

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 & BENECTION

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.

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July 27 2025



17th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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August 6, 2025
Wednesday at 6:00pm Mass

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Join us for this solemn Mass. This event is significant in Jesus' life and ministry because it *confirms his divinity* and demonstrates how he fulfills the Old Testament scriptures.

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 and
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."

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

July 26 - July 27

Weekend Attendance:

5:00 P.M.- 43;8:00A.M.- 49 ;10:30 A.M. - 100;12:30 P.M. 34

1st Collection	\$ 3,522. ⁰⁰
2nd Collection - Catholic Communicatio	\$ 456 . ⁰⁰
Other Collections	\$ 109. ⁰⁰
Total	\$ 4,087 . ⁰⁰

July 27 - Debt Reduction

August 3 - Maintenance Fund

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	July 26 & July 27	August 2 & August 3
5:00 p.m.	Pat Fulcher	
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	
10:30 a.m.	Lou Dent Smith	Bunnie Perrine
12:30 p.m.	Jesus Torres	

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 28 - AUGUST 3

MON 28	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
TUE 29	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
WED 30	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
THU 31	6:00 P.M.	Michael Dragoo by Sharon Dragoo
	10:30 P.M. (IN SPANISH)	No Mass
FRI 1	8:30 A.M.	No Mass
SAT 2	12:00 P.M.	Parishioners of St. Agnes
	5:00 P.M.	Parishioners of St. Agnes
SUN 3	8:00 A.M.	Arlene Carnevale + by Dana Fox
	10:30 A.M.	Connie Carey + by Bunnie Perrine
	12:30 P.M. (IN SPANISH)	Parishioners of St. Agnes

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

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.

JULY/AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1 Aug	2
8:00AM Mass	No Mass (Fr. Szabo at Catholic Family Land)	No Mass (Fr. Szabo at CFL)	Fr. Prakash celebrating 5:00PM Confess & Adoration 6:00PM Mass 6:45PM YA Bible Study	No Mass (Fr. Szabo at CFL) 3:00PM Rosary 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	10:00AM Family Adoration 12:00PM Mass 3:30PM Confess 5:00PM Mass	
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ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear St. Agnes!

Leo XIV has been serving as our pope now for just over two months and it has been wonderful. From his tender words to young people encouraging them to follow God's call in their lives, to his fierce words against evil, he has been fulfilling his role well. And for me, I am finally starting to remember to say his name during Mass instead of our previous pope, Francis!

A line Pope Leo said recently in one of his Sunday Angelus addresses struck me this week. He said, "In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together" (Angelus homily on Sunday, July 13th, 2025).

What a beautiful line for us to hear today as we complete the first quarter of the twenty-first century. Today, science has advanced to a point where humanity is starting to think that we might be able to literally "cheat death" through certain medicines and procedures which promise to stop the usual aging process that leads to decline and death. On top of that, for anyone who does not have time to wait for these advances in medical science to arrive, there are companies that will cryogenically freeze your body in hopes that, one day, they will be able to successfully bring you back to life. At least, that is the hope. All for a small fee of course!

While the idea of extending our life here on Earth is not necessarily a bad thing, what is troubling is that this desire seems to coincide with a drastic decrease in faith. It seems that, the more we get wrapped up in selfishly extending our own earthly life, the less we think about others and the next life that awaits us all.

This is where Pope Leo's line comes in. "In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together." Regardless of what wonderful discoveries may be made about the aging process and how it can be slowed or stopped to allow people to enjoy more time on Earth, none of it will matter if we forget the whole purpose of this life. We are here to, as Leo says, "serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together."

So, whether you are a scientist on the cutting edge of anti-aging technology or not, join me in reflecting on how we live our life today, here in this present moment. Are we more interested in "cheating death" than we are in "serving life?" In other words, are we so focused on securing our own future that we lose track of the people we are called to serve? Are we more worried about maintaining our finances, our health, and our reputation than we are about taking care of our parents, our children, other family members, friends, and our community? Pondering questions like this is an easy way to find out where we stand. If we live a life of service to others, especially when it requires sacrifice, then we need not worry about living forever. God will take care of that part.

Godspeed!

Fr. Szabo

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Walking with Purpose

The next gathering will be Friday, August 1st at 7:00pm in the old convent chapel.
Inquiries: Justine Slominski: jsslominski@gmail.com or 774-279-3494



WHITE WATER RAFTING (Ace Adventure Oakhill, WV)

FRIDAY AUGUST 8TH. MASS AT 11:00AM AND DEPARTURE AT 11:45AM. RAFTING BEGINS AT 2:00PM THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX. OPEN TO ANYONE 12 AND UP!

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 with you if you can!



175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston

A special event on Friday, August 22, 2025 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling – on this day we will celebrate the 6th Anniversary of Bishop Brennan as Bishop of Wheeling Charleston as well as officially kicking off the anniversary celebration with a festive Mass at 12:05pm followed by a luncheon in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central. More details about this celebration to come – all are welcome to attend.



ROSARY CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS IN WV

SCAN ME!

Go to: dwc.org/rosary-crusade

From May 13, 2025, to May 13, 2026, faithful around the world can join our Rosary Crusade for Vocations in WV. PRAYER WORKS! Step up for Jesus and His Church! **Pledge. Share. Pray.**

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON WV PILGRIMAGE SITES FOR JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

- Cathedral of St. Joseph
1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling
- Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1032 Virginia Street East, Charleston
- St. Patrick Church 210 Center Avenue, Weston
- St. Joseph Parish 225 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg

Through December 28, 2025, Catholics are invited to visit any and all of these locations to obtain a Plenary Indulgence by completing:

- Reverent Prayer (at site): Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, or Mass.
- Confession - within 20 days before or after pilgrimage.
- Holy Communion
- Pray for the Pope

For information and updates go to dwc.org/jubilee-year-2025

What is God asking of You?

Missionary Sisters
Servants of the Word

*Discernment
Retreat*
for Women
18-30 years old

August 29th - 30th

Priestfield Pastoral
Center
4030 Middleway Pike
Kearneyville, WV
25430

Diocese of
Wheeling-Charleston

To sign up:
WestVirginia.Mission@fmsp.org



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

This is a fundraiser to support Women's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center.

The fundraiser begins August 2 and ends August 24.

100% of the funds raised are used to help new mom and dads that come through their doors seeking assistance for their pregnancy and new born.

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



STEP INTO SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE



Saint Agnes is partnering with the Kids of Kanawha 'Step Into School Shoe Drive' to support children in our community. Donations will help stock School Shoe Closets at **8 local area schools**, providing students access to new, well-fitting shoes throughout the school year. We are collecting: **New youth, teen, and adult shoes (boys and girls) in sizes ranging from 10C – Adult 12.** **Drop-Off Bin Location:** In the front entrance of the church - available throughout the month of July. Every pair donated helps a child walk into school with confidence, dignity, and comfort. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Learn more at kidsofkanawha.org. This is the final week of collecting shoes. During the week, shoes can be dropped off at the Church office 10:00am - 3:00pm.

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.

Painting Hand Rails: The railings around the church are rusting in some places and peeling in others. They could use some cleaning and a good coat of paint.

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 for more information.

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

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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.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Women's Choice PRC begins August 2nd and ends August 24.



ADVERTISEMENTS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

JOIN THE INAUGURAL
GATHERING OF . . .

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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CATHOLIC
MEN'S GROUPS
IN OUR
COMMUNITIES

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women and families since 1977.

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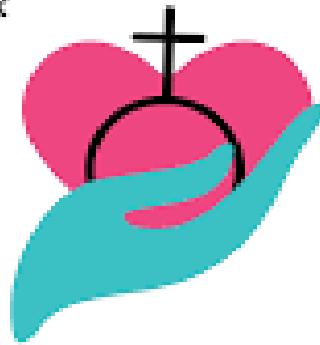
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