

# 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**

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

## 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 weekdays during office hours (please call first)

Sat, Aug 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Concerns Weekend</li> </ul>
Sun, Aug 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Concerns Sunday</li> <li>• Perpetual Memorial Mass 10:30am</li> <li>• Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation 11:45am</li> </ul>
Mon, Aug 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVdP Advisory Board 6pm</li> </ul>
Tues, Aug 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</li> </ul>
Wed, Aug 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaina Grace Phipps Baptism 6pm</li> <li>• AA 7pm</li> </ul>
Fri, Aug 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer Group at Church 11am</li> </ul>
Sat, Aug 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feast of St. Lawrence</li> <li>• Mary Galloway Memorial Mass 1pm</li> <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>
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>

## 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.

## 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.

In your kindness, please pray for Shirley Marie Badner, aunt of Bill Hamilla, who recently died. May Shirley share in the fulness of God's love and peace.

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially 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, Ann Didden, Dan VanBelleghem, and Veronica Meade (cousin of Rita Brady). 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.

## 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.**

## Social Concerns Weekend August 3 & 4, 2019

As we all suffer from the heat, please keep in mind those who are homeless and don't have easy access to air conditioning. Your support of our youth and adult parishioners who prepare meals for the hungry, your contributions for feminine hygiene products, and your purchase of Haitian coffee responds to needs both locally and internationally.

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Mass, the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy, is the prayer that brings us together in praise of God, in support of one another, so that we might be formed as disciples of the Lord Jesus. This formation is ongoing, for there is so much more for us to learn, to understand, and to grasp. Perhaps you might say that we step away from our very busy lives for an hour or so, in order to connect with the Lord and with our brothers and sisters with whom we share our faith. We encourage and support one another as we grow into Christ Jesus.

In order for Sunday Mass to be a genuine celebration, there needs to be an assembly that gathers and is ready to praise God. And so the assembly, from the youngest to the oldest among us, has an important role. Many of us have specific roles in the celebration, such as my role as presider, the deacon who serves and assists, the ministers of hospitality who welcome and help with any need that may arise among those gathered, lectors who proclaim the sacred word, bread and cup ministers, musicians and leaders of song, and the server or acolyte who assists the presider.

When any one of these individuals is missing things do not go well, and our prayer might be interrupted. And so, you can imagine that it takes a fair amount of coordination to make sure all folks are in place as we begin the Mass. I am grateful to those who serve as coordinators at each Mass, I am grateful to all those who help us in these various ministries. We are always in need of more individuals in each of these ministries. Please let me know if you can help and assist. Do not wait for some one to extend an invitation, but let us know you are interested and willing to help. You are welcome to speak to these coordinators, Judy Lilga (5:30), Jan Yates (8:00), and Liz Breckinridge (10:30) or to call the office and leave a message.

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, has been chosen by our Holy Father to be the 9th Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston. Bishop Brennan's celebration of Installation will take place on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling, WV. Let us support our new bishop with our prayers.

*"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.

*Fr. Mat*

## Cuisine with a Cause Gala

Please join us for Catholic Charities WV Eastern Region's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual *Cuisine With A Cause Gala*, featuring cuisine from local chefs along with raffle baskets and a live auction. It will be held at Holiday Inn, in Martinsburg, on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Doors open for cocktails at 5:30pm. Cocktail Attire. To purchase tickets (\$50 individual, \$90 couple, or \$320 table of 8), please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org) or call Trina Bartlett at 304 267-8837 for more information or to obtain tickets by cash/check. All proceeds stay locally and help to provide assistance to those in need in our area. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our event!

## 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).

## 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!

## 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 specialized 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 Prohaska 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/yrgmrky/>.

## 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.

## Message from the Parish Nurses

Lynn Dunlevy, BSN, RN, Faith Community Nurse  
Barbara Mueller, RN, Faith Community Nurse  
August 2019

### THE SCIENCE OF ADDICTION (PART 1)

Many people don't understand why or how other people become addicted to alcohol, nicotine, illicit drugs, and misuse of prescription drugs. They may mistakenly think that those who are addicted lack moral principles or willpower and that they could stop using simply by choosing to. In reality, addiction is a complex disease, and quitting usually takes more than good intentions or a strong will.

**Visit:** [www.StAgnesShepherdstown.org](http://www.StAgnesShepherdstown.org) for this Parish Health Newsletter and the continuation of "The Science of Addiction (Part 1)". **Click on:** Parish Health Newsletter to read both pages of the newsletter.

Copies of the Parish Health Newsletter can be found in the narthex of the church.

**Please note:** Back issues of the Parish Health Newsletter can be found on the St. Agnes website by opening up Ministries and clicking on Parish Health.

## Migrant Worker Hygiene Kits

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.

## Book Discussion

Eileen Dooley: 304-876-3320  
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.



## 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:

**DeDe "Denice" Carney**  
by Rev. T. Mathew Rowgh

**Mary Nguyen McCann Hawkins**  
by Jane Edwards

**Demetrio & Pauline Rabba**  
by Jane Edwards

**Mary "Aggie" DiBacco-Miller**  
by Albert K. Leung, Amie Ho-Leung, Benjamin Leung, Benedict Leung & Doyoung Choy-Leung, Leona Leung, Eric Lopez, and Evelyn Lopez

**Rose Marie Bires**  
by Margaret Cogswell

**Nicholas Italiano**  
by Jane Edwards

**Chris Kalb**  
by Jane Edwards

**Wenzel Lobner**  
by Rev. T. Mathew Rowgh & St Agnes Parish

**Margaret Petrini**  
by Bob & Maureen Maidhof

**James Appel**  
by Ann C. Didden

## 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.

Excerpt from...

## “Simple Acts to Save Our Planet”



By Michelle Neff

Use a water-filter pitcher or a faucet-mount filter. A million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute. Using a filter system in your home will help reduce the need to purchase plastic bottles, which could contaminate our oceans. You could also use activated charcoal sticks, which naturally bond with toxins in water and can be composted after use.

## Joyful Noise

On the first Friday of each month, Fr Mat celebrates Mass at Canterbury Nursing Home. A small group of parishioners routinely attends these Masses in large part to lend their voices in song to enrich the Mass for those residents in attendance. If you would like to join this group, they gather at 10:15am at Canterbury, and the Mass begins at 10:30am. All are welcome! Our next Mass will be September 6th.

## 10th Anniversary Keepsakes

We have beautiful keepsakes of the Church to help commemorate our 10th anniversary year. These keepsakes will be available for purchase at the Parish Office during regular business hours or before or after Mass through the hospitality ministers. The cost is **\$10** and merely covers the production cost.

### Parish Financial Activity

#### Collections – Last Week

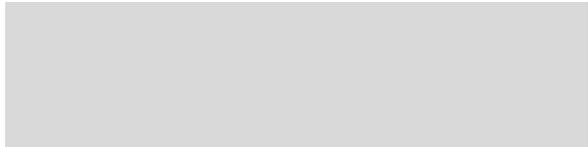
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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory Collections                                          | \$5,849           |
| Monthly Mortgage Assistance                                    | \$505             |
| <b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)         | <b>\$6,354</b>    |
| <b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance) | <b>\$12,000</b>   |
| <b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>                    | <b>↓ -\$5,646</b> |

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| <b>Tithe to help those in need</b>                               | <b>\$585</b> |
| <small>(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)</small> |              |

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

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory Collections                                          | \$285,251          |
| Monthly Mortgage Assistance                                    | \$53,195           |
| <b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)         | <b>\$338,446</b>   |
| <b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance) | <b>\$360,000</b>   |
| <b>Total Collection Compared to Target</b>                     | <b>↓ -\$21,554</b> |

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| <b>Tithe to help those in need</b>                               | <b>\$28,525</b> |
| <small>(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)</small> |                 |



The Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA), is an annual appeal that offers funds to a variety of ministries, services, and programs throughout our diocese, as well as the needs of our parishes. Since the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) began in 2007, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has raised over \$20 million to serve parishes and missions, Catholic education, Catholic Charities WV, and various diocesan ministries. Why should you give to the 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal? Supporting the CSA brings the love of Christ to so many in our beautiful state. It is one of the most effective ways we have to carry out the work of the Church, and it is a testament to how we live our Catholic faith! We are called, as one body in Christ, to give hope to others, particularly in our parishes and local communities.

Keep an eye on your mail as you will be receiving information on the CSA along with a pledge card. Information and pledge cards are also available in the Narthex. Each parish is given a goal amount, and ours is \$47,080. Please give what you can. Every donation, no matter how big or how small, matters!

### CASH CARD CORNER

Cash Cards make “Cents” every day!

\$105.75 Earned from Last Week's Sales  
**\$3,575.00 in Sales**  
17 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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