

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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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. 10:30 P.M. (in Spanish)
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

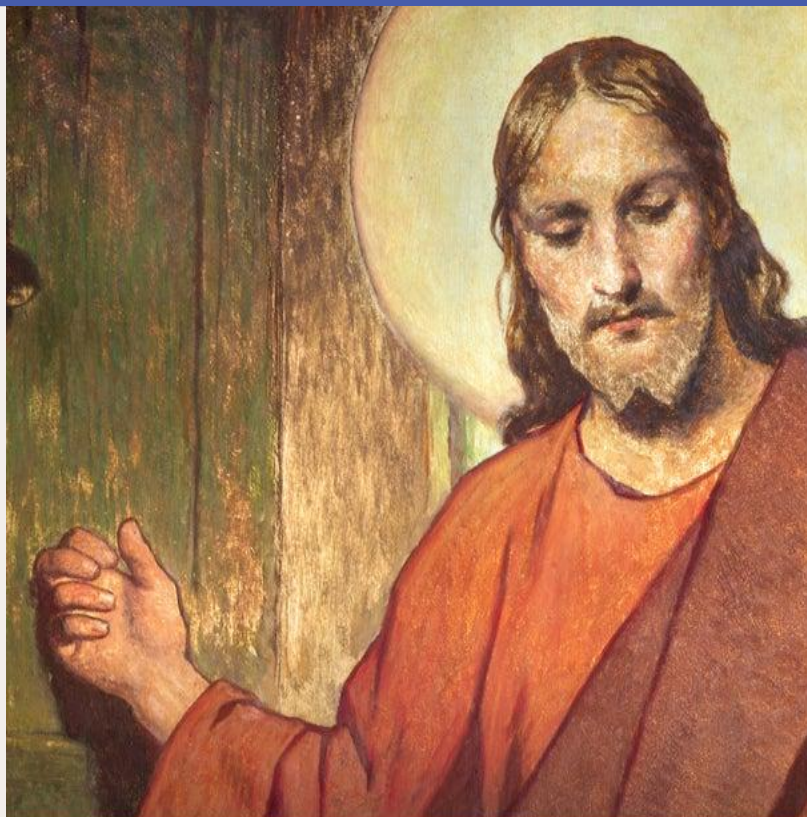
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:39-40

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August 15, 2025

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary
A Holy Day of Obligation**

**Vigil Masses Thursday 6:00pm & in Spanish at 10:30pm
Friday Masses 8:30am & 5:00pm**

Assumption of Mary is a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.”



Blessed Virgin Mary

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 11 - AUGUST 17

August 2 - August 3

Weekend Attendance: 226

5:00 P.M.- 54; 8:00 A.M.- 41; 10:30 A.M. - 91; 12:30 P.M. 40

1st Collection	\$ 3,979. ⁰⁰
2nd Collection - Maintenance	\$ 815. ⁰⁰
Other Collections	\$ 75. ⁰⁰
Total	\$ 4,869.⁰⁰

August 10 - St. Agnes Parish Outreach

August 17 - Education of Seminarians

Thank you for your generosity!

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 placed in the mail.

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. 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. Thank 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 one 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 \$20.00 for a weekend Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS

All guys and girls who are interested in serving at the altar during Mass should please email Fr. Szabo. We will be arranging a time for altar server practice in the future. Thanks to all who already help with this ministry!"

LECTORS

Mass Time	August 9 & August 10	August 16 & August 17
5:00 p.m.	Marchin Karz	Pat Fulcher
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	Dana Fox
10:30 a.m.	Alex Macia	Tiffany Hastings
12:30 p.m.	Gladys Cuartas	Mary Onate

MON 11	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
TUE 12	6:00 P.M.	Wayne F. Maresch by Theresa Gwiazda
WED 13	6:00 P.M.	Shannon M. Gwiazda by Theresa Gwiazda
THU 14	6:00 P.M.	Father Szabo by Bunnie Perrine
	10:30 P.M. (IN SPANISH)	Parishioners of St. Agnes
FRI 15	8:30 A.M.	Bridget Arbaugh by Nancy Gray
	5:00 P.M.	Parishioners of St.. Agnes
SAT 16	12:00 P.M.	Parishioners of St. Agnes
	5:00 P.M.	Parishioners of St. Agnes
SUN 17	8:00 A.M.	Parishioners of St. Agnes
	10:30 A.M.	Luther Botkin, Jr. + by Bunnie Perrine
	12:30 P.M. (IN SPANISH)	Elena Ramirez by Juanita Mata

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 easier.

HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME VISITS

If you or a loved one are no longer able to make it to Mass in person, please call (304) 881-3228 to speak with Mr. Stanley Lewis who helps coordinate our homebound and nursing home ministry.

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 more information: contact Mark Sadd at (304) 345-2000 ext/ 1101 or msadd@lewisglasser.com.

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.

AUG/SEPT

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Bishop Brennan's Statement on the Current Immigration Crisis

We are a nation built on the backs of men and women who came from other countries, whether freely or in chains. Now we see our government adopting harsh measures to deport as many immigrants as possible, often without distinguishing between true criminals and law-abiding persons. A government that says it wants to help families is willing to separate immigrant parents from their children. A government that oversees the economy wants to expel millions of workers upon whom the economy depends.

Some of you have told me that you were happy to support a presidential candidate who would install order at the southern border and keep out drug traffickers, terrorists and violent criminals, but that you didn't expect this wholesale assault on the majority of immigrants, who work hard, are raising their families and live peacefully in our communities. You expected a laser beam approach, not a floodlight.

Our Catholic faith sheds light on this situation. Mary and Joseph had to flee their homeland because a jealous king wanted to kill their son. That son would later say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Our Church looks at the person, not his or her legal status, and, following Christ's teaching and example, reaches out to help the immigrant. A person is more important than legal status. Even prisoners in jail are fed, clothed and have their health problems addressed, at least in well-run prisons. This Catholic Diocese will continue to advocate for and assist our immigrant brothers and sisters in our parishes and through Catholic Charities.

Keep in mind that entering the United States without official government permission is a misdemeanor – a crime but a lesser one, on the level with loitering, public intoxication and shoplifting; it only becomes a felony, a more serious crime, if a person is deported and then enters again without our government's permission. Consider, too, that immigrants tend to be younger, marry sooner and have more children than the average American-born couple. In a nation whose fertility rate is now only at 1.6% when 2.1% is needed just to maintain the current population level – and especially in West Virginia, which has been losing population for many years – we should welcome immigrants because we need them and the vitality they bring.

The main problem is that our immigration laws discourage legal immigration. Unless you are a celebrity or a person with a special skill that our government wants, it can take years to work your way through the complicated and expensive immigration process. Then there are quotas, favoring some nations and disfavoring others. In this scenario it should be obvious why some people simply cannot wait for the legal immigration process to slowly and painfully unfold. They could be killed for their religion or political views or see their children starve to death before they are granted a visa to come here legally; so, they come anyway because they are desperate.

Both political parties have avoided dealing seriously with immigration reform. They have benefited by keeping immigration a live issue in their campaigns. Republican President George W. Bush presented an acceptable if imperfect plan to reform immigration laws, but his own party shot it down. Democratic President Barack Obama said he would act on immigration reform but, with Democrats in control of Congress his first two years, he did not do so. Our politicians have failed us.

Why should this matter to us? "Am I my brother's keeper," Cain asked God after he killed his brother, Abel. God makes clear His answer by expressing His outrage at what Cain had done. We can hurt people not only by hostile actions but by our indifference. We are our brother's and sister's keepers. On our journey to eternity, the Lord expects us to help one another. Why else would He command us: Love your neighbor as yourself and Do unto others as you would have them do unto you? We may not have the large number of immigrants in West Virginia that we see in other parts of our country, but some are here, and they are our neighbors, coworkers, fellow students and, in many cases, our fellow Catholics. They deserve our support in the current climate of fear and intimidation.

In the light of these Christian principles, we the people must act. How? As people of faith, we should pray intensely for God to touch the minds and hearts of our political leaders and move them to be more reasonable and humane in their policies; and for those who implement those policies to do so with respect for their fellow human beings. I pray alone and have prayed with others for immigrants who are threatened by the government's policies and actions and for a change of heart on the part of the officials ordering those actions. Could you not do the same?

We the people can also act to befriend immigrants. We can encourage those we know to avoid gathering in large groups and remind them of their rights, including the right to remain silent and the right to see a properly executed warrant from a judge. We can welcome immigrant friends into our homes. We can speak up when we hear grossly inaccurate talk about undocumented immigrants being uniformly criminal, when only a few commit violent crimes. (A police chief where I used to serve said publicly that the immigrants in that city were more law-abiding than the native-born citizens.) We can also let our public officials know that we want immigration enforcement to be less cruel and more focused on violent criminals.

We the people should also remember our history. The Fugitive Slave Act, passed by Congress as part of the Compromise of 1850 – an attempt to calm the tensions between slave states and free states – required not only local police but ordinary citizens to assist federal marshals in returning escaped slaves to their Southern masters or face heavy fines and jail time. Many Northern citizens refused to cooperate with a law they saw as manifestly unjust. It is Catholic teaching that an unjust law does not bind in conscience. But one must be willing to accept the consequences of civil disobedience. Martin Luther King, Jr., was willing to go to jail rather than acquiesce in unjust laws, a willingness shared by prolife activists and people protesting nuclear arms. As the English statesman, Edmund Burke, is reported to have said, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” We must pray for the courage to do the right thing.

I encourage even those whose official duty is to enforce the current Administration’s immigration policies to consider whether a specific action is morally justified. I recognize that they have sworn to uphold the law. Yet the manner in which a law is enforced matters. Those acting on the government’s behalf cannot escape personal responsibility for an unjust action with the excuse that it was ordered by their superiors. That defense was not allowed during the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals at the end of World War II. The judges held that a soldier, guard or official, who authorized or engaged in gross violations of human rights, was personally responsible for his acts.

What has been reported about excesses in immigration enforcement does not approach the horror of Nazi treatment of prisoners but the principle of personal responsibility for one’s actions remains the same. Challenging a superior’s unjust or cruel order risks retaliation, so the degree of injustice a government agent perceives in such an order must be weighed against the potential for severe repercussions against the agent. Still, we should all keep in mind that the final judge of our actions is God. Our Church would have no martyrs if the highest good was to preserve one’s life. Some things are worth taking a principled stand for. How would God judge actions that pull a man away from his wife and children in order to deport him? How would He judge arresting a person just because “he looks like an immigrant?” How does He look at a large, rich nation that turns away the world’s poor and suffering?

I urge you to affirm the humanity of all immigrants, regardless of legal status. Our government’s own inaction is the main reason why many oppressed and struggling people feel obliged to enter our country without legal documents. Now our government is overreacting by trying to force them out. We Catholics must welcome the stranger and feed and clothe him. For whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me [Matthew 25:40].

Sincerely in Christ,

+Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & OCIA

Parents: If you have children who are at least 6 years old or older and have not received their First Holy Communion, please sign them up for the First Communion Class. If you have children in 8th grade or above who have not yet been confirmed, they can be signed up for the Confirmation Class. People who are interested in becoming Catholic or just want to learn more about the faith, email us (stagnescharlestonwv.org) to get on the list for OCIA classes. Classes all start on Sunday, September 7th at 9:15AM and continue weekly at the same time. Sign-up sheets are in the main narthex. 1st Communion and Confirmation registration forms are also available and can be returned at the first class.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ladies Guild

All women of the parish are invited to Ladies' Guild. We will meet on Tues., August 12th at 6:00pm at Aladdin's - Kanawha City. To play an optional game, bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped/bagged gift.. RSVP or questions: Ann (304-552 7434) or Pat (304-382-5311).

Solemnity of the Assumption Party!

Friday, August 15th right after the 5:00pm Mass!

The Main Dish will be provided.

Just bring a side dish or dessert to share if you can!

(A signup sheet is in the main vestibule so we can get an idea of how much main dish is needed.)



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

A fundraiser supporting Women's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center continues through August 24.

Funds raised are used to help new mom/dads that come to the office seeking pregnancy assistance.

Pick up a bottle from the crib & return it by August 24 filled with coins, bills and/or checks.

KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are looking to begin a Prayer Shawl ministry at St. Agnes.

Each shawl is a physical and spiritual comfort to whomever may need the encouragement and knowledge that they are cared for and loved: those undergoing a medical procedure, grieving the loss of a loved one, for new mothers, as a comfort during illness, etc.

If you would like to join us, contact Mary Perdue-Jones
304-610-4028
maryperduejones@gmail.com

Diocese of Wheeling Charleston 175th Anniversary

The Bishop's Chapel at Mt. Calvary Cemetery will be open to the public the first Saturday of each month from 12:00 noon - 3:00pm. All are welcome to stop in for private prayer and to view the beauty of this holy place, the final resting place for many of our bishops. A historical/tour pamphlet will also be available.



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!

Weed Trimming: If you know how to run a trimmer (or as we call them back home a "weed-wacker") we would love your help with the trimming around the church. We have a generous parishioner who is cutting the lawn each week, but it is just too much for him to also go around the buildings, fences, trees, etc. and trim along the edges of things. Let us know if you can help with this!

Stick Collection: Despite all of the tree trimming we have done this past year, the trees continue to drop branches all over the yard. There are some large enough to cause trouble for anyone helping mow the lawn. If you have about an hour a week to spare, consider taking a walk around the property here once a week with our wheelbarrow to pick up sticks that are laying in the yard. Let us know and we will tell you how to access the wheelbarrow.

Garden Maintenance: The gardens around the church, rectory, and office are in constant need of some TLC! If you have a green thumb, or can at least distinguish between weeds and flowers, please feel free to come by for any amount of time to help maintain the many gardens that we have around the parish!

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 a number of old faucets!

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!

ST. AGNES MINISTRIES

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.

Men's Ministry

MONTHLY MENS NIGHT

A monthly gathering for men 21 years or older on the last Saturday of the month. This is a time of fellowship, discussion, & prayer for men who are ready to grow closer to God & one another. August's gathering: Saturday, August 30th 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!

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.

High School students needing community service hours? Help pack food boxes that are distributed to Common Grounds clients on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

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

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Montessori approach to Catholic catechesis is designed for children who are 3-6 years of age. The program is finished for the summer and will resume in September. If you are interested in this program and would like more information, contact our catechist Aisling Whelan at aislingterese@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY



For our families with middle school and high school age kids at home, please join our BAND group to receive notifications about upcoming activities."

Women's Ministry

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Parish Ministry

ROSARY GROUP

On Fridays at 3:00pm we will have a weekly a Rosary group for all ages. The group will say a Rosary together every Friday at 3:00pm, unless the Church has another event on the same day/time. Fellowship following either in the vestibule or outside if weather permitting.

PRO-LIFE GROUP

A Pro-Life group is at St. Agnes. This group works to support local Pro-Life efforts, as well as to provide needed support to families here at St. Agnes and in our local community. If you would like to learn more about this group, or how you can join, please email Fr. Szabo.

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MOUNTAIN STATE CATHOLIC MEN

Friday, September 12
St. Joseph Cathedral Parish
Wheeling, WV

5:30 P.M. EXPOSITION OF
BLESSED SACRAMENT & VESPERS

6:30 P.M. INFORMAL DINNER
FOLLOWED BY ROUNDTABLE
DISCUSSION

Saturday, September 13
Pittsburgh, PA

Gathering of Catholic Men's Conference
Noon to 4:30 p.m. (Mass at 4:30 p.m.)

For more information and to register for
Pittsburgh conference, go to:

www.cmfwpa.org

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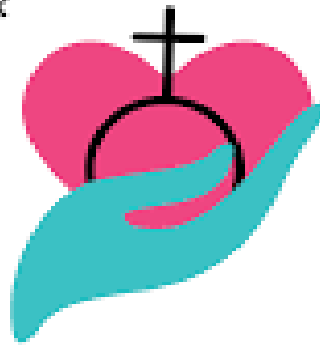
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