

Mass Intentions for the week



**EPHESIANS IV — PRAYER & PRAISE
ON MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM IN CHURCH
EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME**

SUNDAY - APRIL 20 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00 pm (Sat)-Special Intention-Donna/Joe Milko (Friends)
8:00 - - Leo and Philomena Schaff (Daughters)
11:00 - - Leo and Susanne Snyder (Family)

MONDAY - APRIL 21 - ST. ANSELM

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - APRIL 22 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 - - Michael Slezak - Anniversary (Irene Slezak)

WED. - APRIL 23 - SS. GEORGE & ADALBERT

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR.- APRIL 24 - ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

6:45 - - Irene Hornfeck (Dennis and Barbara Starrett)

FRIDAY - APRIL 25 - ST. MARK

8:15 - - Grace Stinner (Jack and Theresa Dons)

SATURDAY - APRIL 26 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - APRIL 27 - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00 pm (Sat)- Lillian E. Otawka (Edmond & Ann Gruber)
8:00 - - John McElligott (Collins Family)
11:00 - - Tom Dalton (Nancy Tascarella)

**ST. AGNES PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER**

The purpose of the Pastoral Council is primarily the development of a *mission-focused parish* rather than a programmatic or finance-driven parish. This, of course, does not deny the importance of activity and fiscal responsibility in a parish. It does attempt to place at the heart of the parish a consciousness of and zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ. *When there is a clear awareness of this "larger vision" proposed by the gospels and taught by the Church, a parish finds itself energized by a sense of mission and directed to matters that will do more than simply fill the annual calendar.*

Jesus, early in His ministry, proclaimed what His mission on earth was. Through the generations, Christians have attempted to express that mission in concrete ways. The mission of the diocese and the mission of the parish are shaped by the Church's two-thousand-year tradition & ultimately grounded in the mission of Jesus.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

April 13, 2008

\$ 3,339.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 210.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008.....\$ 25,486.00
Amount Paid..... \$ 5,935.00
Weekly Budget Expenses..... \$ 4,390.00
Monthly School Subsidy..... \$ 6,167.00

—YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED—
REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

A Vocation Thought. . .

Statistics show that today men are entering the seminary later in life, often after working many years in another field. In fact, several seminaries are particularly geared towards "second career" vocations. Perhaps you know someone who would be interested in beginning a new "career" in the Church.

Please contact Fr. Grosko for further information.

Mission Statement of St. Agnes Parish~St. Agnes Parish established in West Mifflin, PA in 1867, is a viable Catholic community which witnesses the message of Jesus through the talents of its members who are nurtured by the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to invite people to know and become one with Jesus Christ, reaching out in service to all.



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY - Please pray for the soul of **EVA SCHARDING**. Our expression of fervent prayer and remembrance to all her family and friends. *May her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed be embraced by our Heavenly Father unto life everlasting.*

— — Easter Duty - Easter Privilege — —

Given that the Eucharist is the focal point of all our worship, the Church asks that Catholics receive the Sacrament frequently, and at the very minimum, once a year during the time of Easter (between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday). For 2008, that would be between **February 10th and May 18th**. We still use the expression, "**making our Easter Duty.**" It would be much better to **think in terms of Easter Privilege**. For most people, Easter Duty includes "**going to confession,**" but if a person is free of serious sin, he/she would not have to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Whatever your situation, this reminder of Easter Duty is offered. **Opportunities for confession are on Saturdays, at 5:30 p.m. before the St. Agnes 6:00 p.m. evening Mass and at 3:30 p.m. before the Holy Trinity 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

Meaning of Easter Season Summarized by St. Gregory of Nyssa

As we approach the end of our Easter Season, when we have celebrated the new life given to us by Jesus through His suffering and death, a beautiful description of what that means was explained in the early Church by one of its greatest teachers. St. Gregory is one of the early "Fathers of the Church" and a brother of St. Basil the Great. He was Bishop of Nyssa in the late three hundreds. In one of his sermons, this is what he wrote:

"The reign of life has begun, the tyranny of death is ended. A new birth has taken place, and a new life has come, a new order of existence has appeared, our very nature has been transformed! This birth is not brought about by human generation, or by the will of man, or by the desire of the flesh, but by God. If you wonder how, I will explain in clear language. Faith is the womb that conceives this new life, baptism the re-birth by which it is brought forth into the light of day. The Church is its nurse; her teachings are its milk, the bread from Heaven is its food. It is brought to maturity by the practice of virtue; it is wedded to wisdom; it gives birth to hope. Its home is the kingdom; its rich inheritance, the joys of paradise; its end, not death, but the blessed and everlasting life prepared for those who are worthy."



WINNERS OF 300+ CLUB APRIL RAFFLE: JANELLE HALLORIN AND CATHY KANCZES. Congratulations!
————— The 300+ Club Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, June 8th, 2008. —————

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN BEGINS

In the various meetings with the Temporalities and Finance Committees, it has been recommended that we begin a **Capital Improvement Campaign** for the necessary needed funding in the improvements of the physical plant of St. Agnes. Immediate attention has been focused on replacing of the old roof of St. Agnes School building, improved handicapped entrance, repairs on the sidewalk between the church and the school, and to establish a stronger financial viability for the parish. Personal letters are forthcoming giving fuller details and recommendations for your pledges and payments for the next five years. Your prayerful and understanding support is needed as we bear upon all parishioners for their full-hearted support and sacrifices so needed in the all important Capital Improvement Campaign. **If you have not received your personal letter, please inform the parish so that all parishioners may know of our Capital Campaign.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — St. Agnes Parish will hold a **Pancake Breakfast** on **Sunday, April 27th**, from **8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, after the **8:00 and 11:00 Masses**. This is a parish fundraiser and social event. Tickets are on sale in the Social Hall after all Masses today and next Sunday and at the door. *Prices are: Adults - \$5.00 and Children under 12 - \$2.00.* Please help support our parish. If you are available to help with this event (set-up, prepare, cook, serve, clean-up, etc.), please contact **Ruth Cerilli** or **Rita Jennings**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE" — Members of **Knights of Columbus, Council #4210**, Duquesne, West Mifflin will be collecting monies for the **Bishop's Project (2008-2009)** for **Maguire Home** and **St. Anthony's School for the Intellectually Disabled** after each Mass next weekend, **April 26th and 27th, 2008**. *The members of Council #4210 thank you for your support.*

Please Note: Diocesan Victim Hotline for Clergy Sexual Abuse is 1-888-808-1235

— Mark Your Calendar —

TODAY,	April 20th..... <i>CCD MASS</i> , at St. Agnes Church at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday,	April 27th..... <i>FINAL CLASS OF CCD PROGRAM</i>
Thursday,	May 01st..... <i>ASCENSION THURSDAY</i> , Holy Day of Obligation
Sunday,	May 04th..... <i>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR ST. AGNES & HOLY TRINITY CHILDREN,</i> at St. Agnes Church at 11:00 a.m.
Friday,	May 09th..... <i>MAY CROWNING</i> , at St. Agnes Church at 8:15 a.m.
Sunday,	May 11th..... <i>FEAST OF PENTECOST</i>
Sunday,	June 01st..... <i>50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR. MICHAEL POLAK. Mass at 2:00 p.m.</i>