

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Pro-Life, Pro-Family, Stewardship Parish 49th Street and Staunton Avenue, Charleston WV 25304 Phone: 304-925-2836 email: stap1101char@dwc.org Vol. 3451

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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 12:00 P.M. , 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 08:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., &  
12:30 P.M. (in Spanish)  
Monday No Mass  
Tuesday 06:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 06:00 P.M.  
Thursday 06:00 P.M.  
Friday 08:30 A.M.

*(For holy days, see pg. 2 or check our website.)*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

THURSDAYS 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

SATURDAYS 3:30 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 minutes prior to Daily Mass, Thursdays from  
5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M. and  
Saturdays from 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
or by appointment.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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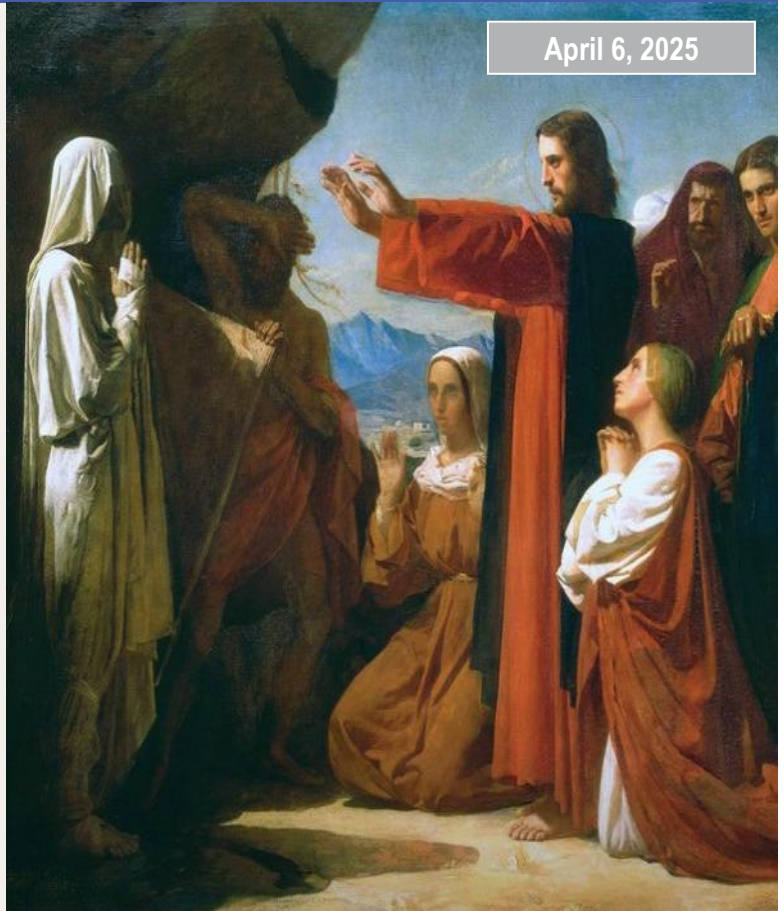
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April 6, 2025



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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## CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES OR ONLINE GIVING

Contact the parish if you want to continue receiving envelopes for your contributions to the parish. Otherwise, consider switching to online giving through our website.



## WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 7 - APRIL 13

### March 29 - March 30

Weekend Attendance:

5:00 P.M. - 71; 8:00A.M. - 43 ; 10:30 A.M. - 80; 12:30 P.M. -

1st Collection \$ 3,039.<sup>00</sup>

Collection - Common Grounds \$ 892.<sup>00</sup>

Other Collections \$ 863.<sup>00</sup>

**Total** \$ **4794.**<sup>00</sup>

April 6 - Maintenance

April 13 - Debt Reduction

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### SACRED SILENCE IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to maintain a sacred silence when you are in the main body of the church, especially before and after Mass. This allows others to pray and sets a very important example for the younger members of our community who are still learning about the sacred nature of the church. If you need to talk with someone, simply move to the vestibule, or into one of the side areas and make sure that the door is closed behind you.

### MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer to God. It is customary for the faithful of a parish to have Masses offered for their own intentions, especially for loved ones who have passed away. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved on or a special intention, please contact the parish office or fill out the Mass Intention envelope from the narthex of the church. The suggested donation is \$10.00 for a daily Mass and

### LECTORS

If you would like to help at Church and don't mind reading, contact the office and let Pat know you would like to be a Lector at one of the Masses. A few more Lectors would make things easier for all involved.

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	April 5 & 6	April 12 & 13
5:00 p.m.	Nancy Stark	Rich & Pat Fulcher
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	
10:30 a.m.	Alex Macia	Bunnie Perrine &
12:30 p.m.	Gladys Cuartas	

MON 7	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
TUE 8	6:00 P.M.	Robert Perrine + by Bunnie Perrine
WED 9	6:00 P.M.	Gavin Arvizo by Theresa Gwiazda
THU 10	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
FRI 11	8:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
SAT 12	12:00 P.M.	Dawn Custer Kramer by David Gwiazda
	5:00 P.M.	Helen Schlarb + by Chris & Melanie Schlarb
SUN 13	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish
	10:30 A.M.	Arthur Campbell + by Chris & Melanie Schlarb
	12:30 P.M.	People of the Parish

### FUNERAL PREPARATION

If you or a loved one is planning a funeral that will be held at St. Agnes or celebrated by Fr. Szabo, please contact the Parish Office before speaking to the Funeral Home. This will ensure that Fr. Szabo will be available and will make your meeting with the funeral home much

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know will be going through a life - threatening surgery in the near future, or is at an age where it is unclear how much more time God has planned for them to spend here on this Earth, please contact the office as soon as possible so that Fr. Szabo can hear their confession and anoint them.

### WELCOME TO ST. AGNES!

If you are new to our area or parish & have not registered, we invite you to do so. You can find parish registration forms in the church narthex and online at <https://stagnescharlestonwv.org>. Paper forms can be dropped off at the parish office or place it in the mail.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report suspected cases of child sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888 434-2637 or 30) 233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304 230-1504.

# Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés

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## HORARIO REGULAR DE MISAS

LUNES	SIN MISA
MARTES	06:00P.M.
MIÉRCOLES	06:00P.M.
JUEVES	06:00P.M.
VIERNES	08:30A.M.
Sábado	12:00 P.M. , 5:00 P.M. (Misa de Vigilia)
DOMINGO	08:00A.M., 10:30A.M.,AND 12:30P.M. (EN ESPAÑOL)

## SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,  
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:45 P.M.  
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.  
o con cita previa.



## ADORACION EUCARISTICA

Jueves a las 5:00pm -5:45pm,  
antes de la Santa Misa a las 6:00pm  
Sábado a las 3:30pm - 4:45pm, antes  
de la Santa Misa a las 5:00pm



## 5º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Luego gritó con voz potente:  
"¡Lázaro, sal de ahí!" - Jn 11, 43

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## MISIÓN PARROQUIAL

Nuestra Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés, localizada en Kanawha City, es una familia multicultural comprometida a fomentar los valores espirituales y morales de nuestra fe Católica. Como bautizados, nos esforzamos a vivir el Evangelio de Cristo en nuestra liturgia y obras de caridad. Si quieres ser parte de nuestra familia, te invitamos a que nos acompañes a la Misa Dominical, la Hora Santa y a todas las actividades que tenemos durante el año.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

Sacred Heart will be holding group meetings to discuss and reflect on Bishop Brennan's Pastoral Letter on "Bringing People to Christ". Bishop Brennan has commented that this may be his most important letter. All are welcome. No sign-up is required. For more information, email John Willson at [johnhwillson@me.com](mailto:johnhwillson@me.com).

Sunday, April 6 at 12:00pm - In the Gathering Space  
Wednesday, April 9 at 10:00am - In the Cordis Center  
Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30pm - In the Gathering Space

## LADIES GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to the next Ladies Guild. It will be held Tuesday, April 8 at The Olive Garden - Southridge beginning at 6:00pm. If you would like to play an optional game, bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped/bagged gift. RSVP or questions: Ann (304-553-7473) or Pat (304-382-5311).

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30PM FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 5:30PM in the main church. Join us as we pray and meditate on these 14 powerful moments in Jesus's journey to Calvary!



## COMMOM GROUNDS OUTREACH



Help fill the shelves at Common Ground Outreach. Some of the food boxes basics for the boxes go out to the clients go fast with the increase of clients served. Peanut butter, Cereal (low sugar), Saltine Crackers and Applesauce are always in demand. If you could bring some of these staples & place them in the Common Ground Outreach containers in the Church, it would be appreciated.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES & EASTER

**MONDAY - Chrism Mass at 4:00PM - at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral**

**WEDNESDAY - Penance Service following 6:00 PM Mass**

**THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00PM**

**FRIDAY - Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Confession - 3:00PM  
Passion, Veneration and Communion - 6:00PM**

**(Good Friday - Day of fast & abstinence)**

**SATURDAY - Easter Vigil - 8:00PM**

**SUNDAY - Easter Masses: 8:00AM & 10:30AM**

HOLY WEEK



## PARISH EGG HUNT !!!!!

After the Easter Sunday 10:30 Mass!  
Behind the Church around the back parking lot!  
Two age groups: up to not yet in kindergarten and kindergarten and up.



## ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear St. Agnes,

Last Sunday, after all of the Masses, classes, and the Penance Service at Blessed Sacrament Parish, I had just enough time to get myself put together in time for dinner with a brother priest about an hour away. I was tired, but ready to go because it had been a while since I had gotten to visit with this friend. However, at about 4:45PM, shortly after I had returned home from the Penance Service, my brother priest called and said that he was no longer able to meet me for dinner.

At that moment, I was filled with a strange emotion. It was a combination of sorrow and excitement. I was sorry that I was no longer able to visit with my friend, but also excited to know that I now had a free evening to rest and take care of some projects here at the parish. This is how I know that, despite my love of people, I am still truly an introvert! I really value moments of rest and solitude like this!

God surprises us with moments of rest like this in our spiritual life as well. Once, when the Apostles returned from their time abroad preaching the Gospel, casting out demons, and curing the sick, Jesus surprised them saying, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while" (Mk 6:31). They had worked hard, and Jesus wanted them to have some time to take care of themselves, and so they enjoyed a nice boat ride across the Sea of Galilee together.

Have you experienced this in your life? Can you recall moments when spiritual battles became suddenly easy or your prayer particularly rejuvenating? Perhaps a particular temptation suddenly went away or a long-time trial was resolved out of nowhere? Moments like this are wonderful!

However, it is essential to recognize that the moments of rest that we long for will only come if we have first put in a good days work. I would not have been relieved to have the night off last Sunday if I had been lazy all day and neither will we sense those moments of spiritual rest if we have been lazy with our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Many in our world today, especially in our culture, do not often sense the rest that God wants them to have because the fatigue they feel is not coming from their labor in the Vineyard of the Lord, but rather a result of spiritual sloth!

This is why we increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent. We willingly embrace more penance than usual to not only strengthen our commitment to doing God's work, but also to prepare ourselves for those much-needed moments of rest that He gives to His workers!

Let this encourage you to persevere in your penitential practices this Lent, or to recommit to them if you have been slacking off lately, which I personally find very easy to do now that we are close to the end! If you want to enjoy the surprising rest that God blesses His children with, remember that you first have to do the work He calls us to do!

May God bless you all!

Fr. Szabo

## ST. AGNES TO-DO LIST

*Perhaps you have wondered before, “What can I do to help around the church?” Well, take a gander! Here are some chores that need doing. Though I enjoy this kind of work, I can’t say that I’ll get to all of these things in a reasonable amount of time, so your help would be much appreciated! Just email me (pszabo@dwc.org) once you have taken care of something so I can remove it from the list!*

**Light for the Exterior Atrium Entrance:** The exterior door that leads out of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd “Atrium” room is in good working order, but there is no exterior light above or near it. It is actually a very dark area at night making it a little unsafe to access once the sun goes down. We would like to wire a dawn to dusk light just above the door.

**Sidewalk Leveling:** There are a number of places on our sidewalks where one section is raised up higher than the other next to it leading to a tripping hazard. My understanding is that you can rent a machine that can easily grind these higher places down level. If you have done this before, or have the skills to learn a new trick, have at it!

**Plumbing:** A number of faucets are leaking in one way or another, or doing things really old plumbing does. If you know how to do this sort of thing, let me know! We could use a hand replacing old faucets with new ones!

**Painting in the Office:** The office back room paint is peeling off of the cinderblock walls. Maybe moisture is getting through too? Let us know if you could scrape, clean, seal and repaint these old walls, give us a call!



### RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP



We are looking to begin a pro-life group at St. Agnes. If you would like to be part of this group, there is a sign-up sheet in the main narthex of the Church. This group will engage on life issues from before birth through death & provide prayer, education, and action.

### COMMEMORATIVE PICTURE WALL

We would like to start a commemorative wall of pictures of the former pastors. If you would happen to have a picture of a former pastor, you could email/send/drop a copy of the picture to the office. Hopefully we can end up with pictures of all the former pastors.

Rev. Msgr. William J. Lee – 06/1923 – 07/1926

Rev. Thomas J. Garrett – 10/1926 – 03/1929

Rev. James J. McGlone – 03/1929 – 08/1934

Rev. Laurence Gallagher – 8/1934 – 6/1965

Rev. Leo B. Lydon – 02/1967 – 05/1969

Rev. Msgr. P. Edward Sadie – 05/1969 – 08/1980

Rev. Msgr. Sylvester W. Staud – 08/1980 – 06/1982

Rev. Marcel A. Ballouz – 06/1982 – 06/1987

Rev. John H. McDonnell – 06/1987 – 02/2006

Rev. John McDonough – 02/2006 – 06/2011

Rev. Christopher M. Turner – 06/2011 – 09/2014

Rev. Joseph Mandokkara Augustine – 02/2015 – 06/2018

Rev. Jose M. Escalante – 06/2018 – 06/2024

### CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN PROGRAM

If you participated in CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Program, please return your rice bowls by Easter to either the Church Office ( Mon. - Fri. 10:00am - 3:00pm) or bring them back when you come to Church and place in the container in the main narthex of the Church. Questions - contact the office.



- ♦ Fasting is observed Good Friday by everyone ages 18 to 59.
- ♦ On a fast day, one full meal is allowed along with two other smaller meals which, together, should not equal another full meal.
- ♦ Abstinence from meat is observed by everyone 14 years old and older on all Fridays during Lent.

# ST. AGNES MINISTRIES

## Family Ministries

### FAMILY ADORATION

Family Adoration is held every First Saturday 10:00AM - 10:30AM. This period of Adoration is directed specifically towards the youngest members of our community. Interested families can join us anytime or contact Aisling Whelan at [aislingterese@gmail.com](mailto:aislingterese@gmail.com) for more information.

### FRIDAY FAMILY PLAY DATE

Families with young children are invited to gather after Daily Mass on Fridays. Come & enjoy fellowship with other Catholic parents while the kids play!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have an extended period of Adoration on Wednesdays following the 6:00PM Mass & continuing until 11:00p.m. We are still looking for more people to commit to at least one 30-minute slot each week to ensure that Our Lord is always accompanied by at least one person. Please prayerfully consider signing up in the vestibule!

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Montessori approach to Catholic catechesis which is shaped to the needs of children 3-6 years old is held in the Atrium Room on Saturdays at 3:00pm. If you have a child who is 3 - 6 years old as of January 2025, and you are interested in enrolling them in our CGS program, please email our catechist Aisling Whelan at [aislingterese@gmail.com](mailto:aislingterese@gmail.com).

## Men's Ministry

### MONTHLY MENS NIGHT

St. Agnes offers a monthly gathering for men who are 21 years or older on the last Saturday of each month. This is a time of fellowship, discussion, and prayer for men who are ready to grow closer to God and one another. April's gathering: **Friday, April 25th** at 6:30PM. Email Fr. Szabo for more info.

## Young Adult Ministry

### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Thursdays after 6:00pm Mass in the St. Agnes Parish Office. Dinner is provided! If you are a young adult (at least 18+) and interested in this Bible Study, just show up or scan the QR code for more information!

## The Sacraments

### WEDDING PREPARATION

Marriage is a wonderful Sacrament that we here at St. Agnes are happy to help you prepare for. Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before your scheduled wedding date so that we will have enough time to complete the preparation and paperwork.

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one is preparing for serious surgery, undergoing a life-threatening illness, or getting to the age where you are not sure how much more time God has for you on this Earth, contact the parish office to arrange a time when Fr. Szabo can celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

### 1ST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & OCIA

First Communion, Confirmation & OCIA classes continue Sundays 9:15am-10:15am. First Communion meets in the gathering room through the left door at the front of the church. OCIA are meeting in the church office.

## Social Outreach

### COMMON GROUNDS

If you would like to volunteer or donate, drop by Common Grounds Food Pantry at 3810 Venable Ave., on Tues. or Thurs. 10:00am - 2:00pm. A basket is in the Church narthex for food donations. For more information: call (304) 720-9690 or (304) 552-5286.

## Vocations

### JOIN THE SERRA CLUB OF CHARLESTON!

Serra International is a global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. The Charleston Club is growing & welcomes new members for its important mission of prayer & work for the Church. For more information: contact Mark Sadd at (304) 345-2000 ext/1101 or [msadd@lewisglasser.com](mailto:msadd@lewisglasser.com).

## Women's Ministry

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# DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION



## Walk for Life 2025 at the State Capitol

Date and Time:  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**3:00 - 5:00pm**



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**Volunteers needed! Give us a call!**

## Quo Vadis Retreat

### Middle School Discernment Retreat

Boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited!

11 am on June 30  
 through 1pm on July 3  
 Priest Field Pastoral Center

Kearneysville, WV  
 Campers will enjoy outdoor activities including:  
 Prayer • Kayaking • Discernment  
 Camp Fire • Games  
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The camp is staffed by laypeople, priests and seminarians from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

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