

# 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**

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56

# Holy Week

## Monday, April 15

12noon Mass

## Tuesday, April 16

4:00pm Chrism Mass in Wheeling

## Wednesday, April 17

12noon Mass

## Holy Thursday, April 18

7:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

(all those present will be invited to participate and have their feet washed)

10:00pm Night Prayer –Church open for quiet prayer & reflection until 11pm

## Good Friday, April 19

9:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Liturgy of the Passion

and Death of the Lord

## Holy Saturday, April 20

9:00am Morning Prayer

NO Reconciliation or 5:30pm Mass

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Reception following Mass

## Easter Sunday, April 21

8:00am Easter Morning Mass

10:15am Children's Program before Mass

10:30am Easter Morning Mass

—arrive by 10:15am

11:45am Easter Egg Hunt

In your kindness, please pray for Betty Ergler, grandmother of Stephanie Cline, who died this past week. May Betty share in the mercy of God's love and peace.

 This weekend we are celebrating the baptism of Matteo Christoval Garcia, the new son of Chris and Heather Garcia. May the Lord bless Matteo as he begins his life in the Church.



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, 8:00pm Mass for  
**William A. & Patricia A. Thomas**



Sunday, 8:00am Mass for  
**Winfried Oxfort**

May William, Patricia, and Winfried share in the fullness 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 Don Barth, Ann Marie Huebshman, Noel LaFear Ward, Dolores Moriarty, Gary Budd, Mary Ippolito (cousin of Cathy Lauri), Pat Lauri (cousin of Cathy Lauri), Rick Coulter (friend of Cathy Lauri), Roland Bergman, Sally Z. (dear friend of Lizzie Lowe), Roy Shilling, Jennifer Wood, Hannah Seaman, Nadine Buckle (friend of Patricia Perry), Regenia Carder, Michael Reilly (friend of Frank Bielicki), and Logan Christie (friend of Frank Bielicki). 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.

Sat, Apr 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Screening after all Masses</li> </ul>
Sun, Apr 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm/Passion Sunday</li> <li>• Health Screening after all Masses</li> <li>• CFF (K-8) 9:15am</li> <li>• First Eucharist Prep 9:15am</li> <li>• Matteo Christoval Garcia Baptism</li> </ul>
Mon, Apr 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFF: From the Jesus of Faith to the Christ of History 2pm</li> </ul>
Tues, Apr 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFF (4-8) 6:15pm</li> </ul>
Wed, Apr 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AA 7pm</li> </ul>
Thurs, Apr 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Holy Week Schedule</li> </ul>
Fri, Apr 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Holy Week Schedule</li> <li>• Book Discussion 10:30am</li> </ul>
Sat, Apr 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Holy Week Schedule</li> <li>• Maleia Shaylen Walton Baptism 10:30am</li> </ul>
Sun, Apr 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Sunday See Holy Week Schedule</li> </ul>
Mon, Apr 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earth Day</li> </ul>
Tues, Apr 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No CFF</li> </ul>

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What is the difference between a horse and a colt, between a steed and a donkey? One can be graceful and beautiful, the other is simple and maybe considered dumb. One is a symbol of strength and power, so often ridden by great warriors. The other is a beast of burden, a humble work animal. Solomon rode to his anointing as king, feeling under himself the gentle plodding of a donkey. Such a ride reminded him that his main work was the defense of the poor and disadvantaged, not the search for power and war, but rather the working of peace .

We begin this Holy Week with Jesus entering into Jerusalem on a donkey. In humility and peace, Jesus is ready to empty himself in service to others, even unto his death for you and me. In Luke's gospel account there are no palm branches waving about or thrown down on the ground. Rather the people place their very cloaks beneath the feet of the colt. These folks, praising and acclaiming Jesus, were people of low status, the poor, the *healed* outsiders, the *forgiven* sinners, those who did not have much. What they did have was the *dignity or health* that Jesus had given them. For this they were willing to give away even their precious clothes to make a royal carpet for the king.

I would suggest that we are called to enter Holy Week with humility, following the example of Jesus. There are lessons from wisdom that can only be learned once we realize there is much that we do not understand. There is something larger than ourselves here, and we will never fully grasp what is happening. Wisdom urges us to be humble as we ponder the mysteries of the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The awareness of our littleness is what opens us to be filled with the gifts of God. Humility is what we hope to encounter as we ponder the events of this most sacred time, the Easter Triduum. I look forward to celebrating with you this week!

*Fr. Mat*

## Memorial Easter Flowers



Parishioners may memorialize our Easter flower decorations. Memorials will be listed in our Easter bulletin. Complete an envelope, found in the narthex on the table or included in your monthly envelope mailing, and place it in the offertory basket by Sunday, April 14.

# EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

**The St. Agnes Easter Vigil is fast approaching  
and we could use your help!**

The St. Agnes Social Activities Committee will be hosting the reception with the help of many other parishioners.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be able to bring a dish (savory or sweet)!

Sign up on our website:

[www.SaintAgnesWV.org/easter-vigil-reception](http://www.SaintAgnesWV.org/easter-vigil-reception)

## Easter Egg Hunt

All children, ages 2-10 are invited to join us at 11:45am (immediately after 10:30am Mass) on Easter Sunday, April 21. We will gather outside the church and go on a search for 300+ eggs!  
BYOB: Bring Your Own Basket!



## St Agnes Scholarships

St. Agnes announces the 2019 annual Scholarship Award! Active, participating members of St. Agnes who are graduating high school in 2019 are encouraged to apply for a scholarship to assist in furthering their education. It may be used for any institute of higher learning or trade school. Applications are available in the Narthex, can be emailed, or may be picked up in the office by interested applicants. **Deadline for application submission to the office will be April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## Annual Lamb Walk

First Eucharist Family Field Trip  
Sunday, April 28th from 12:15 to 3pm

Hosts: Jerry Cooperman and Kathryn Murphy

Please have your entire family join us for a potluck style lunch and tour of the Farm. We will be going on a lamb walk! The main dish (Hot Dogs and Hamburgers) will be provided by our host, so bring a side or dessert to share. If your last name begins with A-P, please bring a side dish of your choice to share and P-Z, please bring a dessert to share. You will have an opportunity to bottle feed baby lambs as well as witness a sheep shearing as we walk about the farm and learn more about Jesus being our Good Shepherd. Please dress casual and plan to bring boots if you have them as well as a blanket or a lawn chair for the lunch. This event is tons of fun!

There is a creek and the kids (and some adults) are prone to play a bit.

## What Do You Know About Passion/Palm Sunday and Holy Week?

### Well, is it Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday?

The short answer is, Yes! It is both. The correct name is Passion Sunday, a name change that occurred after Vatican II. The two names for the day reflect two traditions that existed for the Sunday before Easter. 4<sup>th</sup> Century pilgrims to Jerusalem found the Church there practicing a form of liturgical "historicism." The Jerusalem Church held Holy Week celebrations that focused on the events described in the Gospels on the sites that they believed were the actual locations for those events. Hence, on the Sunday before Easter a triumphal entry into Jerusalem was celebrated with palms and procession.

These same pilgrims, when they traveled back to Europe, brought this practice back home with them. There this practice met an already existing tradition of reading the Passion narrative on this Sunday, a tradition that had nothing to do with palms! Eventually, the palm procession was added to the beginning of the pre-existent Passion liturgy. It is this combined liturgy, called Passion Sunday that was restored with the reforms of Vatican II.

### What is Triduum?

Triduum is composed of the last three days of Holy Week, encompassing the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. In effect these are one liturgy that occurs over the course of three days. Over these three days different facets of the central mystery of Christianity are focused upon and celebrated. And what is that central mystery you ask? It is the Paschal Mystery: the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ, and our lives therein.

### OK, then what is Holy Thursday?

To make a really long story short, on the night of Holy

Thursday the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated. This is the major liturgy of Holy Thursday and it opens the Triduum (signaled by the use of white vestments and the singing of the Gloria). There are three customs associated with this celebration of the Eucharist. A) The washing of the feet, a custom that has its roots in the earliest Christian Church. B) The procession of the sacrament to an altar of repose. This dates to the 7<sup>th</sup> century and is linked to the custom that arises at that time, of receiving Eucharist on Good Friday (up until the 7<sup>th</sup> century a Eucharistic fast was maintained on Good Friday). C) The stripping of the altar.

### So, then what is Good Friday all about?

The liturgy of Good Friday focuses on the Liturgy of the Word (especially the Passion), Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The elements of the Good Friday liturgy of the word reflect the earliest elements of the Roman rite including a silent procession, the readings and the ancient Roman prayers of intercession. How great is the power of Merciful Love, which, we await until Christ has put all his enemies under his feet, completely overcoming sin and destroying death as his last enemy! The kingdom of Christ is tension towards the definitive victory of Merciful Love, towards the eschatological fullness of good and grace, of salvation and life. This fullness has its visible beginning on earth in the cross and the resurrection. The Crucified and Risen Christ is the utter revelation of Merciful Love, He is King of our hearts- *Pope St. John Paul II, homily during Holy Mass at the Sanctuary of Merciful Love, Nov 22, 1981*

On this Palm Sunday, let us reflect on that Merciful Love that offered himself up for us. How can we bring this same mercy to those in our lives that need mercy?

## Bereavement Brunch

The Quarterly Bereavement Brunch will be held on Saturday, April 27 at the parish hall, 10:00am- 12Noon.

Larry Crawley-Woods will join us again to help us with our mourning and grief. All who have lost a loved one recently or not-so-recently are welcome.

For more information: Dan VanBelleghem, 304-876-9473.

Excerpt from...

### "Simple Acts to Save Our Planet"



By Michelle Neff

Use an electric lawn mower. Simply switching from a gas-powered mower to an electric one will reduce your dependency on gas and cut down on harmful emissions, and you'll be able to get the job done just as effectively.

## Columbarium Garden

### Spring Memorial Wall Engraving Opportunity

If you are interested in having the name(s) of a loved one(s) engraved on the Columbarium Memorial Wall, forms are available by contacting the parish office at [office@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:office@stagnesshepherdstown.org) or calling 304/876-6436. The cost for engraving is \$500. The average number of letters and spaces allowed on a line is 25. We hope to have the engraving done in May or June so please contact the office as early as possible.

## Save the Date

The Shepherd University Men's Choir will perform at St. Agnes in the church on Sunday, April 28, at 3pm. And our Social Activities Committee will be providing refreshments. This concert is free and open to the public; however, donations towards St Agnes Church will be graciously accepted. Mark your calendar and join us for what promises to be a memorable performance!

## April Social Concerns Sunday Update

Thanks to all who bought Haiti coffee and who donated to feminine hygiene products and homeless dinners. On April 3 our chefs served 30 people and provided an additional 15 carry out meals. Unfortunately, donations for feeding the homeless were down (\$169). That's enough to cover cash cards for our chefs for one week and \$44 toward a 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Chefs will be serving meals three weeks this month – but next month there are 5 Wednesdays so our chefs will be serving 4 Wednesdays. New Destiny Church serves the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month. We're giving \$375 in cash cards this month and \$500 next month to our chefs. You can give donations any time but if you give something in the collection basket please indicate that it is for Homeless Dinners.

Since First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 5 at the 10:30 Mass we'll observe Social Concerns Weekend the first weekend of the month at the 5:30 Saturday Mass and the 8 am Sunday Mass, but won't observe Social Concerns Weekend until May 12 (Mother's Day) at the 10:30 Mass.

### Book Discussion

Eileen Dooley: 304-876-3320  
dooleywoods@comcast.net

On April 19 we'll read *God Isn't Finished With Me Yet: Discovering the Spiritual Graces of Later Life* by Barbara Lee.

The May 17 selection is *What Do You Seek? The Questions of Jesus as Challenge and Promise* by Michael Buckley, SJ.

If published by then, we'll read *Thea Bowman: Faithful and Free* by Maurice J. Nutt CSsR on June 21.

You are invited to join us for all or any of the discussions. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 10:30 in the Parish Center.

## No Shoes on Holy Thursday!



Wear your sandals, and we will wash one another's feet!

## KOC Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

The weekend of April 27/28, our St. Agnes Council of the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after each Mass. This has been an annual event for more than 10 years, and, thanks to the generosity of the community, they have collected more than \$14,000. These funds have been distributed to Jefferson County Schools for their Autism Programs.

## Laudate Sí

**As a community surrounded by the Blue Ridge mountains and inspired by the unique beauty of our *Common Home*, we can summarize a set of values -- according to renowned environmentalist Wendell Berry, that lead towards greater eco-responsibility. The summary further echoes the spirit of *Laudate Sí*.**

1. An elated, loving interest in the use and care of the land.
2. An informed and conscientious submission to nature.
3. The wish to have and to belong to a place of one's own, as the only secure source of sustenance and independence.
4. A persuasion in favor of economic democracy; a preference for enough over too much.
5. Fear and contempt of waste of every kind, and its ultimate consequence in land exhaustion.
6. A preference for saving rather than spending.
7. An assumption of the need for a subsistence or household economy.
8. An acknowledged need for neighbors, and a willingness to be a good neighbor.
9. A living sense of the need for continuity of family and community life.
10. Respect for work, and (as self-respect) for good work.
11. A lively suspicion of anything new, contradicting the ethos of consumerism and the cult of celebrity.

**"For Love of Place: Reflections of an Agrarian Sage"**  
(Wendell Berry, December 2018)

## Save the Date!

On April 28, 2019, Kim Lamberty, founding director of JUST HAITI will speak after the 10:30 Mass about this project, how it benefits the farmers directly, and the economic situation the farmers have faced over the past few years.

## Mother's Day Gift Bag Project

You're invited to help us bring joy to local women this Mother's Day; we'll be stuffing 60+ gift bags on Tuesday, May 7th at 10am in the Parish Center, to go to women at 2 area homeless shelters and for a teen mother support group "Young Lives" in Martinsburg. If you'd like to help, please come that morning to help us stuff gift bags; donations for the gift bags will be accepted at the Parish Center anytime before the event and at the event. Suggested items include: mini toiletries, hand sanitizers, full size shampoos and conditioners, baby wipes, journals, pens, puzzle books, hair ties, socks, mini chocolates and snacks, gum, etc.

For more info, contact parishioner Michelle Kwiatkowski at 414-324-0906.

## Adopt a Plant Day

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Before/after all Masses

Spring has finally sprung! Ranson Gardens will be back with their annual 'Adopt a Plant Day' at St. Agnes. This year we'll have a wide variety of seedlings, including herbs, tomatoes, and more. Plants will be available before and after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses. Plants are free but donations are encouraged and welcome.

## Catholic Daughters

**You Can Support St. Joseph's School** by buying a raffle ticket for two meals for the Epic Buffet at the Hollywood Casino in Charles Town. CDA Court Martinsburg 392 will be selling raffle tickets April 13-May 5. The tickets cost \$5.00 for three chances to win two Epic Buffet meals. The face value of the two buffet meals is \$100. Winning tickets will be drawn after the 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday, May 5, just in time for Mother's Day, and you don't have to be present to win. Tickets may also be purchased at St. Joseph's Parish office or from any CDA member. All monies will be donated to St. Joseph's School.



## Mother-Daughter Tea

Hosted by New Street United Methodist Church  
202 New Street, Shepherdstown  
Saturday, May 11, 2019  
12:30-3:30pm  
Cost: \$15 per person

Bring your moms, daughters, and/or friends for an exciting afternoon featuring Women of the Bible. It will be an afternoon filled with power, passion, and purpose! Includes light luncheon, performance, and door prizes, too! Please RSVP (as seating is limited) with your name and number of guests who will be attending along with a check made out to New Street UMC. Send to PO Box 188, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. Please mark TEA in the memo line of your check.

## Discernment Weekend

Have you ever thought about being a priest? Wondered what a priest's life is like? On April 25-27, come out to visit a Catholic seminary, meet the West Virginia seminarians, and discern whether or not our Lord is calling you to be a priest. Contact Mr. Rick Teachout in the Vocations Office at (304) 233-0880, ext. 442 or rteachout@dwc.org.



## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$11,812
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,515
<b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$13,327</b>
<b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↑ +\$1,327</b>

Tithe to help those in need \$1,181  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

## Cash Card Impact

St Agnes recently received a \$2,200 check from the cash card program for the first quarter of 2019. Since its inception in 2007, the cash card program has provided more than \$140,000 to St Agnes. We are beyond grateful to our cash card volunteers and everyone who purchases cash cards. If cash cards have not been on your radar before, please consider giving them a try. As you can see, the numbers support the claim that cash cards make CENTS for St Agnes!

## CASH CARD CORNER

Cash Cards make "Cents" every day!

\$116.40 Earned from Last Week's Sales  
**\$5,070.00 in Sales**  
30 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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