

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

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

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)

**MONDAY - MAY 12 - SS. NEREUS & ACHILLEUS
(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)**

**TUESDAY - MAY 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA
6:45 - - Helen Szokoly (Irene Slezak)**

**WEDNESDAY - MAY 14 - ST. MATTHIAS
(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)**

**THURSDAY - MAY 15 - ST. ISIDORE
6:45 - - Albert V. Lesutis (Dolores and Tom Rylatt)**

**FRIDAY - MAY 16 - WEEKDAY
8:15 - - Mary Bednar (Joe and Irene Volker)**

**SATURDAY - MAY 17 - IN HONOR OF BVM
(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)**

**SUNDAY - MAY 18 - MOST HOLY TRINITY
6:00 pm (Sat)- Tom Dalton (55+ Club)
8:00 - - Kathryn Yousko - 102 Birth (Ladies of Charity)
11:00 - - Carol and Ted Koehler—50th Wedding Anniv.**

**ST. AGNES CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL CORNER**

EVANGELIZATION - The term “evangelization” encompasses any way in which a parish continues to spread the Good News of Jesus, especially (though not exclusively) through personal and communal sharing of the faith. *This proclamation of the message of Christ is the fundamental mission of the Church and every parish.* How each parish carries out its mission of evangelization is unique and particular to that community.

Every aspect of the parish life contributes to the unfolding of the Kingdom of God through witnessing to gospel values, therefore, evangelization is the predominant element. The local faith community is to be an evangelizing parish, where everything done, whether it be “Worship,” “Service,” “Word,” or any other essential element, has as its end the manifestation of the love of God in Christ Jesus. To be continued...

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
May 4, 2008

\$ 8,528.00	- - Sunday, Ascension & Monthly Envelopes
\$ 1,140.00	- - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008.....	\$ 25,486.00
Amount Paid.....	\$ 7,572.00
Weekly Budget Expenses.....	\$ 4,390.00
Monthly School Subsidy.....	\$ 6,167.00

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

— 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!**

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.

300+ CLUB MAY DRAWING WINNERS are PHILOMENA HOWARD and TONY WILLS.

The banquet of the 300+ Club members will be held on **Sunday, June 8th, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall of St. Agnes. If you are planning to attend, please **contact Sr. Cynthia, 412-466-6238, by June 2nd.**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN...Presuming that all parishioners have received their letters of introduction and the follow-up letters for the making of your pledge. If not, please call the Parish Office, otherwise you are not registered in our parish files. Hopefully, a down payment is made with your forthcoming pledge so that the *first phase* of our capital improvement can begin—*the new roof for the school building.*

Your understanding and financial support is needed to make a success of the Campaign and for the necessary improvements to the parish physical plant. **The second collection of each second Sunday of the month will be for the Campaign drive.** *Prayerfully grateful for those who have made their pledges.*

Come Holy Spirit — Come With Your Gifts

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He promised that, together with the Father, He would send us the Holy Spirit. **Today we celebrate that first coming of the Holy Spirit on this 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**.



As we celebrate the first coming of the Holy Spirit, at the same time acknowledge that He is with us, here and now. We have received Him and His Gifts in Baptism and in a special way in Confirmation. 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 today, 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, than the Holy Spirit can enlighten, guide, and strengthen our Faith.** Then, with a confirmed Faith and solid convictions, we can practice our Faith correctly--we can recognize error and reject it—and we can help to pass on the Truth of our Faith to others by word and example. Doing this, we can play our small part, with the help of the Holy Spirit, in bringing among Christians the Unity that Jesus wants and prayed for.

In the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, which was promulgated at Vatican Council II, this is what the Church teaches: “In the Church there is diversity of service but unity of purpose. Christ conferred on the Apostles and their successors the duty of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in His name and power. But the Laity, too, share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own role to play in the mission of the whole People of God in the Church and in the world.”

“Happy Mother’s Day” To All Mothers

As we **honor our mothers** today, both living and deceased, let us **pray for them daily** and always lighten their days by our **cooperative, compassionate, joyful, and willing support.** And may we all in our own special way **pray to Mary**, for whom the title of “**mother**” is her **finest and greatest!**

*“Blessed is the Mother, who lets the Lord be her guiding hand,
Whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God,
And whose children still stand and honor her.*



Heartfelt Sympathy. . . .to the family and friends of parishioner, **CAROLE PETROZZA,**

May all our beloved deceased be embraced by our Heavenly Father and be numbered among the elect.



Ben Carson Scholarship Awards.

Katelyn Oeler, an 8th grader of *St. Agnes School*, was one of the recipients of the Ben Carson Scholarship on **Sunday, May 4th.** The presentation took place at the Omni Westin Hotel. Katie received a \$1,000 towards a four-year college education program. She can re-apply for the scholarship for each year of high school. Also receiving the scholarship, alumni of *St. Agnes School* and past recipients, are **Jordan Oeler-3rd time recipient** and **Nicolas Merzlak-2nd time recipient.** Both boys attend *Serra Catholic High School.* ***We congratulate all three of our scholars!***

Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations, Tuesday, May 13th, 7:00 p.m., St. Agnes Church

NEXT SUNDAY, Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services to Churches in Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa

On this weekend of **May 17th-18th**, there will be a **combined 2nd collection** for **Catholic Relief Services;** the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe;** the **Church in Latin America** and the **Church in Africa.** ***Prayerfully grateful*** for your efforts in these **important “missionary” endeavors.** *In the spirit of your mission-mindedness be ever generous in your giving, either this Sunday or in the following offertory collection.*