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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### MASSES FULFILLING SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Agnes
	5:30 PM	St. Patrick's
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Agnes
	10:00 AM	St. Agnes
	*5:30 PM	St. Agnes
	*Life Teen Mass—Academic Year Only	

### MASSES FULFILLING HOLY DAY OBLIGATION

Eve of Holy Day	5:30 PM
Holy Day	8:30 AM

### WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday	8:30AM Mass
First Friday	8:30AM Mass
Holidays	8:30AM Mass

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10:30AM-4:30PM

### PARISH STAFF

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### SACRAMENTS

#### Baptisms

Saturday 6:15 PM St. Patrick's  
 Sunday 11:00 AM St. Agnes  
 by previous arrangement after  
 conclusion of Baptism Preparation Class

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM and by appointment  
 5:15 PM at St. Patrick's

#### Marriage

Call rectory at least one year in advance

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith filled, welcoming parish that seeks to give glory to God through prayer, worship and service.

## SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



As we open our hearts to God, may we extend our hands in friendship to one another. May all who have come to worship know that they are sincerely welcomed in this house of God.



### SAINT AGNES CHURCH

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

4:00pm- **NO MASS** at 4:00PM

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

8:00am - Jean Dussault

Req. by Scott and Louise Motyka

10:00am - Elizabeth Baldessarini

Req. by family

5:30pm - Special Intention

**Monday, December 27, 2021**

8:30am - Special Intention

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**

8:30am - Special Intention

**Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021**

8:30am - Special Intention

**Thursday, December 30, 2021**

8:30am - Irma and Edward Munch

Req. by family

Jim Quillard

Req. by his wife, Theresa and family

**Friday December 31, 2021 (New Years Eve)**

8:30am - Special Intention

5:30pm - Special Intention

**Saturday, January 1, 2022 (New Years Day)**

9:00am- Special Intention

4:00pm - Antonio Barnini

Req. by family

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

8:00am - John Trova

Req. by Karen and Mark Chrostowski

10:00am - Jean Mastriani

Req. by Rick and Jean Wagner

5:30pm - Special Intention

### SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

5:30pm - **NO MASS** at 5:30pm

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

5:30pm - Annemarie and Edward Dubois

Rev. by The Horton Family



### WEEKEND OF Jan. 1/2:

#### SAINT AGNES CHURCH

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EM's</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4pm –	The New Ministry Schedule		
8am–	was not finalized at the time		
10am–	this bulletin was going to print.		
5:30pm–	The New schedule for January 1 to March 31, 2022 will be sent out soon.		

#### SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH

5:30pm–ML Galliher L. Carmel Q. Walton

#### Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY—DECEMBER 26, 2021



Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:45-47

### PRO LIFE REFLECTION

From today's Gospel, Luke 2: ***“Why were you looking for me?”*** The value and gift of life is found in our children.



### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Please be generous to your parish. Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure is all our responsibility. Our parish is funded and operated by your generosity and involvement. Please help us with our parish deficits by increasing your sacrificial giving amounts, joining We Share On-line Giving at [www.weshareonline.org](http://www.weshareonline.org), or more consistent use of offertory envelopes. Our Parish and School rely on your generosity, Thanks for all who sacrifice to help.

### 20/20 CLUB

The winner for last week:  
**Elaine Mozden**

Once again Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who signed up for this club which started September 18th. We thank our many faithful past members, as well as our new members. We want to wish everyone “Good Luck”. Any questions, call Henry Trudell @ 684-0928.



### Our Food Pantry is in Need of

Coffee, juice, Hot Cocoa, Hamburger Helper, Pancake mix and syrup, cereal, and toilet paper. **Please hold** on pasta, pasta sauce, tea, peanut butter, Knorr Pasta Sides and Beef Stew.

**Please NO baby food or frozen foods.**

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY OUT-DATED FOOD.** The Food Pantry is open Thurs. from

5:00PM to 6:00PM. Any questions, call Georgie Morrissey at 841-0342.

### PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

The Diocese of Springfield and St. Agnes Parish is committed to keeping children and youth safe. We have policies and procedures which are spelled out on our parish website at [www.stagnescc.com](http://www.stagnescc.com). For questions regarding Child Safety issues, please contact our parish Child Advocates: Lisa Stankiewicz 684-1803 or Fadia Makdisi 684-3143.

### This Week's Events

ROSARY WITH ADORATION Sun. 12/26 @ 6:30PM  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Mon.—Fri. 7AM-4PM

### OUTREACH TO HOMEBOUND

Saturday Mass is being televised *LIVE* at 4PM on both Pittsfield Cable TV Channel 1301 on Dalton Cable TV Channel 1301

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM ALL ST. AGNES MASSES: DAILY MASS MONDAY - FRIDAY @ 8:30AM, ON SATURDAY @ 4PM AND SUNDAY @ 8AM, 10AM and 5:30pm**

Visit us on the web at: [www.saintagnescc.com](http://www.saintagnescc.com)  
Previously Recorded or Repeat of a Past Mass will be posted on-line on our web page

### NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

⇒ Friday, Dec. 31st—5:30pm at St. Agnes  
⇒ Saturday, Jan. 1st—9:00am at St. Agnes  
**Note:** Regular Weekend Mass Schedule for Saturday, Jan. 1st and Sunday, Jan. 2nd

### BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED CHURCH

Through the generosity of many parishioners who donated for the flowers in memory of their deceased loved ones that are listed in the special Flower List and to all the dedicated and talented volunteers who decorated our church, we are able to enjoy a beautifully decorated church. This project is evidence of the unique parish community spirit of cooperation that continues to bring pride to our parish family.

Also, ***“Thank You”*** to Amanda Kmetz who collected all of the names of our deceased loved ones and created the special Christmas Flower List.

### K OF C CHRISTMAS COIN DRIVE

K of C Council #411 will conduct its annual Christmas coin drive over the next three weeks. The drive supports the council's Toy & Charity fund which provides Christmas presents to needy children, among other charitable activities. Coin jars are located at all three entrances to the church. All donations are welcome. We are grateful for your generous and throughout the year.

### OUR LADY OF THE ELMS COLLEGE

The 2022 Diocesan Appeal for Elms College will be made throughout the Diocese at all Masses on January 8th and 9th. This appeal will support the scholarships the Elms provides to students to make this faith-based education more affordable. The need for your support is great. We urge you to take part in this effort; there is an envelope in your packet for this purpose. For more information about how you can support Elms College, visit their website, [www.Elms.edu/give](http://www.Elms.edu/give) or call (413) 265-2213.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

MERRY CHRISTMAS. WE LIVE IN CHALLENGING TIMES AS THE PANDEMIC CONTINUES TO BURDEN US. MANY OF OUR FAMILIES HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES AND SOME ARE WORKING IN STRESSFUL SITUATIONS. WE MIGHT NOT BE AS ISOLATED AS LAST YEAR, BUT STILL EXPERIENCE THE RESTRICTIONS PRESENTED BY THE PANDEMIC. MY PRAYER IS THAT YOU WILL STAY HEALTHY AND STRONG AND FIND HEALING AND HOPE.

SCRIPTURE REMINDS US THAT PEOPLE WERE CRYING OUT FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION AND FOR THE SAVIOR TO COME TO THEM. WE HAVE ALL SPENT THIS YEAR CRYING OUT FOR GOD TO HELP US. CHRISTMAS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT REMINDER OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND HIS COMING CLOSE TO US.

AT THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT, WE KICKED OFF A CELEBRATION WHICH BISHOP IS CALLING THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST. IT IS A YEAR THAT WE ARE GOING TO WORK TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CHURCH'S TEACHING THAT JESUS IS REALLY PRESENT TO US IN THE EUCHARIST. NOT A REMINDER OF HIM, BUT ACTUALLY PRESENT TO US. BODY, BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY. WE WILL ENCOURAGE THE BETTER PRACTICE OF WEEKLY MASS AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE HOME AGAIN TO WORSHIP WITH US.

KNOWING GOD IS SO IMPORTANT BUT TRUSTING IN HIM IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. MAY OUR NEW YEAR BE ONE BLESSED WITH RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE CAN CELEBRATE IN PERSON. MAY OUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE PLENTIFUL.

I MISS SEEING SO MANY OF YOU AND GLAD OUR WORSHIP IS RETURNING TO NORMAL. I WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM BUT AM ENCOURAGING IN PERSON WORSHIP. WE ENCOURAGE THE WEARING OF MASKS, ARE SOCIALLY DISTANCING AND SANITIZING. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY AFFECTION AND PRAYERS. BEST WISHES TO EACH OF YOU FOR A BETTER YEAR AHEAD.

MANY BLESSINGS. *FR. CHRIS*



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**Grades K-8:** Sundays, 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

**Life Teen** (grades 9 & 10) Sunday  
 twice a month following  
 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass

**Confirmation** (Gr. 11 or 12)

Sun. 9:00 a.m. or 6:15 p.m.

Calendars at church entrances and

On parish website: [www.stagnesc.com](http://www.stagnesc.com)

**Faith Formation Calendar**

- Sun. 11/7** Student Mass. Sit with Class. Classes follow Grades K-8  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm  
 Event Gr. 9-10 follows Mass
- Sun. 11/7** Confirmation Class Retreat 3-8pm  
 At St. Mary's, Cheshire
- Sun. 11/14** Class Grades K-8
- Wed. 11/17** Pageant Signup via email
- Sun. 11/21** Class Grades K-8  
 Confirmation Class  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm
- Sun. 12/5** Class Grades K-8  
 Confirmation Class  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm  
 Event Gr. 9-10 follows Mass
- Sun. 12/12** Class Grades K-8  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm
- Sun/ 12/19** **No Class** Grades K-8  
 Christmas Pageant at 10am Mass  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm

**“WORD ON FIRE”PROGRAM**

The “Word on Fire” program presents an opportunity for all members of the parish to access the entirety of Bishop Robert Barron’s ongoing work in theology and spirituality, accessibly and conveniently.

Bishop Barron is a best-selling author of numerous books, essays and articles that illuminate some of the most important questions about our faith.

Bishop Barron has contributed as a religious correspondent to all major networks. “Word on Fire” is now available by registering through [Flocknote](#) or is available on the [MyParish App](#).



**YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST  
 AT ST. AGNES**

As part of our Year of the Eucharist special events, there will be a 6-week adult education program using video and workbook materials offered once a week during Lent in our Pastoral Center (former convent). In order to plan for space and materials, adults who are interested in participating in this program must register in advance and indicate their preferred times (morning, afternoon or early evening) and weekday (Monday thru Friday). Registration includes a \$20.00 materials fee payable to St. Agnes Church which must be submitted with your registration. Registration fee is refundable if you are unable to attend when the final dates are announced. Details of dates and times will be sent to all registered participants in advance of the first class.

Please complete the attached form and enclose it with your check in an envelope marked "YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST ADULT ED. CLASSES". You may drop it in any of the collection boxes in church or bring it to the rectory **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1st**.

First & Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$20 enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE DAYS & TIMES  
 THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE:**

Preferred time of day: \_\_\_\_\_ Morning  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Early Evening

Preferred day:  
 \_\_\_ Mon \_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_

**Feast of the Holy Family - Dec. 26, 2021  
 YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST**

“The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man”

~ St. Maria Goretti

For more information and videos check out  
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