

# S a i n t A g n e s



*“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.”*  
Luke 12:32

*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**

Wisdom 18:6-9  
Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12  
Luke 12:32-48

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday & Friday at 12noon

### Holy Day Masses

Wednesday at 7pm, Thursday at 12noon

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

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

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



## Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8:00am Mass for

**Winfried Oxfort**



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for

**Gertrude Hippchen**

May Winfried and Gertrude 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 Maureen Maidhof, Mary Sue Vaught (sister of Tress Ratledge), John Tamara (son of Tony and Carol Tamara), Jacky Stocking, Brandon & Brittany Humphrey (son & daughter-in-law of Emma Ashford), Anneke Sengers, Susan Cruzan. 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.

## Called to be a Catechist?

St. Agnes is grateful and proud of our catechists. Last year we taught 134 students. This coming 2019-2020 school year, we are in need of 13 catechists. Eight of you have answered God's call and have committed to teaching this coming year. Please remember, we are here for you as partners in teaching your children, and as a community we can continue to make St. Agnes an enriching place to share and grow in our faith and our walk with Jesus. Please call the parish office to learn more about our volunteer teaching, co-teaching, and hall monitoring opportunities. Training is provided. Please plan to join us September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm for dinner/fellowship/prayer/training.

## Happy 90th Dot Davis!

As many probably know, Dot Davis was a faithful St Agnes parishioner until her recent move to North Carolina. Dot will turn 90 on August 28th. For anyone who might like to wish her a happy birthday, her address is 251 Sweetwater Road, Mills River, North Carolina, 28759.

## Holy Day Masses

Please note that there has been a change to our Holy Day Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have Mass on Wednesday, August 14, at 7pm and on Thursday, August 15, at 12N.

Sat, Aug 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Screening after all Masses</li> </ul>
Sun, Aug 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Prepare Meal for the Hungry 11:30am</li> </ul>
Mon, Aug 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVdP Meeting 7pm</li> </ul>
Tues, Aug 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KOC Meeting 7:30pm</li> </ul>
Wed, Aug 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass 7pm</li> <li>Youth Serve Meal for the Hungry 5pm</li> <li>Finance Council 6pm</li> <li>AA 7pm</li> </ul>
Thurs, Aug 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 12noon</li> </ul>
Sat, Aug 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KOC Picnic &amp; Installation of New Officers 11am-5pm</li> <li>CFF Registration after Mass</li> </ul>
Sun, Aug 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CFF Registration after Masses</li> <li>Blessing of the Backpacks</li> </ul>

## School Supplies Project

The School Supplies Project is once again underway! We are teamed with Harpers Ferry Middle School and Wildwood Middle School and asked to provide **50 or more of each of the following items** which we are to deliver to the school the week of August 12-16.

Here's the list. We need 50+:

- Durable backpacks (empty and without water bottles)
- 1 inch, 3 ring binders
- Notebook paper (wide or college ruled)
- Single subject spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders (with prongs and without)
- Composition notebooks
- Boxes of #2 pencils (regular and mechanical)
- Colored Pencils
- Ball point pens
- Tissues

**We need to receive all items by August 12! Is anyone available to help with sorting and delivery? Contact Dan VanBelleghem at 304-876-9473.**

Dear Parishioners,

We are quickly moving toward the end of summer, the beginning of the school year, and the Feast of the Assumption of Mary (August 15). This is a holy day and faithful members of the church are expected to make an effort to come and celebrate Mass. We will have a Wednesday evening Mass at 7pm and a 12 Noon Mass on Thursday. I urge you to make an effort to participate.

One week from Thursday, Bishop Mark E. Brennan will be installed as our new bishop on another feast day, the Queenship of Mary (August 22). This will be a new beginning, perhaps a turning point, for the Catholic Church in West Virginia. I have not met our new bishop but I have heard that he is a pastoral priest/bishop, fluent in the Spanish language, and has already spent many hours getting to know his way around the Chancery and the people serving in the administrative offices of the diocese.

The Roman Catholic Church is a great institution that has a presence all around the world. The church helps us to learn Jesus, learn the gospel that He taught, learn discipleship. Yet, as with any massive institution the church has its flaws and at times failures. The individuals ordained and chosen to lead are human and far from perfect, just like the apostles that Jesus called to walk with Him and continue his ministry following his death and resurrection. The minimum I would say that we can expect from our ordained clergy and bishops is humility and a genuine respect for God's people. We are on this journey of life, this journey of faith together. We help, love, forgive, support, and pray for one another. The church, and especially the ordained, has a great deal to learn in regards to humility. My prayer is that we might learn from our most recent humiliation here in the church of Wheeling-Charleston, that the diocesan leadership might become transparent, that the people of this local church might be trusted with genuine roles of leadership and decision-making. May the Holy Spirit not be limited but set free to work through and with all God's people!

Let us continue to pray for Bishop Mark E. Brennan and for the Church of Wheeling-Charleston. May each of our lives be ever more focused on Christ and growing into genuine discipleship.

*"Lord, our God, you have chosen Bishop Brennan as a successor to the Apostles, to be a shepherd to your flock in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, grant him, we pray, a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may help build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."*

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The Next gathering of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** will be at 9:15 am, Sunday, August 25. On September 8, we will begin our weekly sessions. All those interested in learning about our Catholic faith and discerning the Lord's call, are welcome to participate. Contact me for more information or if you have any questions.

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Last Sunday, I asked that those not involved in any active role in the Sunday Mass, consider the possibility of being hospitality ministers, altar servers, lectors, bread and cup ministers, and for those with the talent to help with the music ministry. I am not aware that any of you are listening or are considering the possibility. Take your time but do give it a thought!

At the moment we are in need of an individual who might co-ordinate the altar servers. Jen Murphy has filled this role for many years but feels she needs to step back. Our older or advanced servers help to form the younger servers. Let me know if you think you can help coordinate this important aspect of Youth Ministry. We will soon have a sign up sheet for our young folks who have an interest in becoming altar servers. Any individuals from 5th grade onward is welcome to serve in this ministry. The sign up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex.

*Fr. Mat*



Look for St. Agnes CFF/Youth on Facebook - This is a closed group for parishioners who are parents of K- HS youth of St. Agnes to find out what activities are happening for their children. We will also share resources to support you in forming your children in the faith.

## New Fall Faith Formation Seminar!

### New Faith Formation Seminar this Fall!

Looking for a way to deepen your faith? The Department of Formation & Mission for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is offering a Faith Formation seminar, "Sacraments", which will meet for 5 consecutive Thursdays from 7:00pm-9:00pm, beginning on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at the St. Agnes Parish Center in Shepherdstown. The seminar is an in-person adaptation of the online seminars that the diocese offers through its partnership with the University of Dayton. This course is an introductory overview of the theology of the sacraments, the public, liturgical prayer of the Church. The Church is never so much the Church as when it is gathered together for liturgy. Jesus Himself is Sacrament, the visible sign of the invisible God. Eucharist is THE sacrament for it contains all that we are, all that the Church is, and all that Jesus says of God. Each of the sacraments will be discussed within the context of its role in the lives of the faithful: initiation into God's life, healing and reconciliation, and service to God's community. Successful completion of this seminar earns you 2.5 CEU's with UD's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) and counts towards diocesan catechist certification requirements. The fee is \$25. Scholarships are available if the cost presents an obstacle.

The seminar will be facilitated by **Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu**, who holds a Masters in Theology from the University of Notre Dame and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from The Catholic University of America.

For more information or to sign up for the course, contact Jeanne McKeets in the Department of Formation & Mission at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) or 304-233-0880, ext. 374. Space is limited, so sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration will close on September 1st.

## Save the Date: Bridges, Not Walls

**Sunday, September 22, at 12noon**

### A Church Perspective on the Intractable Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Based upon his experience working with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the local Church in the Holy Land, and the Vatican, Stephen Colecchi will explore the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict and critique current U.S. Middle East policy.

Stephen Colecchi is the former director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, coordinating overall staff support to the bishops on a full range of international issues. He specializes in concerns related to the Middle East and global issues related to nuclear weapons, war and peace.

Steve holds a B.A. from Holy Cross College, an M.A. from Yale University, and a D. Min. from St. Mary's in Baltimore. He is the author of two books: a Guide to Sharing Catholic Social Teaching and In the Footsteps of Jesus: Resource Manual on Catholic Social Teaching.

## Picture Directory Update



### The Gallagher Family

Are you new to the St. Agnes community?

Has your family changed?

Did you miss our last photography session?

Do you want updated family photographs?

Lifetouch photographers will be at our parish center on Sunday, August 25, from 12noon until 7pm and on Monday, August 26, from 1:30-9pm. Newly photographed families will receive a complimentary 8X10 photograph. After the new photography session, ALL families in the book will be provided new, updated directories! You can sign up for a photography session after Masses or you can sign up for a session online:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yrgmrly/>.

## We Need Your Help!

With our directory update in the works, now is the time to make certain we have correct, up-to-date information for you and yours on file! Please send an email to the office ([office@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:office@stagnesshepherdstown.org)) with any updates on address, phone numbers, or email addresses. Let's not miss this golden opportunity!

## Restricting Directory Information

Our updated directory will include contact information for all of our registered families. This includes the names of family members, mailing address, phone number, and email address. If there is any information that you would prefer we not publish, please send an email to the office with specific instructions.

## ICON Workshop Postponed

The ICON Workshop that was scheduled for October has been postponed. Once a new date has been confirmed, the information will be passed along in the bulletin.

## Social Concerns Update

In this week's bulletin there are two requests for items. We want to clarify that these requests, though similar, are for two different groups.

The Knights of Columbus are requesting items for the migrants who come to our region to work in our agricultural areas. They are here for a month or two before moving on to work in agriculture further north.

The Social Concerns Committee is making a new request for the immigrants coming across the border in Texas. We have the opportunity to send the listed items on a truck going to Texas. The items will be delivered to Laredo Catholic Charities. Their need is desperate. Please help as you are able.

Thanks to all who contributed to Social Concerns Weekend. We sold 13 bags of coffee and received \$150.75 in donations for feminine hygiene products and \$508 in donations to help feed the homeless.

## Migrant Worker Hygiene Kits

Good weather is bringing a bountiful crop of perishable fruit that will require many hands to harvest. Migrant workers are already arriving with many more to follow in the coming weeks. St. Agnes Council of the Knights of Columbus is helping further the work of our Social Concerns Committee in the preparation of "hygiene kits" to make life better for these workers. The kits consist of a towel, wash cloth, tooth brush & toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, comb/brush and shaving cream. Donations of these items are essential in making up these kits, and will be collected after Masses over the next few weeks. A box will be available in the Narthex to collect donations.

## Catholic Charities Laredo, Texas

Our brothers and sisters passing through the shelter in Laredo, TX, continue to need basic necessities. From now until August 25th, we will be accepting donations of new underwear (men's sm & med, women's sm & med, boys any size, and girls any size), socks (adults and children all sizes), toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, shoelaces, combs, hairbrushes, coloring books (no crayons), and razors (no clothes or shoes, please). Donations can be dropped off at the parish center from 9am to 4pm throughout the week and in the narthex at all weekend Masses.

## August Youth Feeding those in Need

Please join us on Sunday, August 11, at 11:30 in the parish center to prepare a delicious, nutritious meal! We also need help on Wednesday, August 14, at 5pm to serve that meal to the hungry of our region. Contact Joe Yates at [joeyates47@gmail.com](mailto:joeyates47@gmail.com).

## Parish Party Weekend

### Something new just for you September 14 and 15

3 Party times (following each Mass)

3 Meals

3 Musicians



Details coming soon.

## Cold Weather Shelter Update

On Wednesday, August 21, Jan Jordan, the shelter manager, will offer an hour of instruction for those considering volunteering. The session will take place at Jefferson County Community Ministries located at 238 West Washington Street in Charles Town. The session will begin at 7pm. For more information, please contact Greg Didden at [6195scrabble@gmail.com](mailto:6195scrabble@gmail.com) or 304-283-5995.

## Book Discussion

Eileen Dooley: 304-876-3320  
[dooleywoods@comcast.net](mailto:dooleywoods@comcast.net)

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month  
All are welcome!

The Book Discussion Group takes a vacation in August. Our September 20 selection is *The Nun and The Priest, A Memoir* by Evelyn Brady.

We're looking for reading suggestions for 2019/20.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Registration forms for CFF will be available after Mass on the weekend of August 17th and 18th for our Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks. Please have your children bring their backpack for a special blessing from Father Mat. CFF classes start September 15!

Excerpt from...

## “Simple Acts to Save Our Planet”



By Michelle Neff

Buy local honey. You'll be supporting local beekeeping, which in turn supports bee populations! Buying local will also help keep the transportation costs down.

## Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents One-Day Retreat

This retreat is designed for grieving parents whose precious children of *any* age (from conception to old age) have died by *any* cause (miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, accident, suicide, murder, overdose, etc.), *no matter how long ago*.

The retreat agenda includes prayer services, spiritual reflections, breakout sessions, Emmaus Walk, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and time for reflection. Find compassion, rest, and peace...at least for a time.

Saturday, October 19, 2019, at St. Mary Church, 3334B University Avenue, Morgantown WV 26505.

Suggested donation: \$25/individual; \$40/couple. Donation includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available.

For more information call Diane or Charley, parents of Paul, at 800-919-9332 or 617-542-8057, or register at <https://www.emfgp.org/10-19-19-morgantown/>.

## Knights of Columbus News



Our St. Agnes Knight's of Columbus recently presented a check for \$980.83 to Jefferson County Schools' Autism Program. The money was raised through the Knight's Tootsie Roll Campaign. Since the first campaign in 2006, the Knights have contributed more than \$17,000. Pictured above from left to right are Bob Rizzo, Arnold Thomas, Gene Falck, Stan Nelson, John Doyle, Cindy Jones, Dennis Kordyak, and Christy Horning.

## Love Not Hate: A March and Rally

Sunday, August 11, 2019, 3:45 PM  
Charles Town, West Virginia

The Multi-Faith Coalition and Jefferson County NAACP, and the Eastern Panhandle Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO) are co-sponsoring a "LOVE NOT HATE" Walk and Rally on Sunday August 11, 2019, the second anniversary of the deadly, hate-inspired attacks on a civil rights gathering in Charlottesville, Virginia. Hate and discord can bring us all down. Love and civility can lift us all up.

We will gather at the Charles Town library at 3:45 PM and start our walk promptly at 4pm. We will stop at the Jefferson County Courthouse for prayer and readings, then proceed to Wright-Denny School for the Rally.

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$8,921
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$650
<b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$9,571</b>
<b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ -\$2,429</b>

Tithe to help those in need \$892  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

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.

## WVU Bound Students

Any new or returning students to WVU in Morgantown come check us out at St. John University Parish. Every Thursday we have Mountaineer Catholic nights, which begin with Mass at 6:00pm, then Dinner for a Dollar (a home-cooked meal that is better than the dining hall food), then at 7:30pm a speaker or community night. Feel free to stay the whole night or just for part of it. For more information our website is [mountainercatholic.com](http://mountainercatholic.com) or on Facebook 'Mountaineer Catholic.'

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