

Mass Intentions for the week



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

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)

MONDAY - MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - *Mass at Holy Trinity*)

TUESDAY - MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 - - **Lawrence McElhinny** (Richard McElhinny)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - *Mass at Holy Trinity*)

THURSDAY - MAY 8 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45-**Josephine Ables-Birth** (Edward/Joanne Fink & Fam)

FRIDAY - MAY 9 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 - - **William Wegert** (M/M Philip Efland)

SATURDAY - MAY 10 - BL. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER

(8:00 - - *Mass at Holy Trinity*)

SUNDAY - MAY 11 - PENTECOST

6:00 pm (Sat)- **Jack McElligott** (Wife, Carole)
8:00 - - **Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Agnes**
11:00 - - **Mary Jordan** (Family)

**ST. AGNES CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL CORNER**

There are seven elements that form the essence of Parish Life: *Evangelization, Worship, Word, Community, Service, Stewardship and Leadership.*

These elements constantly interrelate in parish life, each nurturing and supporting the other, with the communal celebration of Sunday Eucharist at the center.

Knowing what the seven essential elements are and understanding their interrelationship is central to the function of the pastoral council. These elements are what makes the pastoral council "pastoral." They keep councils on track as to what they should be praying, planning, and deciding about. *When the Code of Canon Law limited the scope of pastoral councils, it freed councils from being responsible for every issue in the parish, from organizing festivals to authorizing contracts for repair work, from maintaining organizations and calendars to running fundraisers. These are the jobs of the committees within the parish. Now, the agenda of the council is primarily to research, consider, and propose for action those matters considered to be truly "pastoral," those matters that directly relate to the seven elements. We will explain each of the seven elements in the next seven weeks. To be continued. . .*

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

April 27, 2008

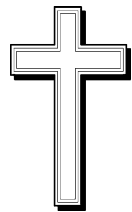
\$ 3,278.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 120.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008.....\$ 25,486.00
Amount Paid..... \$ 6,432.00
Weekly Budget Expenses..... \$ 4,390.00
Monthly School Subsidy..... \$ 6,167.00

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

MAY CROWNINGFriday, May 9th, before the 8:15 a.m. Mass. The children of St. Agnes School will process for the Mass and all are welcome to join in giving honor to and seeking the help of the Virgin Mary.

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...A second letter has been sent to all parishioners and hopefully you have received the first letter describing the purpose and goal of our Capital Campaign. The latest letter is for your understanding response and pledge for our Campaign. On the **second Sunday of every month**, the second collection (*a special envelope for the Campaign is in your packet*) will be your opportunity for us to receive your pledge and support. *Monthly, the second collection will be to receive your pledge and support.*



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! —**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.**



HOLY SPIRIT

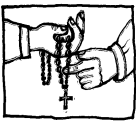
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Pentecost, Next Sunday, May 11th

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He promised that, together with the Father, He would send us the Holy Spirit. **Next Sunday, May 11th, we will celebrate that first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost.** Jesus had explained that the Holy Spirit would remind us of all that he had taught us, so He would be a **Spirit of TRUTH**—and by bringing us together *in Christ* and *in the one true Faith*, He would also be a **Spirit of UNITY**.

Just as the Apostles opened themselves to receive the Holy Spirit, so it must be with us—otherwise the Holy Spirit has nothing to work with. **Let's resolve, in our own individual lives, to give Him something to work with. If we make an effort to come to a fuller knowledge and deeper understanding of God's Teachings, then the Holy Spirit can enlighten, guide, and strengthen our Faith.**

Welcome into our Faith Community, GARRETT VINCENT CHERPAK, the child of Matthew and Ashley, baptized Sunday, April 27th, 2008



May—Month of the Rosary...One of the most widely practiced and spiritually engaging Catholic devotions is the Rosary. It is a series of **meditations** (the mysteries) built around the **life, death and Resurrection of Christ** and the **Church's teachings regarding His Mother**. As you know, the month of may has always been devoted to our Blessed Mother. We invite you during the month of May especially, to arrive at Mass 25 minutes early to pray the Rosary with us before the weekend Masses. *"The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort.....The Rosary is my favorite prayer.....marvelous in its simplicity and its depth."* (John Paul II)

55+ CLUB MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 8TH AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE SOCIAL HALL. ANYONE 40 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER IS WELCOME TO JOIN!

— Summer Festival —



Do mark your calendar for our Annual "Summer Festival" on Friday and Saturday, **July 25th and 26th**. The *Festival* is once again under the leadership of **Jack Walters**. Your *presence and support* will help achieve our goal in providing the **funding for St. Agnes School**. In the near future, a *personal letter* with a book of **raffle tickets** will go to all parishioners to begin to "drum-up" the *Festival* so that we can **achieve the best of our efforts!**

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Annual Hoagie Sale (May) and Bundle Sunday Truck Drive (June)—*Hoagie orders* will be taken in *May*. Hoagies ordered will be available for *pick-up the same day*. *Collection* of household items, furniture and clothing will be accepted the weekend of **June 7 - 8, Holy Trinity**.



Heartfelt Sympathy. . .to the family and friends of **STELLA KOVAC**, mother of *Patty Dudash*, a member of St. Agnes Parish, who was buried this past week from *Holy Trinity Parish*. *May all our beloved deceased be embraced by our Heavenly Father and be numbered among the elect.*

— Mark Your Calendar —

- TODAY,** 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—MOTHER'S DAY**
- Sunday,** June 01st..... **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR. MICHAEL POLAK. Mass at 2:00 p.m.**