

Mass Intentions for the week



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

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)

**MON. -APR. 28 - ST. LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT
(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)**

**TUESDAY - APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
6:45 - - Lorraine Wesley** (John Lesutis & Karen Ruffing)

**WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30 - ST. PIUS V
7:00 p.m. (Ant.) - Tom Dalton** (Michael/Nancy Lapinski)
(6:00 p.m. - - Mass at Holy Trinity - Antic. for Ascension)

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD, THURSDAY, MAY 1
Holy Day of Obligation**

8:15 a.m.- **Lillian M. Zosack** (Robert/Jacqueline Sprow)
7:00 p.m.- **Elizabeth Grobelski** (Adeline Marsenette)

**FIRST FRIDAY - MAY 2 - ST. ATHANASIUS
(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity followed by Holy Hour)**

**FIRST SATURDAY - MAY 3 - SS. PHILIP & JAMES
(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity/ Holy Rosary before Mass)**


SUNDAY - MAY 4 - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
6:00 pm (Sat)- **Mary Bednar** (John and Ceil Ferko)
8:00 - - **Martha Manns** (Ladies of Charity)
11:00 - - **Leo and Susanne Snyder** (Family)

**THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION
AT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The parish is *a community of people who believe in Jesus, who listen to the Good News and try to live it out, who celebrate and pray together.* The Pastoral Council form a microcosm of the parish community of faith. *The members of the Pastoral Council need to have the opportunity to pray with one another in order to deepen their individual and communal holiness.* Various forms of prayer are taught at the Pastoral Council. *The important thing is that councils make the time and pray together. Not only is this a source of strength and guidance for the ministry of leadership, but it forms the Council into a community of faith at the very heart of the parish.* And that is what makes the difference.

At the initial parish informational meeting on April 13th, 15 members of the parish were present.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY - to the family and friends of **HELEN SZOKOLY**, sister of **Irene Slezak**. *May her soul and all the faithful departed be embraced by the Heavenly Father unto life everlasting.*



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

April 20, 2008

\$ 3,285.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 377.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008.....\$ 25,486.00
Amount Paid..... \$ 6,312.00
Weekly Budget Expenses..... \$ 4,390.00
Monthly School Subsidy..... \$ 6,167.00

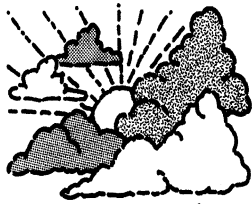
—YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED—
REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS...Next Sunday, **May 4**, the **children of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity** will be making their First Holy Communion at the **11:00 a.m. Mass**. Twenty eight of our young people will be receiving the Lord Jesus for the very first time. May they hunger for the Lord Jesus and receive Him as often as they can within our Faith Community. *Prayerful congratulations to them and their parents and the many who prepared them for this reception.*

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.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN...has begun with the initial letter sent to every parishioner and envelope user explaining the **necessity of our all-important Campaign** for the necessary improvements of our parish plant and in particular, the replacement and new roof to be installed on the St. Agnes School building. Your forthcoming letter and brochure gives further detail of the necessity of this Campaign.

If you have not received this all-important letter, please inform the Parish Office, 412-466-2655, or place a note in the offertory collection. This will insure your being enrolled in our parish files and help in canvassing the parish of all its parishioners. — Your understanding, cooperation, and support are surely needed!!



ASCENSIÓN

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Thursday, May 1st, Ascension Thursday

Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus returned to His Father in Heaven, as the apostles watched. But He was not abandoning them or us. He had already made provisions to be **physically and sacramentally present on earth for all time in the Holy Eucharist**. And He would **continue to teach and guide us** through the Church He established. And after returning to Heaven, He would **send the Holy Spirit to enlighten, guide, and strengthen us in accepting and living His Teachings**.

Jesus ascended into Heaven, but he is still very much **present among us today**—but we can only “see” and accept Him by **Faith**. If we **keep that Faith viable and strong**, and practice it faithfully, then we also will be eligible for **our place in Heaven that Jesus has gone there to prepare for us**.

As Catholics, our obligation to attend Mass on Thursday is the same as it is on a Sunday. To deliberately miss Mass without a good reason is a serious sin of neglect. *Note that we have three (3) Holy Day Masses.*

St. Agnes Masses: Anticipated — Wednesday, April 30th, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 1st, 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Masses: Anticipated — Wednesday, April 30th, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 1st, 11:00 a.m.

HEARTY AND JOYFUL CONGRATULATIONS to **KATHRYN YOUSKO** who celebrated her **102nd birthday** and she joyfully remembers when I celebrated her 100th birthday. As we say in Latin, “**Ad Multos Annos**”.

FATHER MARK GRUBER, O.S.B. ~ 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Gruber will be celebrating his **25th Priestly Anniversary** on **Monday, May 5th**, at **St. Agnes Church**. **Archbishop Lambert Reilly, O.S.B.** will be the presider/celebrant at the **6:00 p.m. Mass**. *Reception to follow*. All are welcome to join in this glorious Mass of Thanksgiving!



Also, his parents, **Martha and John Gruber**, will be celebrating their **57th Wedding Anniversary** on this day. It is the **Monday evening Ephesians IV gathering** that has been in our Parish for the last **37 years**. We are prayerfully grateful to Martha and John and their present leadership in maintaining this wonderful Monday evening gathering at St. Agnes Church that continues to this day. All are welcomed to join them!

Our heartfelt and prayerful congratulations to the wonderful ministry of Fr. Mark in the past twenty-five years and his endless contributions to the Benedictine Community of St. Vincent's.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — St. Agnes Parish will hold a **Pancake Breakfast TODAY, April 27th**, from **8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, after the **8:00 and 11:00 Masses in the Social Hall**. This is a parish fundraiser and social event. Tickets are on sale in the Social Hall after Mass and at the door. *Prices are: Adults - \$5.00 and Children under 12 - \$2.00. Please help support our parish!*

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH — On **May 2nd**, we will celebrate the First Friday of the month with the **Eucharistic Celebration followed by a Holy Hour and Solemn Benediction** at **Holy Trinity Parish** at **8:00 a.m.** *This will be the only Mass celebrated on this Friday, May 2nd.*

— Mark Your Calendar —

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