

Mass Intentions for the week



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

SUNDAY - MAY 25 - MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD

6:00 pm (Sat)- **David Bevan** (Jim and Suzann)
8:00 -- **Helen Szokoly** (Jo Andres)
11:00 -- **Edward Noel** (Yvonne Irons)

MONDAY - MAY 26 - ST. PHILIP NERI

9:00 -- **Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

TUES. - MAY 27 - ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

(No Mass. *Father Grosko is away.*)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 28 - WEEKDAY

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

THURSDAY - MAY 29 - WEEKDAY

(No 6:45 a.m. Mass. *Father Grosko is away.*)

7:00 p.m. -- **2008 Graduating Class of St. Agnes School**

FRIDAY - MAY 30 - MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

8:15 -- **Albert and Jacob Bost** (Phil and Family)

SATURDAY - MAY 31 - VISITATION OF BVM

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

SUNDAY - JUNE 1 - 9TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

6:00 pm(Sat)-**William George Schuchert** (Grandson, Floyd)
8:00 -- **Emma Koehler** - Birthday (Ted & Carol Koehler)
11:00 -- **Grace Stinner** (Bowen Family)

**ST. AGNES CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL CORNER**

WORD — Spiritual formation is the ongoing process of maturation and growth on the Christian journey. As individuals and as a community of faith, Catholics are called to an ever-deepening relationship with Christ. Growing in that love relationship, gaining insight into the nature of God, the incarnate Word of Christ the Son, the power and action of the Holy Spirit, and the continual revelation of God's Word in the Church constitute this formative process. The deepening of faith results from echoing God's word, which takes place in a variety of ways and in multiple contexts within the life of the Church. *To be continued...*

Upcoming Events

TODAY, May 25 — **Feast of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Monday, May 26 — **Memorial Day-Mass, 9:00 a.m.**

Thursday, May 29 — **Eighth Grade Graduation Mass of St. Agnes School.**

Sunday, June 1 — **Fiftieth Priestly Anniversary of Fr. Michael Polak** (see insert)

Monday, June 2 — **Closing Mass of the St. Agnes School year at 8:15 a.m.**

Sunday, June 8 — **300+ Club Banquet, St. Agnes Social Hall, 2:00 p.m.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

May 18, 2008

- \$ 4,122.00 -- Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
- \$ 3,512.00 -- Capital Improvement Campaign
- \$ 211.00 -- Parish Share Program Contribution
- PSP Assessment-2008.....\$ 25,486.00
- Amount Paid.....\$ 8,409.00
- Weekly Budget Expenses.....\$ 4,390.00
- Monthly School Subsidy.....\$ 6,167.00

—YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED—

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.

— Summer Festival —



Do mark your calendar for our annual **"Summer Festival"** on **Friday/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.** Soon, a *personal letter* and a book of *raffle tickets* will go to all parishioners so we can achieve the *best of our efforts!*

Nine Days of Meditation and Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

The Feast of **St. Anthony of Padua** is **June 13th.**

Nine days of meditation and prayers will be held at **Holy Trinity Church** from **June 5th—June 13th.**

During the Novena, *Mass and devotions* will begin at **7:00 p.m.**



Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Today

With joy and gratitude, the Church today celebrates the fact that, even though Jesus ascended into heaven, He left us His **LIVING BODY** under the appearance of bread and wine in the **HOLY EUCHARIST**. After the consecration of the Mass, what appears to be bread is no longer bread — and what appears to be wine is no longer wine. The bread and wine have changed into the **Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**. Under each kind or appearance, **Jesus is really present**, whole and entire, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This is a **miracle** — this is a **mystery** — this is a **fact!**

As Catholics, we firmly believe in the **Real Presence**, because **Jesus, Who is God, meant it** when He said **“this is My Body, this is My Blood”**. Likewise, we must just as firmly believe that **Jesus meant it** when He invites us, as He did the Apostles at the Last Supper, to **“Take and eat”**. *It is an invitation we should not refuse!* **The Eucharist is the precious gift of Christ to the Church.**

Memorial Day Masses: St. Agnes 9:00 a.m. and Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m., Monday, May 26th.

We Honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June

On Friday, May 30th, we celebrate the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, and the entire month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Heart of Jesus is a symbol of His **three-fold love for us** — **Human, Supernatural and Divine**. Just as we attribute all our inner thoughts and emotions to our human “heart”, which is after all only an organ, a pump — so also devotion to the Sacred “Heart” of Jesus helps us to visualize and appreciate all the **inner love, compassion, tenderness, and concern that Jesus has for each of us.**



Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus

All approved **“devotions”** in the Church, whether directed to Mary, to the Saints, or to God Himself, have but one purpose — **to help us as “thinking” and “feeling” human beings to come closer to God Whom we cannot see.** The Church **highly recommends devotions to the Sacred Heart** which can **help us to respond to the Love of Jesus** by a **greater love for Him and for one another.** This devotion can also help us to make reparation, in union with Jesus, **for our own sins and for the sins of others.** One special devotion to the Sacred heart is the devotion of the **Nine First Fridays.**

Like that of Jesus, the **“Heart” of Mary** is also a **symbol of Mary’s love for each of us** as our mother and mediatrix. *Let us pray the Rosary on the First Saturday of the month in honor of her Immaculate Heart.*

Please note: This week, while Fr. Grosko is still away, the daily Mass at St. Agnes will be celebrated only on the Fridays of the month at 8:15 a.m. with the School children.

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...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!*

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Jean Abels, Robert Andres, Rinehart Bost, Charles Gross, Mary Elizabeth Hudick,
Dorothy Kostovny, Margaret Lucas, Virginia Matta, Genevieve Obringer, Robert (Pav) Pavuchak,
Dorothy Petrak, Carol Petrozza, Olga Pollock, Rudy Saunders,
Louise Smith, Paula Smith, Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner, Kathryn Yousko