

# 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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## **St. Agnes Chapel**

204 South Church Street, Shepherdstown

## **Sunday Readings**

Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5  
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17  
John 10:27-30

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Masses

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

### No Weekday Masses

### Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday 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

**William Neway**



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for

**Dorothy Noel**

**Christen Sawyer**

May William, Dorothy, and Christen share in the fullness of God's mercy and peace.

In your kindness, please pray for Mike Shaffer, brother-in-law of Cindy Carter, who died this past week. May Mike share in the fullness of God's love and peace.

Sat, May 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Screening after all Masses</li> </ul>
Sun, May 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother's Day</li> <li>CFF 9:15am (K-8) Last Class!</li> <li>Social Concerns Sunday 10:30am Mass</li> </ul>
Mon, May 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVdP Meeting 7pm</li> </ul>
Tues, May 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CFF 6:15pm (4-8) Last Class!</li> <li>KOC Business Meeting 7:30pm</li> </ul>
Wed, May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Concerns Meeting 2pm</li> <li>AA 7pm</li> </ul>
Fri, May 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book Discussion 10:30am</li> </ul>

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Brigitte Schmidt, Jim Hopes (father of Cindy Carter), Eileen Tycocinski (mother of Sam Tycocinski), Mary Myers, Larry Merhaut, Mary Clare Eros, Ed Dashiell, Bailey Tune, Paul Conley, Don Barth, and Ann Marie Huebschman. 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.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Colleen and Shane Lawson who welcomed their new son, Nikolas Peter, into the world on April 28, 2019! Congratulations to grandparents, Mary & Art Wermers, and aunts, Melissa, Samantha, and Jenna, as well!

## Spring Scripture Seminar

Interested in learning more about how Catholics read and interpret the Bible? Join us for "Introduction to Scripture," a diocesan faith formation seminar that will take place over 5 consecutive Thursday nights from 7-9pm beginning May 23rd, in the Parish Center at St. Agnes in Shepherdstown. The seminar is open to anyone and may be of particular interest to parish catechists and school-teachers. To register (deadline is May 18th) or request more details, contact Nick Mayrand, Director of Formation & Mission, at nmayrand@dwc.org or 304-233-0880.

## Save the Date!

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Mass 5pm  
Picnic and Wiffleball**

After the June Youth Mass, we will have a cook out and picnic food with a game of wiffleball. The parish will provide paper products, drinks, and hot dogs. Potluck for side dishes of salads & macaroni.

## VBS Teen Week June 23-27

Incoming 7th graders through 12th grade high school students are invited to join St. Agnes, New Street UMC, and St. Peters this summer for a week long exploration that will start Sunday evening in worship together. We will spend the week learning faith and justice responses focusing on economic justice by visiting Emmanuel's House, exploring immigration policies, determining what is ecological justice, participating in interfaith dialog with our fellow Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, and end by going to Greenbrier State Park for swimming and a picnic. Please call Brigitte Schmidt if you are interested in exploring social justice with us. The camp will run Sunday evening (June 23rd) and Monday to Thursday (June 24th -27th).

## Save the Date!

June 2, 12 noon at the Church!

As part of our continuing Adult Faith Formation lecture series Dr. Julie Wilberding will be speaking on The Resurrection (theology and Spirituality)! More details to come!



## Sisters of Bon Secours

We invite single Catholic women to experience the life of the Sisters of Bon Secours and to learn more about religious life. You will have the opportunity to be with sisters as you learn about our life. You'll also meet and share with other women who are exploring religious life as a life option. This weekend offers time for reflection and one-on-one discussions with a sister. There is also an optional service opportunity to serve those in need and to work as a team within some of our ministries in West Baltimore. That will continue through July 2, 2019 for women who are interested.

June 28-30, 2019 & October 25-27, 2019

ARRIVAL: Friday, 5:00 pm DEPARTURE: Sunday, 1:00 pm

PLACE: Sisters of Bon Secours, 1525 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, Maryland 21104 (Near Baltimore)

REGISTER: <https://lifeasasister.org/event-details/come-and-see-vocation-weekend-5/>

## 11th Annual Aging Well Workshop

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

8:30am-4pm

This day-long workshop presents topics centered around self-care, compassion and personal transformation. Afternoon workshops will explore spiritual awareness, masculinity, and the power of positive social interactions to improve health and well-being of those in the second half of life. This workshop offers 6 continuing education units for nurses and social workers. It is also open to members of the community, including elders and their families.

Cost (includes lunch)\*:

\$25 without CEU's

\$50 if registering for CEU's

\*Scholarships available for those who want to attend but cannot afford it!

For further information contact Sharon G. Earl (304-876-5332) [searl@shepherd.edu](mailto:searl@shepherd.edu) or Heidi Dobish (304-876-5435) [hdobish@shepherd.edu](mailto:hdobish@shepherd.edu).

Presented by the Departments of Nursing, Psychology, and Social Work.

## Mother's Day Flowers

According to **THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS**, "the carnation has been a symbol of the Virgin Mary since the thirteenth century, appearing alongside her in countless pictures.

We pay tribute to all women this weekend, using the purple carnation. Symbolically, we acknowledge the courage, bravery, wisdom, dignity and love possessed by our women which they so generously share with all of us.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As you are reading this, I and twenty-nine St. Agnes parishioners have already spent a couple of days in the Holy Land. We began on the Mediterranean coast (Joppa), traveling into the upper part of Galilee (Caesarea, Sepphoris, Nazareth, and Cana). On Sunday, we will be on and around the Sea of Galilee. If you are interested, you can take a look on the parish website and see what we expect to see on our visit during our Pilgrimage: *In the Footsteps of Jesus*. Please know that you will be remembered in our prayers as we journey through the Holy Land.

I wanted to share with you that I lost a great friend and mentor this past week. At the wonderful age of 90, Fr. Larry Cann died peacefully with his family at his side. Larry often visited with us here at St. Agnes. He was with us for the dedication of our church building and, last summer, he returned to help us celebrate our first ten years in our new worship space. Larry was kind to preach on the occasions of my 25th and 40th anniversaries of ordination. He has been a good friend for more than 45 years, always ready to offer me his wisdom and guidance.

Larry had asked me a number years ago to preach his funeral Mass. I certainly agreed and considered that a privilege and an honor. Unfortunately, I was not able to keep Larry's request. His family asked that I send a video that they might view and possibly share during the wake and visitation. Preparing the video gave me a chance to reflect and ponder how much Larry has meant to me. I ask you to say a prayer for this wonderful priest, the one most responsible for my success as a priest, pastor, and psychotherapist. May Larry share in the fulness of God's love and peace!

Fr. Mat

## Easter

Let's keep the party going!! This Sunday marks the half way point of the Easter Season, a season so important that the Church dedicates fifty days to its celebration! For those fifty days, ending with Pentecost, we celebrate the reality we celebrate every Sunday! And that reality is THE central mystery of our faith, the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is the life, death and resurrection of Christ and our lives therein. "Paschal" refers to Easter and Mystery here means a sacred mystery, a sacred reality that is so encompassing that we can encounter it, explore it, and yet, no matter the depth of our journey we will never fully understand it. That is a very big mystery! And the Church has found it easier to understand if we focus on different parts of the mystery at different times of the year. Think of the Paschal Mystery as a diamond, over the course of the year we focus on different facets of this mystery. For example: at Advent and Christmas we focus on the second coming and the birth of Jesus, at Easter we focus on the resurrection of Christ. But even though we may focus on one aspect or another we are always and everywhere celebrating the fullness of the mystery of Christ.

The Easter Season and Sunday celebrate the same thing but Sunday isn't a little Easter, rather, Easter is a very big Sunday! And like every Sunday, during the fifty days of Easter we focus on hope! We focus on the Gospel and in the Gospel Jesus preached hope through preaching the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our baptism we are called to help build the Kingdom and we do this by following the Gospel. We are called to live as Christ lived, to do as Christ did: treat others with compassion, forgiveness and love, giving ourselves away to those who are in need. To live thus is to bring the Kingdom to fruition, and to build hope that what the Father did for Christ, the Father will do for us. Christ's resurrection is a sign that the Kingdom has begun, it gives us deep hope that we share in this reality, death has no more power over us, we too will be raised.

So let's keep celebrating! Let's keep exploring the inexhaustible facets of the Paschal Mystery. Let's grow in hope and build hope for others, hope in the resurrection, hope in the Kingdom of God!!

## Resting with God II:

When: Wednesday May 29, 2019

Time: 10:30-11:30AM (Completed in time to celebrate Mass!)

Where: The Pastoral Center

REPEATED: Sunday June 2, 2019 from 9:15-10:15AM

Give yourself the gift of an hour resting with God, nourishing your soul with prayer, music, story and conversation stimulated by what we think is beautiful! We'll just pause and allow ourselves to be touched by our God who created so much that is beautiful, and saw that it was good. Hosted by Debbie Stollery

## 1st Annual St. Agnes KOC Golf Tournament

### Proceeds go to St. Agnes Catholic Church

We would like to invite you to be a hole sponsor in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Agnes KOC Golf Tournament which will be held at Cress Creek Country Club on June 7, 2019. Hole sponsorship can be made at the following levels:

<b>Gold</b>	\$500	Foursome in Tournament Hole Sponsor Sign Recognition on Tournament Handouts
<b>Silver</b>	\$250	Hole Sponsor Sign Recognition on Tournament Handouts
<b>Bronze</b>	\$100	Hole Sponsor Sign

The format for the tournament will be a 4-Person scramble. All golfers receive green fees, cart, range balls, a participant gift, and lunch.

Thanks again for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the Cress Creek Country Club on Friday, June 7.

For questions, email [Lenearo.e.ashford@gmail.com](mailto:Lenearo.e.ashford@gmail.com).

Team Registration forms as well as Hole sponsorship forms can be found in the Narthex.

## Book Discussion

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

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

Our June 21 book choice is *Monseñor Romero: Memories in Mosaic* by Maria López Vigil.

On July 19 we'll read *Thea Bowman: Faithful and Free* by Maurice J. Nutt CSSR.

The Book Discussion Group takes a vacation in August. Watch for our announcement of Autumn choices.

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.

## Mother's Day Gift Bag Project Update

Thank you to all who helped with the Mother's Day Gift Bag project on Tuesday at the parish center as well as everyone who donated items! Over 20 volunteers, parishioners and community members stuffed 75 gift bags full with all kinds of wonderful pampering items to go to Bethany House, Shenandoah Women's Shelter, and Young Lives, a teen mom support group, all local Martinsburg charities. An additional donation of 4 big boxes filled with items for the shelters were also collected. Volunteers wrote inspiring messages in handmade cards to give to each of the women. Thanks for helping us brighten the day of local women. Happy Mother's Day to all St. Agnes moms!

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The Amp at Sam Michael's Park  
235 Sam Michael's Lane, Harper's Ferry, WV



This is an outdoor venue



## Fine Tuning Fiddler Information

We will have actual tickets available, but your name on the reservation list is all that is necessary. You can either pay at the door or we will have volunteers at each Mass starting this weekend who can give you the tickets and take payment. Either way is fine.

The Amp at Sam Michael's is an outdoor facility; however, we will have at least one large tent for cover (working on a second one). In terms of chairs, we will have folding chairs there, but if you would like to bring lawn chair(s) (possibly more comfortable?) you are welcome to do that.

The rest room situation is that there will be port-o-potties available, plus there are facilities in the two buildings on site. We will have the use of a golf cart and a mini van to help transport folks who need help getting to the facilities if necessary.

We are hoping to avoid rain dates if at all possible. The tents will keep the audience under cover in the event of "mild" or short-term rain. If it becomes necessary to cancel a show, we will perform that show on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week, depending on the number of shows cancelled. In other words, Monday would be the first rain date, Tuesday the second, Wednesday the third.

We are excited to be the first theatrical production to take the stage at the new Amp!

## Please, Help Us Get the Word Out!

As always, getting the word out about our production of *Fiddler on the Roof* is key to a successful run. Please take some postcards (found in the Narthex or in the Parish Center) to distribute to family, friends, co-workers, etc. Please also consider taking a show poster or two (also available in the Narthex or Parish Center) to distribute. Besides giving our dedicated thespians an audience, a full house at each show would bring in thousands of dollars for St. Agnes. And, as if you don't already have enough reasons to attend and bring everyone you know, it may be your first and last chance to see **Fr Mat on stage!**

## Fiddler fun Fact From Mental Floss

*Fiddler on the Roof* Was Based on a Series of Stories Written by "The Jewish Mark Twain."

Like Samuel Clemens, Sholem Rabinovich was better known by his pen name. In Hebrew, Sholem Aleichem—an alias that this Eastern European writer adopted during the early 1880s—means "peace be unto you." Inevitably, his knowing voice and relatable characters drew comparisons with *Tom Sawyer's* famous author. Clemens didn't mind: When the pair were introduced in 1906, Twain was told that he was addressing "The Jewish Mark Twain." Honored, he quipped, "Please tell him that I am the American Sholem Aleichem."

# Catholic 2019 Sharing Appeal

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!

## Social Concerns Sunday for 10:30 Mass

Since First Eucharist was celebrated on May 5 at the 10:30 Mass we'll have Social Concerns Sunday for 10:30am Mass on May 12 (Mother's Day).

We'll be accepting donations toward food costs for the dinners for the homeless, and for feminine hygiene products. Haiti coffee will be on sale. And, the Knights will have their blue grocery bags available for donations to Jefferson County Community Ministries. Canned goods are in good supply so think about donating cleaning supplies, toiletries, toilet paper, etc.

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## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$8,379
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,270
<b>Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$9,649</b>
<b>Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ -\$2,351</b>

**Tithe to help those in need** \$838  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

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## Tithing Report for March - April

Catoctin Pregnancy Center	\$400
Catholic Relief Services (Alabama)	\$500
Hospice of the Panhandle	\$250
Local Assistance	\$310
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$600
Shepherdstown Day Care Center	\$750
Social Concerns Committee	\$350
Diocesan Collection – Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$500
Diocesan Collection – Catholic Missions among Black & Native Americans	\$500
Diocesan Collection – Priests' Retirement Fund	\$750
Diocesan Collection – Catholic Relief Services	\$750
Diocesan Collection – Holy Land Collection	\$500
Diocesan Collection – Education of Seminarians	\$750

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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