

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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2023



Feast of The Holy Family

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	05:00 P.M. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	08:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 12:30 P.M. (Spanish)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	06:00 P.M.
Wednesday	08:30 A.M.
Thursday	06:00 P.M.
Friday	08:30 A.M.

(For holy days, check our website)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Thursdays 05:00 P.M. - 06:00 P.M.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN THE MASS

The Third Friday of the month at 8:30 A.M.

May the Lord bless you all!

MASS INTENTIONS (JAN. 01-07)

		<u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u>
Mon 01	06:00 P.M.	Diocesan Priests & Religious
Tue 02	06:00 P.M.	No Mass
Wed 03	08:30 A.M.	Fred & Christina Thomas (L)
Thu 04	06:00 P.M.	Seminarians of our Diocese
Fri 05	08:30 A.M.	John Kogoy (D) by Sarah & Shawn Casey
Sat 06	05:00 P.M.	Therese Rhee (D) by Agnes Rhee
Sun 07	08:00 A.M.	Cathy Dorsey (L) by Fred & Christina Thomas
	10:30 A.M.	Elena Cendana (D)
	12:30 P.M.	Hispanic Community

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

December 23-24

Attendance: **133**

5:00 P.M. **55**; 10:30 A.M. **57**; 12:30 P.M. **21**

1st Collection

\$ 1,703.⁰⁰

2nd Collection

\$ 358.⁰⁰

St. Agnes Bldg. & Maintenance

St. Agnes Renovation

\$ 21.⁰⁰

St. Agnes Debt Reduction

\$ 78.⁰⁰

Immaculate Conception [12-08-23]

\$ 25.⁰⁰

TOTAL

\$ **2,185.⁰⁰**

December 24-25

Attendance: **201**

6:00 P.M. **120**; 12:00 A.M. **42**; 10:30 A.M. **39**

1st Collection

\$ 4,400.¹³

2nd Collection

\$ 725.⁰⁰

Catholic Charities of WV

St. Agnes Bldg. & Maintenance

\$ 175.⁰⁰

St. Agnes Outreach

\$ 77.⁰⁰

TOTAL

\$ **5,377.¹³**

Thank you for your generosity!

DAILY READINGS IN CHRISTMASTIDE — (JANUARY 01-07)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd -4/Jn 1:19-28	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14 -15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 /Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS 2023

In Memory and Honor of...



Jeanette Bane
† Martha Bane

Phillip & Elizabeth Baker

Patricia Belcher

Edward Boyles:
† Karen Boyles
† Hazel Boyles

Kenny & Mandy Canipe:
† Noah Canipe
† Grace Daniels
† Paul F. Keller

Shawn & Sarah Casey:
† John Kogoy

Juan Cedeño

Justin & Gina Joynes:
† Cooper Joynes
† Mary Long
† Susan DePalma
† Orlie Ferretti
† Marlene McCarthy

Melinda Kiss:
† Bob Kiss

Dean Lauffer

Tim & Laura Maddox:
† Regina Lynch Craffey
† Peter Paul Craffey
† Charles F. Maddox
† Mary Gail Silverstein

Ricardo & Juanita Mata

Michael & Mary Mullins

Bing Murphy:
† Phil Murphy

Tom Persinger:
† Meredith T. & Mary
Boland Persinger
† J. Powers Persinger
† Elizabeth P. Chadek

Derrick & Chastity Ramsey

Samuel Reid:
† Ham Reid Sr.

Robert Reishman:
† Maury Reishman
† James Reishman

Jim & Lynne Slamick

Paul Spence:
† Floyd & Mary T. Spencer
† Onofre & Mercedes
Villamizar
† Grace Dailey
† Bonnie Prunka

Kathleen Smith:
† Mr. & Mrs. Leon D.
Hoffmann
† Dr. & Mrs. Ralph S. Smith

Frank & Nancy Stark

Dominic & Haley Tallarico:
† Arthur Campbell
† Helen Schlarb
† Ann Tallarico

Tony & Tina Tallarico:
† Ann Tallarico
† Frances Tallarico Hager
† Rev. John H. McDonnell
† Sylvia Potesta

Larry & Cathy Taylor

Barbra Theierl
† Fred Theierl

Fredric & Christina Thomas

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† Kevin Lancaster
† Arthur & Margaret Williams
† Scott Williams

Daniel & Lisa Wood:
† Anne Brinegar
† Woodrow Brinegar
† Robert Wood
† Evelyn Wood
† John Brinegar
† David Wood

Stephen & Cathy Zekan:
† Robert E. Jarrett
† Nellie P. Jarrett
† John G. Zekan Jr.
† Audrey P. Comer
† Imogene S. Pridemore



MYSTERIUM FIDEI ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PAUL VI ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SEPTEMBER 3, 1965

The Universal Priesthood

31. But there is something else that We would like to add that is very helpful in shedding light on the mystery of the Church; We mean the fact that the whole Church plays the role of priest and victim along with Christ, offering the Sacrifice of the Mass and itself completely offered in it. The Fathers of the Church taught this wondrous doctrine. (24) A few years ago Our predecessor of happy memory, Pius XII, explained it. (25) And only recently the Second Vatican Council reiterated it in its Constitution on the Church, in dealing with the people of God. (26) To be sure, the distinction between the universal priesthood and the hierarchical priesthood is something essential and not just a matter of degree, and it has to be maintained in a proper way. (27) Yet We cannot help being filled with an earnest desire to see this teaching explained over and over until it takes deep root in the hearts of the faithful. For it is a most effective means of fostering devotion to the Eucharist, of extolling the dignity of all the faithful, and of spurring them on to reach the heights of sanctity, which means the total and generous offering of oneself to the service of the Divine Majesty.

https://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_03091965_mysterium.html

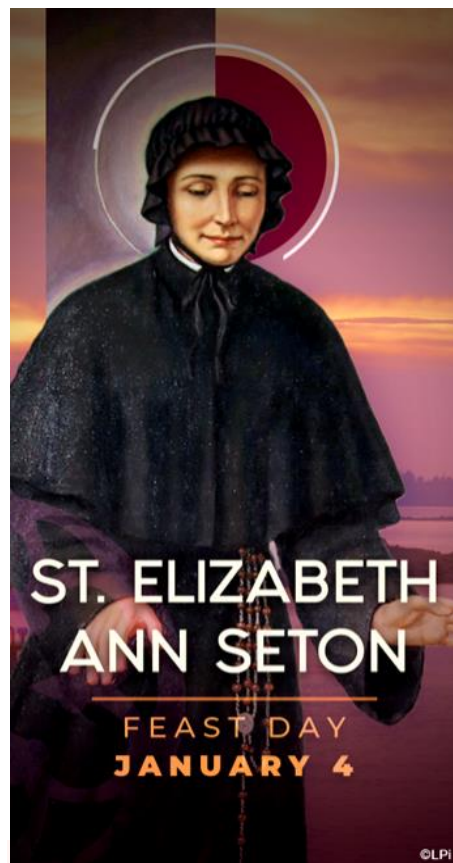
MINISTRY OF THE SICK

For more information contact us at 304-881-3228

Please pray for our sick and homebound...

Nancy Baker, Dustin Basham, Edgel Blake, John Blake, Harry Bowe, Francisca E. Calderon, Steve Bukovinsky, Connie Carey, Jeff Carroll, Betsy Chigo, Jannell Cochran, Sara Coen, Joanna Collins, Jesús Correas, Tom Crutchfield, John Cincinnati, Cathy Dorsey, Sister Nancy Dunn, Eva Celine Elkins, John Elswick, Cindy Fish, James Ford Jr., Dana Fox, Susie Fox, Jay & Tiara Francis, Lucy Fulcher, Mary Hanson, Ann Harris, Chris Hunter, Bonnie Jackson, Carolyn Jones, Christopher Jones, Matthew Jones, Thomas Jones Jr., Camille Keller, Mary Keeler, Elizabeth Kelley, Marianne Kogoy, Christine Lawrence, Suzanne Lawrence, Mara Lomas, Rev. Charles McGinnis Jr., Rick Mason, Tammy Milam, Tina Miller, Marsha Morton, Bing Murphy, Bridget O'Connell, Sarah Price, William Rader, Linda Radochio, Joan Reishman, Reynolds Family, Joel Riveria, Maria Roberts, Alberto Rodriguez, Magdalena Pineda, Kevin Sarrett, Mary Maggio-Sheets, Diana Smith, Keith Smith, The Smith Family, John & Sara Snyder, Theresa Sprouse, Mike Surdyk, Vivian Sword, Andrew Tignor, Nancy Tompkins, Barbara Theierl, Sharon Wade, Matt Wazelle, Jim Wegmann, Danny Whelan, Bill Wilson, Anna Wise, John Witek, Christine Wood Saaty, Shari Woodrum, Wright Family.

(Please contact the parish office if you would like to remove your name or family member's name from our prayer list.)



The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805. After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Maryland where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. She was canonized in 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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LECTOR SCHEDULE — December 30-31

Weekend	Mass Time	Liturgical Celebration	Lector's Name
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY			
Sat. 30	05:00 P.M.	Vigil Mass	Sarah Casey
Sun. 31	08:00 A.M.	Sunday Mass	Dana Fox
	10:30 A.M.	Sunday Mass	Terry Moran
	12:30 P.M.	Sunday Mass (in Spanish)	Mary Oñate

FAMILY

I have heard people say, “You don’t get to choose your family!” I believe that to be only partially true. I did not choose my father and mother, but my family is greater than my family tree of ancestors. My family includes those who have been there when both my father and mother passed away. My family includes those who came to see my newborn children in the hospital. My family includes those who celebrated with me my greatest triumphs and consoled me in my greatest times of trial. Each and every one of them I have chosen to be a part of my family. Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts, seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. When we fully empty ourselves into another and into the reality of God we find ourselves transformed. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit. Our family, the body of Christ, grows and becomes stronger. In this family, a man can be father to a Son not of his flesh and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin. In this family, we find our hope and our home. And we must never make the mistake of thinking that is not a choice.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH — Meditation —

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn’t think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, “I’ll help you hold him.” It struck me that she is baby’s mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life. Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable China dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed. Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

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CHAPTER ONE THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Article 1 THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. VII. The Grace of Baptism.

IN BRIEF

1283 *With respect to children who have died without Baptism, the liturgy of the Church invites us to trust in God's mercy and to pray for their salvation.*

1284 *In case of necessity, any person can baptize provided that he have the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

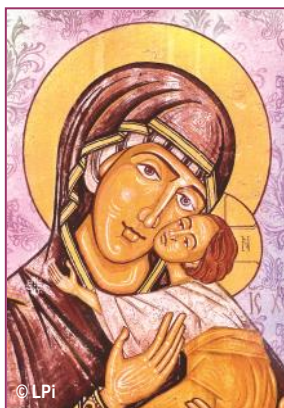
— Catechism of the Catholic Church.

LITURGICAL EVENTS & NEWS



EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

A five-week course is being offered through the University of Dayton's VLCFF. This course is intended for leadership teams and individuals who are or will be involved in implementing RCIA. It will be held at St John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm, beginning Jan. 18th. Tuition and the cost of the books are free. To register, please contact Gerri at gwright@dwc.org or (304) 720-8311. Registration deadline is January 5th.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Although the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God remains a Holy Day, the obligation to attend Mass for this year has been abrogated. However, we will still offer a bilingual Mass on Monday, Jan. 1st at 6:00 pm. *All are invited!*



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 (304) 233-0880: 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.

WELCOME TO ST. AGNES!

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Saint Agnes church is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant. The successful candidate must be customer focused, be intermediate to proficient in Microsoft Office and able to pass a background check. If interested, please send your resume to our parish office at stap1101char@dwc.org. Job description and salary will be discussed at time of interview.

ST. AGNES OUTREACH

Common Grounds, the St. Agnes supported food pantry, could really use our parishioners' help to replenish our food stocks. If you would like to donate, please drop by the Common Grounds Food Pantry at 6600 MacCorkle Ave., on Tues. or Thurs. btw 10:00 am & 2:00 pm. A basket is available in the narthex of the church for food donations. For more information call (304) 720-9690 or (304) 552-5286. Thank you for your support!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection for the Holy Land region to be held the weekend of January 13-14, 2024. The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support. They will provide the essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land. Checks can be made out to St. Agnes with "CNEWA Holy Land Collection" on the memo line.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

LADIES GUILD

St. Agnes Ladies Guild will meet Tuesday, January 9th at 6 o'clock at Los Agaves restaurant in South Charleston. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us. If you wish to play a game, please bring a wrapped five or ten dollar gift. The game is optional. Please RSVP to Ann at 304-552-7434 or Pat at 304-382-5311.



Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia
de Jesús, María y José

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31 de Diciembre, 2023

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Lc 2, 22-40

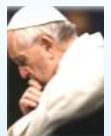
Como familias de fe, siempre debemos de estar abriendo caminos de esperanza, amor y paz entre nuestros miembros de la familia. Vivimos nuestra realidad con gran confianza en Dios. Luchamos cada día por ser mejores, por mantener viva la fe que nuestros padres nos han heredado. La liturgia de hoy nos dice que la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret vivió de manera sencilla, cumpliendo con sus deberes religiosos y civiles, pero siempre confiando en Dios. *“Una vez que cumplieron todo lo que ordenaba la Ley del Señor, volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño crecía y se desarrollaba lleno de sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios permanecía con él (Lucas 2,39-40).* Si el amor, el respeto y la comprensión están presente en la familia, los niños crecen en sabiduría y gracia. ¿Cómo está mi familia en términos de escucha y acompañamiento? *“En cada familia hay problemas, y a veces también se discute. Padre me he peleado...; somos humanos, somos débiles, y todos tenemos a veces este hecho de que peleamos en la familia. Os diré una cosa: si nos peleamos en familia, que no termine el día sin hacer las paces. Si, he discutido, pero antes que termine el día, haz las paces. Y sabes ¿por qué? Porque la guerra fría del día siguiente es muy peligrosa. No ayuda. Y luego, en la familia hay tres palabras, tres palabras que hay que custodiar siempre: Permiso, gracias, perdón (Papa Francisco 12/27/2020).* ¿Qué debo trabajar en mi familia para vivir en armonía?

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HORARIO LITÚRGICO DE NAVIDAD (Del 1 al 7 de Enero)

Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios		
Lun 01	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa Bilingüe
Mar 02	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Mie 03	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Jue 04	05:00 P.M. 06:00 P.M.	Hora Santa y Bendición Santa Misa en Inglés
Vie 05	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Sáb 06	3:30-4:30 P.M. 05:00 P.M.	Confesiones Santa Misa en Inglés
Dom 07	08:00 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
	10:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
	12:30 P.M.	Santa Misa en Español

INTENCIÓN DEL MES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO Por el don de la diversidad de la Iglesia



Oremos al Espíritu Santo para que nos ayude a reconocer el don de los diferentes carismas dentro de las comunidades cristianas y a descubrir la riqueza de las diferentes tradiciones rituales dentro de la Iglesia Católica.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>



IV LA CELEBRACIÓN LITÚRGICA DE LA EUCARISTÍA EL DESARROLLO DE LA CELEBRACION

Desde el principio, junto con el pan y el vino para la Eucaristía, los cristianos presentan también sus dones para compartirlos con los que tienen necesidad. Esta costumbre de la *colecta* (cf 1 Co 16,1), siempre actual, se inspira en el ejemplo de Cristo que se hizo pobre para enriquecernos (cf 2 Co 8,9):

«Los que son ricos y lo desean, cada uno según lo que se ha impuesto; lo que es recogido es entregado al que preside, y él atiende a los huérfanos y viudas, a los que la enfermedad u otra causa priva de recursos, los presos, los inmigrantes y, en una palabra, socorre a todos los que están en necesidad» (San Justino, *Apologia*, 1, 67,6).

(Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, § 1351).

LECTURAS DIARIAS DEL TIEMPO DE NAVIDAD— DEL 1 AL 7 DE ENERO

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado	Domingo
Nm 6, 22-27/ Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2)/Gal 4, 4 -7/Lc 2, 16-2	1 Jn 2, 22-28/ Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3- 4/Jn 1, 19-2	1 Jn 2, 29— 3, 6/Sal 97, 1. 3-4. 5-6/Jn 1, 29-34	1 Jn 3, 7-10/ Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Jn 1, 35-42	1 Jn 3, 11-21/ Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Jn 1, 43- 51	1 Jn 5, 5-13/ Sal 147, 12- 13. 14-15. 19- 20/Mc 1, 7-11	Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1- 2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/Ef 3, 2-3. 5- 6/Mt 2, 1-12

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