

S a i n t A g n e s



"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

Luke 19:5

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 11:22-12:2

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

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, Nov 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn Back Your Clocks! • Solemnity of All Souls Mass 10am, at our Roman Burial Grounds, weather permitting (if raining, then Mass will be at church) • Social Concerns Weekend • Courtney Clonch-Charles Kovatch Wedding 3pm
Sun, Nov 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCIA 9am (Historic Chapel) • CFF 9:15am (Reconciliation Sessions for Students) • Perpetual Memorial Mass 10:30am • AFF with Brandon Dennison 12noon • Confirmation Class 4pm • Youth Mass 5pm
Mon, Nov 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Reconciliation Interviews with Fr Mat 4pm • SVdP Advisory Board 6pm
Tues, Nov 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Reconciliation Interviews with Fr Mat 5pm • No CFF
Wed, Nov 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA 7pm
Fri, Nov 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbarium Committee Meeting 9am • Prayer Group 11am
Sat, Nov 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship Weekend • Health Screening after All Masses
Sun, Nov 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship Sunday • RCIA 9am (Historic Chapel) • No CFF
Mon, Nov 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran's Day
Tues, Nov 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No CFF • KOC Meeting 7:30pm

A Little Time Off

Our parish secretary will be taking a little time off beginning November 6 for two weeks. In preparation for this, if you have any bulletin announcements, require any Mass cards, or have any other office needs that you can anticipate, please let us know as soon as possible. The parish center will still be open as usual thanks to the rest of our office staff, but you may want to call in advance to confirm.

Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Lorraine Javorsky, Nan York, Linda Reynolds (friend of Sue Kemnitzer), Bill Mason, and Larry Turner. 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.

Invitation!

Invitation!!!! To all parishioners!! We would love you to bring up the gifts at the liturgy!! This is a wonderful way to serve the community. Families, couples, students, young or old, everyone is invited!!

If interested please come 15 minutes early and introduce yourself to a hospitality minister and they will walk you through what you need to do.

Questions? Want more information? Just contact us at liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org.

Living a Life of Stewardship At St. Agnes

What is it that makes St Agnes Parish a wonderful Catholic community? It is the parishioners who use their "gifts" to live a life of stewardship; sharing the love of God and serving others through our parish ministries. How can you best use your God-given "gifts" and talents to serve others? On the weekend of November 9th and 10th you are invited to explore the various ministries offered at St. Agnes. All are welcome and encouraged to participate, even if you can only help once a year! Stewardship Weekend is November 9th and 10th after each Mass in the Day Chapel. YOU are needed so that St. Agnes remains a wonderful Catholic community!

Coats for Kids

KOC will begin accepting donations during October for their Coats for Kids Campaign. We are asking the parish and community to donate whatever they can towards the purchase of these coats. Last year the Knights gave 156 coats to students here in the Jefferson County school system, the Boys Club, and our own St Agnes students. Donations totaled \$4,000 last year. 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). The collection will end on Sunday, December 1. Contact Bob Rizzo for more information: 304-676-5687.

Dear Parishioners,

I returned home on Monday afternoon and went to work at the VAMC on Tuesday and Wednesday this past week. I had a great trip to Southern Italy, seeing a number of places for the first time.

The trip began in Palermo, Sicily, and 13 days later, ended in Rome. I visited innumerable UNESCO-World Heritage Sites, such as, the ancient city of Akragas, the Valley of Temples, and many old cities such as Cosenza and Matera. After crossing the Italian peninsula twice, we spent a couple of days in Sorrento along the Amalfi Coast, and then, we arrived in Rome. On a number of occasions, I have visited this great city but you never seem to exhaust the sites and the ancient history. I am happy to say that I was in Vatican City on Saturday as the Synod on the Amazon came to a close and the Bishops present voted to open (maybe I should say cracked) the door on priestly celibacy. It felt wonderful to be there on what I believe will be an historic moment for our Catholic Church.

I keep a schedule that is all too hectic, but I am happy to be home and back to work. I appreciate Fr. Bob Keffer's willingness to celebrate the Sunday Masses and the staff and parishioners who keep us going week after week.

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We have entered the month of November celebrating All Saints and All Souls. We remember and lovingly pray for those family members, good friends, and parishioners who have gone before us. We trust that they are each held in the loving embrace of our merciful, nurturing, and compassionate God. It warms my heart to see around the Baptismal Font, pictures of many folks that I have been privileged to know. If you have lost a loved one or a friend this past year, you are invited to enter the name(s) in the book of the dead. You only need to enter the names once, these individuals will always be remembered then each time we celebrate Mass.

We look forward to the great harvest at the end of time when all will be gathered into the new Jerusalem and Christ Jesus returns in glory leading all creation into fullness. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord! May they Rest In Peace! May their souls and all the souls of the departed Rest In Peace! Amen!*

Fr. Mat

## Message from the Parish Nurses

Lynn Dunlevy, BSN, RN, Faith Community Nurse  
Barbara Mueller, RN, Faith Community Nurse  
**November 2019**

### HOW TECHNOLOGY AND LIGHT AFFECTS SLEEP

At least ninety percent of us use technology in the hour before we go to bed, and children often use electronic media to help them relax at night. If you or your children are among these nighttime technology-users, you may not realize the extent to which this can make it harder to settle down to sleep. We need to learn how to develop healthy habits around technology and sleep, so we can reap the benefits that both have to offer.

**Visit:** [www.StAgnesShepherdstown.org](http://www.StAgnesShepherdstown.org) for this Parish Health Newsletter and "**How To Minimize The Effects Of Technology On Your Sleep**". **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.

## RCIA

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** meets each Sunday morning, 9:00-10:15, at our historic St. Agnes Chapel (Church and Washington Streets). All interested in learning about the Catholic faith are welcome to attend. Give Fr Mat a call should you like more information.

## How Catholics Read the Bible

Have you ever wondered how Catholics read the Bible? Do we read it differently than other Christians? What are those differences? Where does the Bible come from? Who wrote it? When? Why? Do Catholics accept Evolution (the answer is yes)? Then how are we to understand the Creation accounts? Why are there four Gospels?

Join us for this introductory course. Three sessions, 2 hours each, meeting on December 3, 10, and 17 at 1pm in the parish center.

RSVP to [aff@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:aff@stagnesshepherdstown.org)

## Advent Giving Tags

**(Available beginning November 16!)**

We are working with local agencies to provide gifts for low income and elderly members of our community. Please select a tag from the wreaths next to the St. Agnes mosaic, purchase a gift for the specific person, wrap it, place the tag on the outside of the wrapped gift, and bring it to the church or parish center **no later than Sunday, December 8**. Social Concerns will sort and deliver all the gifts to the various agencies.

## What is CCHD? Continued

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) uses the funds collected each year to award two different types of grants: Community Development and Economic Development.

### What is Community Development?

Community Development grants support organizations that are led by people living in poverty and bring individuals together to change structures and policies that perpetuate the cycle of poverty. These organizations use a community organizing approach to accomplish their goals. That means supporting existing grassroots organizations of low income and marginalized people who come together to work for change through advocacy and leadership development, with a strong emphasis on relationship building. A good example is Call to Action for Racial Equality (CARE), a WV CCHD funded statewide racial justice leader, working to dismantle oppressive structures plaguing communities of color across West Virginia.

### What is Economic Development?

Economic Development means investing in businesses owned by low income families and communities. The Economic Development grant supports organizations and businesses that create just workplaces, provide good jobs, and develop assets for low income people that are owned by families and communities.

CCHD funds five types of economic development institutions:

- Real Estate Initiatives
- Business Incubators and Marketplaces
- Community Development Financial Institutions
- Social Purpose and Training Businesses
- Worker-Owned and Community-Owned Businesses

A good example is Coalfield Development. See the other side of this page.

### Criteria for Both Grants

In addition to the specific grant criteria, all grant applicants must fulfill certain requirements to be considered for a CCHD grant. These criteria include:

- have 50% of their impacted populations be of low income
- nonprofit board of 50% or more people of low income,
- They follow Catholic Social Teaching
- Vetted by a local CCHD committee

Last year, the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston raised \$45,093.64 for the National CCHD Collection. The National CCHD Office awarded grants of \$48,000 to CARE and \$60,000 to Coalfield. In other words, West Virginia projects received more than twice as much grant funding from the National Office as was raised within our diocese.

## A West Virginia Story: Revitalizing Community with Gumption, Grit, and Grace in Wayne County

**November 3, 2019 at 12 noon, Today!**

Our Speaker: Brandon Dennison, CEO of Coalfield Development in Wayne County, WV, a Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) National Grant recipient. Wayne County is a county southwest of Kanawha County (where Charleston, our state capital, is located).

Brandon Dennison, a West Virginia native, is a Shepherd graduate (former student of Denis Woods) with a Masters in Public Affairs from Indiana University. Brandon started Coalfield in 2010. He has received multiple awards for his work and in May 2019 he was the Commencement Speaker and recipient of an honorary doctorate from Shepherd University. He is also a parent of 2 young children.

Here's what Coalfield Development says about itself. "We believe in developing the potential of Appalachian places and people as they experience challenging moments of economic transition by unlocking people's creative power to transform perceived problems into opportunities in the communities we call home."

The group wants to provide occupational training, life skills and higher education to young people in Southern West Virginia. At the same time, it uses those aspiring 20-somethings to revitalize communities by tearing down or rebuilding abandoned structures, and turning what many would consider worthless into something of value.

Dennison refers to Coalfield as a social enterprise, with the efficiency of business and the passion of the charitable sector. He likes to think of the organization as the West Virginia Promise Scholarship for young people in the coalfields who didn't find themselves in the best situation.

Come to hear Brandon Dennison and learn how St. Agnes is supporting this effort.

Our Social Activities Committee will be providing a light lunch prior to the presentation. If you plan to attend, please RSVP on the website so we can be sure there is enough food for everyone!

## Feeding the Hungry & Cash Cards Working together

Did you know our youth group cooks and feeds a meal to the hungry every fourth Wednesday of each month? In addition, we have other parishioners who cook and serve meals to the hungry on two additional Wednesdays each month. Donations toward food are always appreciated. Consider purchasing grocery cash cards to donate to these cooks for their ministry.

## Social Concerns Weekend November 2 & 3, 2019

We have a special guest speaker on Nov. 3, Brendan Denison. Please see the *Save the Date* announcement and plan to attend – and take a moment to read about CCHD grants in this bulletin.

**Haiti is on the brink of collapse.** This was the heading in Monday's NY Times online. The situation continues to worsen. We can't personally do anything to help the political situation but purchasing the Fair Trade **Just Haiti** coffee we are selling this weekend helps the farmers with much needed income during this crisis – and it is good coffee! On Feb. 2, 2020, Kim Lamberty, founder and president of Just Haiti, Inc. will be speaking after the 10:30 Mass. Mark your calendars!

We'll be accepting donations for feminine hygiene products and for funds to assist our parishioners who prepare and serve meals to the hungry and homeless 3 to 4 Wednesday evenings a month.

Now that cold weather is coming (sigh) we'll also be accepting donations of new socks as well as scarves, hats and gloves. Our youth will be serving dinner the evening before Thanksgiving. We'd like to make sure they have new socks to distribute that evening. Please drop off donations at the Parish Center. There is a basket in the entry.

### Book Discussion

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month at 10:30am  
All are welcome!

On November 15, we will discuss *Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was* by Gerhard Lohfink.

The Book Discussion Group won't meet in December.

On January 17, 2020 we'll begin discussion of *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr, and we'll continue the discussion of this book on February 21.

For a change of pace, our March 20 selection will be *Gods of the Upper Air: How a Circle of Renegade Anthropologists Reinvented Race, Sex, and Gender in the Twentieth Century* by Charles King.

### Veteran's Day Gift Bags

Veterans Day Gift bag stuffing event: Saturday Nov. 9th. 1pm to 2pm at the Victory Garden Ranch, 101 W. Main St. Sharpsburg, MD. Help stuff gift bags with donations to brighten the day of local veterans! Fr. Mat will bring to the Veterans at the Martinsburg Veterans Administration Hospital. Suggested donations include toiletries, journals, word puzzles, treats, mini bags of chips, socks, etc. Contact: Michelle at [michelle@mywildrosesoap.com](mailto:michelle@mywildrosesoap.com) or 202-525-6076 for more info.

## 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:

Arthur Estabrook

by Jane Edwards

William Grablauskas

by Chuck Pierpont & Bill Donahue

Catherine Wensyel

by Rev. T. Mathew Rowgh

E. Bailey Tune

by Judy Lilga

Mary Elaine Stoicoiu

by Judy Lilga,

Jane Edwards,

Dolores A. Moriarty

### ICON Workshop Rescheduled!

**Early Christian Byzantine Iconography Workshop**

**A Series of Six One Day Friday Classes**

**January 17, 2020 – February 21, 2020**

This workshop is a unique theological, religious, spiritual, and artistic experience that is open to everyone. We are now taking registrations. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex, the Parish Center, or on the St. Agnes website.

### Music Ministry

Our music ministry will be looking for folks to sing for Advent and Christmas. Rehearsals will be between the 8am and 10:30am Masses along with a couple Sunday evening rehearsals. Please see Elaine Rendler for more information.

## Separated/Divorced Support Group

St. Agnes would like to offer a Separated and Divorced Support Group, depending on interest in this area. The program would be offered for a 9 to 10 week period, meeting once a week at a location to be determined. The program would be headed by Mr. Richard Hitchcock of St. Agnes. Mr. Hitchcock headed a similar program in the Diocese of Orlando. If you are interested in attending this program or have any questions, please contact Mr. Hitchcock at 803-331-2565.

## Calling All Crafters!

St Agnes will be co-sponsoring a craft fair with the Alzheimer's Association on Saturday, November 23. Any crafters who would be interested in having a table should contact Teather Smith at [teathersmith@gmail.com](mailto:teathersmith@gmail.com) or 304-839-9406.

## Parishioner in Need of Ride to Mass

One of our parishioners is looking for a ride to either 5:30pm or 10:30am Mass from Kearneysville. If you might be able to help her out, give the office a call.

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

|                                                                |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory Collections                                          | \$7,197           |
| Monthly Mortgage Assistance                                    | \$700             |
| <b>Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>         | <b>\$7,897</b>    |
| <b>Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b> | <b>\$12,000</b>   |
| <b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>                    | <b>↓ -\$4,103</b> |

**Tithe to help those in need** \$720  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

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

|                                                                |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory Collections                                          | \$415,570          |
| Monthly Mortgage Assistance                                    | \$71,930           |
| <b>Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>         | <b>\$487,500</b>   |
| <b>Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b> | <b>\$516,000</b>   |
| <b>Total Collection Compared to Target</b>                     | <b>↓ -\$28,500</b> |

**Tithe to help those in need** \$41,557  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

## Hospitality Ministers Save the Date!

Hospitality ministry update meeting!! Nov 16, 10-12 at the Church OR Sunday Nov 17 from 12-2 pm. We will be presenting important new safety information. If you cannot attend one of these meetings please let us know at [liturgy@stagnesshpheerstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshpheerstown.org).

## Catholic Daughters News

**A Memorial Mass for all deceased members of Catholic Daughters Court Martinsburg 392 will be said at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, November 10. Members and their guests will sit as a group at the 10:30 Mass. Members are reminded to wear their CDA badges. Mass cards have also been arranged to memorialize these deceased members at the four other parishes represented by Court 392: St. Agnes, St. Bernadette, St. James, and St. Leo.**

## In Search of Substitute Teachers

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you a certified teacher or substitute who wants to work in a small Catholic school whose mission is to challenge, inspire and educate students ages 2 through eighth grade? If so, Saint Joseph School in Martinsburg invites you to apply to become a substitute teacher. If you are interested, please call the school office at 304-267-6447 or email Principal Patrick Blanc at [pblanc@sjsvw.org](mailto:pblanc@sjsvw.org).

## CASH CARD CORNER

**Cash Cards make "Cents" every day!**

\$220.11 Earned from Last Week's Sales  
**\$4,325.00 in Sales**  
 19 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; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. 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, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.



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