

# 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**

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 12noon

**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:30pm

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

**Cash Card Sales:** After all weekend Masses and week-days during office hours (please call first)

Sat, Nov 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am, Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!</li> <li>Social Concerns Weekend</li> </ul>
Sun, Nov 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Concerns Sunday <b>8am Mass</b></li> <li><b>No RCIA</b></li> <li><b>No CFF</b></li> <li><b>Confirmation 10:30am Mass</b></li> <li>Perpetual Memorial Mass 10:30am</li> <li>Campus Mass 6:30pm (chapel)</li> </ul>
Mon, Nov 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Vincent de Paul Advisory Board Meeting 6pm</li> </ul>
Tues, Nov 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election Day</li> <li><b>No CFF</b></li> </ul>
Wed, Nov 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AA 7pm</li> </ul>
Thurs, Nov 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm (Parish Center)</li> </ul>
Fri, Nov 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer Group 11am</li> </ul>
Sat, Nov 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wedding of Phillip Thomas &amp; Stephne Boucher 2pm</li> <li>Health Screening after all Masses</li> <li>CRS Christmas Sale after all Masses</li> </ul>
Sun, Nov 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Veteran's Day</b></li> <li>RCIA 9am (chapel)</li> <li><b>No CFF</b></li> <li>Social Concerns Sunday <b>10:30am Mass</b></li> <li>CRS Christmas Sale after all Masses</li> <li><b>Flu Shot Clinic</b> after 10:30am Mass (bring your insurance card!)</li> <li>Youth prepare Homeless Meal 11:30am</li> <li>Campus Mass 6:30pm (chapel)</li> </ul>
Mon, Nov 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Veteran's Day Observed</b></li> </ul>
Tues, Nov 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No CFF</b></li> <li>KOC Business Meeting 7:30pm</li> </ul>

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Ed Dashiell, Laura Brown (daughter of Marie Snowden), Anneke Levelt Sengers, and Barbara McDonald. Names are placed in the bulletin for approximately one month and then placed on the sick list near the baptismal font.

Together we pray as a community for all who are listed in the prayer book in addition to those listed above. Your personal prayer requests may be added to the prayer book at any time.

## How Catholics Read the Bible

Have you ever wondered how Catholics read the Bible? Do we accept evolution or follow the Creation stories as fact? (Catholics accept evolution), etc.

This three part short course will look at how Catholics read the Bible. We learn the history of the Bible, what techniques are used by scripture scholars to get "behind" the texts, etc.

This course will be offered at two times per week:

Week 1: Monday Nov 5: 2-4 pm

OR

Thursday Nov 8: 7-9 pm

Week 2: Monday Nov 12: 2-4 pm

OR

Thursday Nov 15: 7-9 pm

Week 3: Monday Nov 19: 2-4pm

OR

Thursday Nov 29: 7-9 pm

If you are interested in attending please contact Rodica at [aff@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:aff@stagnesshepherdstown.org)

## Docent Training

Love our worship space? Want to learn more about why it's built the way it is? Would you like to learn the how and why? Consider becoming a Church docent— learn all about our worship space and share that knowledge with others. If interested send an email to [aff@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:aff@stagnesshepherdstown.org) or call the Parish office.

## Flu Shot Clinic

Our parish nurses are happy to announce that in partnership with the Shepherdstown Pharmacy (the Knott family), St Agnes will be hosting a **flu shot clinic** immediately **following 10:30am Mass on Sunday, September 11, 2018**. You will need to bring your **insurance card** with you. Our nurses encourage you to take advantage of this golden opportunity to help you to

**STAY HEALTHY!**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This Sunday during the 10:30 Mass, we are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with 37 young people and 5 adults. As a parish community we share the gift of the Holy Spirit, inviting these individuals to enter and live the life of Christ. The Holy Spirit is that very presence of God that Jesus shared with his disciples that they might fully embrace the teachings of the gospel. Our prayer, our fervent hope, is that those celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation might be open and willing to let their hearts be touched by the Holy Spirit. May this new generation truly make a difference in our world that is so much in need of Christ.

The spirit of God  
is a life that bestows life,  
root of the world tree  
and wind in its boughs.  
Scrubbing out sins,  
she rubs oil into wounds.

She is glistening life,  
alluring all praise.  
all-awakening,  
all-resurrecting.

(Hildegard Bingen,  
12th Century abbess and mystic)

Fr. Mat

## Sexual Abuse Support Group

Survivors of sexual abuse and their loved ones can feel isolated and lonely due to the sensitive nature of their experiences. A support group can foster a sense of belonging and community by offering a safe and confidential space to share thoughts and feelings with others who have endured a similar tragedy. A support group is being offered for those at St. Agnes who have been impacted by sexual abuse (survivors and loved ones of survivors). This is an open group to share as you are willing and to listen to others.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11/13 at 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Helen Clare Grizzle by telephone at (304) 582-4273 or Nicole Sarampote by email at nsarampote@gmail.com.

Excerpt from...

“Simple Acts to Save Our Planet”



By Michelle Neff

Don't pre-rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. Use decent detergent and your dishes will be just as clean while using less water!



On a chilly fall morning, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we gathered to remember 70 years of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** (UDHR). A numbing sadness hung heavily onto the chill: our Jewish sisters and brothers in Pittsburg had just suffered a violent attack inside their holy sanctuary.

In mournful solidarity, we recounted the ways that decades of struggle for human rights must continuously lift us above the dark side of fear, anger and destruction. Again, and again, they appeal to the soul of humanity; they are supra-tribal, supra-nationalistic; they hold up a mirror to ourselves -- **all ourselves**, forever stretching towards dignity, mutual respect and eco-responsibility.

**Christopher Wilson** (Shepherd University) discussed news reports about the "caravan" that has formed about 1500 miles south of the US border, in light of the UDHR articles guaranteeing the "right to seek asylum" and the "right to nationality," as well as the recent shooting in the place of worship in Pittsburgh.

Then, **James Pate** (Shepherd University) discussed the articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as they related to FDR's Four Freedoms Speech from 1941.

Throughout the conversation, which remembered the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of M. Gandhi's birth and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of N. Mandela's birth, we were aware of how wholeheartedly we reaffirmed the prayer of R. Tagore, so meaningfully read by Fr Mat at the close of the meeting: " . . . **Where words come out from the depth of truth, where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection . . . into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.**"

*(Catherine Halvey Goodwin, for the organizing committee)*

## Book Discussion

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### Special Guest on November 16, 2018

On November 16, Professor Sally Brasher from Shepherd University will join us to discuss her article, Catherine of Sienna (1347 – 1380): Political Persuasion and Party Leadership of the Intellective Mystic which appeared in the volume, *Women, Religion and Leadership: Female Saints as Unexpected Leaders* edited by Barbara Jones Denison. This is the first time we will have the pleasure of discussing an article with its author. For an electronic copy, please contact Eileen Dooley at

dooleywoods@comcast.net.

## The Month of November: A Time of Remembrance and Commemoration

The month of November is a time given over, in Catholic tradition, to remembrance of those who have died. Beginning with the Feast of All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by the Feast of All Souls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we mark this time liturgically through celebration and commemoration. The heart of these feasts, like the heart of all celebrations in the Church, is centered on the life, death and resurrection of Christ, a mystery in which we share through our baptism.

### The Feast of All Saints:

This feast finds its start historically in 7<sup>th</sup> century Rome when Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel to Christ, Mary, the Apostles, Martyrs and Confessors, a dedication that occurred on Nov 1. This theme and the date associated with it, spread as a feast throughout Europe during the Middle Ages and helped to establish November as a special time to reflect on the Communion of Saints.

We are one Church that includes those who have gone before, those here now and those who are yet to come. All time is one in God. This feast celebrates the communion of saints whose way of life is an example for us to follow and a reminder of the commitment we made in our baptism to live the life of Christ. We seek to follow the example they set and as we are all one communion in Christ, we ask their help and intercession in our own lives.

(Want to know more about the Saints? Check out our Facebook page and website, and watch the bulletin through the month of November for this and other topics)

### The Feast of All Souls:

This feast, celebrated on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, commemorates those who have gone before us, and it is intimately linked to the Feast of All Saints that precedes it. The roots of this feast are found in the early Christian customs surrounding those who had died. These early customs included the celebration of the anniversary of death with a Eucharistic liturgy. The key word here is "celebration." This is a joyful celebration for the Christian understanding of death is seen through the lens of Jesus' death and resurrection! Our celebration is hope-filled for our hope, and the hope of all those who follow Christ is that even as we share in a death like Christ, we will share in a resurrection like Christ. Death is not the end and this feast marks our faith in this hope-filled future.

### The Objects That Mark the Month

**During the month of November we mark this focus on hope in the life to come in a number of ways.** First, the Book of the Dead is placed at the baptismal font. We are all invited to write the names of family and friends who have died in this book. As a community we then remember and pray for the faithful departed in a special way every Sunday by reading their names during the intercessions.

Second, not only is the Book of the Dead placed at the font but the community is invited to place pictures and mementos of deceased family and friends at the font. We are one community of the living and the dead, and by seeing their faces and sharing in their memory that community is made all the stronger. You are invited to bring photos and mementos to leave beside the font throughout the month of November.

Third, our focus is on the font! This is where the Book of the Dead is placed. This is where we put pictures and mementos of the deceased. The font is a place of life and death. In its waters we die to our old selves and rise to a new life in Christ. We come to the font to mark new life in Christ by baptizing both infants and adults in its waters. We also come to the font to mark the end of life or the transition from one life to the next. During our funeral rites we receive the body of the deceased at the font. We spread a white cloth (a pall) over the casket as a reminder of the white garment given to us at our baptism. Through its' waters we enter into the communion of the Body of Christ, past, present and future. Here we share in Christ's death and resurrection, here we share in our hope for a future with Christ and the Saints. The same water we bless ourselves with every Sunday reminds us of the meanings of our baptism, is the same water sprinkled over a casket, is the same water besides which we share the names of our dead, share their pictures and their stories. We are all one communion in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Want to know more about the Christian understanding of death? Want to know more about Christian funerals? Watch our Facebook page and Website throughout the month of November as well as the bulletin for more information and resources)



COMING VERY SOON!  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
CRS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SALE

WEEKENDS OF NOV. 10,11 and 17,18  
GIFTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

What better way to buy unique handmade gifts, benefit artisans in the developing world and CRS & SERRV, enable St. Agnes Social Concerns to donate funds to international groups we support, and get free shipping!

You don't have to wait another week to shop. There are catalogs at the Parish Office with Order Forms or you can go online to shop. But if you go online, remember – Don't order online. Please write down your item names and item numbers and price and fill out one of our order forms. You will then get *free shipping* and we will get 20% of the proceeds!

*We don't accept credit cards – cash or checks only.*

November Social Concerns Weekends

Note the Change

Nov. 3, 4 & 11

We'll conduct our usual Social Concerns Weekend on Nov. 3 and 4 after the 5:30 and 8 am Masses. Since Confirmation will be at the 10:30 Mass, we'll postpone our Social Concerns activities after the 10:30 Mass until Nov. 11.

During our October Social Concerns weekend we sold 12 bags of Haitian coffee and received \$45 in donations for feminine hygiene products for homeless women and \$213 in donations toward feeding the homeless. On average we distribute \$375 a month in cash cards to our chefs who prepare dinners for the homeless. So far in October we have served 65 people but 100 servings (many asked for seconds). This for some is the only meal of the day.

We could really use some volunteers to help with set-up and serving meals. If you can drive to Charles Town once a month on the first, or fourth Wednesday evening and spend about 1½ hours helping between 5:30 and 7 pm, please contact Dan VanBelleghem, [dvanbell@citlink.net](mailto:dvanbell@citlink.net) Thanks for your generosity and ongoing support!

Coats for Kids

This time of the year St. Agnes KOC solicit donations for our Coats for Kids Campaign. We are asking the parish and community to donate whatever they can towards the purchase of these coats. A case contains 12 winter coats which cost \$220.00 per case. All coats purchased will be distributed locally to elementary schools in the Jefferson County (Shepherdstown, Kearneysville) area. Your donation is tax deductible. Cash or check in any denomination (made out to St. Agnes KOC) can be mailed to St. Agnes or Bob Rizzo (PO Box 1143, Shepherdstown, WV 25443). Last year we gave six cases to schools. We hope to surpass this number with your help!

*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:

Jim Groff

by Bill & Sheila Hennessy  
and Jane Edwards

Joe Talago

by Eileen Dooley & Denis Woods

Dorothy "Dot" Webb

by Jane Edwards,  
Judy Lilga,  
and Marie Snowden

Stephen Kristofco

by Paul & Eileen Elliott

Kolofata Scholarship Fund  
More Info

If you missed last week's bulletin announcement about Joe Talago's legacy, **the Kolofata Scholarship Fund**, which provides high school educations for poor girls in Kolofata, Cameroon, check out our parish website [www.stagnesshepherdstown.org](http://www.stagnesshepherdstown.org).

To learn more about Kolofata, Cameroon read ***Life and Death in Kolofata: An American Doctor in Africa*** by Ellen Einterz, Indiana University Press. Four Seasons Bookstore has copies and if you mention St. Agnes you'll receive a 15% discount. A copy of the book is available for loan at the parish office. Please sign the book out if you borrow it.

One hundred percent (100%) of contributions is used for the educational expenses of the girls.

If you want more information or have questions, please contact Eileen Dooley, 304 876-3320, [dooleywoods@comcast.net](mailto:dooleywoods@comcast.net).

## Tithing Report for September and October

Bereavement Fund	\$150
Good Samaritan Free Clinic	\$500
GSIVC (Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers)	\$500
Jefferson County Community Ministries	\$500
Local Assistance	\$411
Saint Joseph School	\$2,000
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$600
Shepherdstown Day Care Center	\$750
Social Concerns Committee	\$350
Diocesan Collection – Diocesan Scholarship Association	\$500
Diocesan Collection – Catholic University	\$500
Diocesan Collection - Universal Mission	\$500

## Volunteer Opportunity

Consider preparing free tax returns in your community. You'll receive specialized training from an IRS certified VITA\TCE volunteer who will ensure you are more than ready for tax season. Training opportunities begin in December. The tax season runs from February to mid-April. Volunteer roles include being a greeter, translator, reviewer, or tax preparer. Volunteers are needed for daytime, evening and weekend hours. Contact Kate Didden at 304 262-1584 or email [kdidden@mthtwv.org](mailto:kdidden@mthtwv.org).

## Eastern Panhandle Catholic Young Adults

The Eastern Panhandle Catholic Young Adults is a group of people in their 20's and 30's (including college aged) who are looking for a community of friendship joined by a love for Jesus Christ.

Through December 2018, weekly fellowship groups for men and women are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. There are social gatherings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. More events outside of these times are regularly being scheduled. We would love for you to join us!

To stay updated on events and get connected, visit [epcatholics.com](http://epcatholics.com) and find us on Facebook!

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$7,044
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$550
<b>Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$7,594</b>
<b>Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ -\$4,906</b>

<b>Tithe to help those in need</b>	<b>\$704</b>
<small>(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)</small>	

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

Offertory Collections	\$389,150
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$70,728
<b>Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$459,878</b>
<b>Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$537,500</b>
<b>Total Collection Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ -\$77,622</b>

<b>Tithe to help those in need</b>	<b>\$38,915</b>
<small>(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)</small>	

## Weekly Bingo at St. Leo

Please join us on Tuesday evenings for bingo at St. Leo! Doors open at 5pm; games begin at 6:45pm. Cost to play bingo is \$28. We also have door prizes, tip jar games, and delicious food for sale from our kitchen. Come try your luck at St. Leo bingo!

## CASH CARD CORNER getting cash back for St. Agnes!

**Fall is upon us! We have cash cards for all of your autumn needs, fun & games or sweat & toil!**



\$267.25 Earned from Last Week's Sales  
**\$4,650.00 in Sales**  
29 Participating Families

We offer in stock cards 7 days a week and can special order cards for 300+ merchants for quick delivery! Cards are sold after all Masses and in the Parish Office Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

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If the suspect maltreatment is outside WV, you can get information about reporting in other states through the

Childhelp National Abuse Hotline. This agency is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with professional crisis counselors who have access to a database of 55,000 emergency, social service, and support resources. Again, all calls are anonymous. Contact them at 1.800.4.A.CHILD (1.800.422.4453). The Childhelp line counselors can also answer your questions about legal protection for people who report maltreatment, and mandatory reporting laws in each state.

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