconography Techniques"

November 30th - Wednesday - 3pm to 5pm  
Iconographer and Instructor - Tatiana Gubenko

Space is limited

email confirmation to [tagubenko@yahoo.com](mailto:tagubenko@yahoo.com)

Or call 571-426-0319

## The Month of November at St Agnes

The Book of the Dead is placed at the baptismal font, and all are invited to write the names of family and friends who have died in this book (This is for names not entered in previous years. Please do not enter names a second time, if you placed a name in the book in the past, it remains and will be included in our prayer throughout this month.). Our community will then remember and pray for these faithful departed by reading their names during the intercessions each Sunday in November.

The community is also invited to bring pictures and mementos of deceased family and friends to place at the font.

## Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet on Mondays at noon, with the exception of holidays. All are welcome! The Zoom link is on the website events calendar.

## Haiti Coffee Available!

We have freshly roasted Haiti coffee, both whole bean and ground, available for purchase in the office. \$3 from each bag is tax deductible.

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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### SMA Christmas Caroling

Do you like singing Christmas Carols? The Shepherdstown Ministerial Association is organizing a group from various denominations to sing Christmas carols in downtown Shepherdstown between 2-4 pm on Saturday December 3, 10, and 17. This will be followed by a small fellowship for the singers at one of the downtown churches.

If you are interested....

You don't have to be a member of a choir to participate, you just have to enjoy singing carols. You don't have to commit to every date, but you could if you really like to sing carols. The carols will be old church favorites. If you have more questions or want to volunteer send an email to [shepherdstownministerialassoc@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdstownministerialassoc@gmail.com).

### St Leo's Fish Fry Fridays

Fried fish or shrimp dinner with French fries or sweet potato fries, coleslaw, and roll for \$15; combo dinner for \$20. First Friday of each month, beginning September 2nd. Dine in or carry out. Call ahead-304-279-8770. Open 12:00pm-6:00pm. 2109 Sulfur Springs Rd, Inwood WV.

### 2022 Lessons & Carols Christmas Concert

Ready your heart for Christmas, 2022 by joining us for the 2022 Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. You are invited to join the Catholic Parishes of South Washington County as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Church. Please consider coming to this evening that will be filled with guided reflections, carols, and joy-filled hearts as we prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas. We invite you to come and bring a donation of non-perishable food items for our local food pantries. For additional information, or questions, please contact Matthew Richardson at 717-903-6844.

### St Leo's Is Hiring

St. Leo is seeking a **part time Music Director** for our parish. Candidate must be available for regular parish weekend Masses (Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am), solemnities, and other special liturgical celebrations, which include but are not limited to Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Weddings, Funerals, Christmas, Triduum, Easter etc. Weekday hours are flexible.

Responsibilities: serving as principal organist; selecting music repertoire for liturgies and collaborating with the Pastor, the Deacon and the Liturgy Committee in selecting music for the liturgical seasons; leading regular practice sessions with the choir and cantors and working with the choir and cantors to promote a singing assembly.

Requirements: Applicant must be a proficient piano and organ player; playing the organ is not technically required but would be a plus. Applicant expected to be able to lead the choir in choral conducting as well as sing solo (when needed); possess knowledge of a variety of Catholic liturgical music (classical, traditional and contemporary) and be willing to incorporate all these musical genres in liturgy.

Resume submissions with references should be directed to Lisa Feeley, Secretary, St. Leo Catholic Church, PO Box 93, Inwood, WV 25428. You may also email your resume to [secretary@stleo.com](mailto:secretary@stleo.com). Any questions, please call the parish office at 304-229-8945.

St. Leo is seeking a **full time custodian/maintenance person/groundskeeper**.

Responsibilities include: caring and maintaining the grounds on the church property, including the cemetery; routine and preventative maintenance in the church buildings, which includes the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and kitchen, CCD wing, as well as the rectory; setting up and breaking down the Fellowship Hall for various events; maintaining church equipment, including the property vehicles and mowers; maintaining and monitoring the security system and alarm system for the church; coordinating with staff and volunteers, as well as contractors, to help with various duties.

Individual should be available on call for snow removal and maintenance and security emergencies. Electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and/or handyman experience a plus. Please send references and resume to: Lisa Feeley, St. Leo Catholic Church, P.O. Box 93, Inwood, WV 25428. You may also email resume and references to [secretary@stleo.com](mailto:secretary@stleo.com).

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