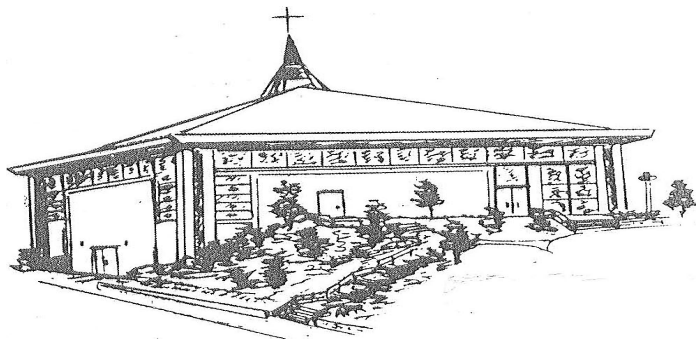


Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

St. Agnes Administrative Center
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Holy Trinity Administrative Center

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - AUG. 17 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6:00 pm (Sat) - Amy Zlokas (Dave, Kate, Phil, Dan)
8:00 -- Helen Szokoly (Harry and Fran Sweeney)
11:00 -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes

MON - AUG 18 - ST. JANE FRANCIS DE CHANTAL

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - AUGUST 19 - ST. JOHN EUDES

6:45 -- Sr. Edward - Special Intention (Audrey Lesutis)

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 20 - ST. BERNARD

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - AUGUST 21 - ST. PIUS X

6:45 -- Emma Petrisko (Children)

FRIDAY - AUGUST 22 - QUEENSHIP OF BVM

8:15 -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes

SATURDAY - AUGUST 23 - ST. ROSE OF LIMA

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - AUG. 24 - 21ST SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

6:00 pm (Sat) - Clare Richards - Birthday (Family)
8:00 -- Tom Dalton (Mary Mayher)
11:00 -- Albert V. Lesutis (M/M Fred Smith)
4:00 pm -- Blessings for Coming St. Agnes School

ADMINISTRATOR, Rev. Joseph R. Grosko

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

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NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - AUG. 17 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

4:00 p.m. (Sat) - Ann Maydak (Larry and Family)
9:30 a.m. - Michaels and Mihal Families (Holly Conley)

MON - AUG 18 - ST. JANE FRANCIS DE CHANTAL

8:00 a.m. - Susan Grosko & Andrew Jr. (Fr. Joe & Ann)

TUESDAY - AUGUST 19 - ST. JOHN EUDES

(6:45 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 20 - ST. BERNARD

8:00 a.m. - Michael Vasil (Betty Bailey)

THURSDAY - AUGUST 21 - ST. PIUS X

(6:45 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - AUGUST 22 - QUEENSHIP OF BVM

(8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes)

SATURDAY - AUGUST 23 - ST. ROSE OF LIMA

8:00 a.m. - Mary Matthias (Jim Matthias)

SUNDAY - AUG 24 - 21ST SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

4:00 p.m. (Sat) - George Tomko (Marge Tomko)
9:30 a.m. - Jodie Matta Dillinger (George, Logan, Tyler)

HOLY DAY MASSES: As scheduled.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., St. Agnes and Holy Trinity, Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. (or by appt.)

BAPTISM: By appointment. Pre-Baptism preparation required. Arrange before birth.

MARRIAGE: Arrange 6 months in advance.

SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“O woman, great is your faith.” Addressed to the persistent Canaanite woman in today’s Gospel, these words can certainly find a place in our own hearts. Many of us know women for whom these words of the Lord are fitting and right. We think of *mothers whose faith in the face of sadness and loss is more than inspiring*. We think of *vowed women religious whose simple faith has transformed us into disciples*. We think of *strong women who have inspired us to draw more deeply upon the gifts and talents given to us from God*. **We need only look around us in church today to realize that the great faith of so many women is a central pillar upon which the Church of Christ continues to be built.**

~ PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS ~

Mark Your Calendar —

TODAY, August 16/17, CCD REGISTRATION AFTER ALL MASSES

TODAY, August 17th, HOLY TRINITY FAMILY PICNIC (WEST MIFFLIN PARK), 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Men’s Club of Holy Trinity Parish.

Thursday, August 21st, ST AGNES SCHOOL OPENING DAY (half day and also Friday, August 22nd)

Sunday, August 24th, ST AGNES SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY MASS and PICNIC, 4:00 p.m.

Mass, St. Agnes, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 24th for Blessings for the Coming School Year. Social follows.

CCD REGISTRATION

CCD registration will take place **AFTER ALL MASSES** at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity on this weekend of **August 16th and 17th**. Registration fee is **\$25 for first child, \$40 per family**.

At **Holy Trinity registration will take place in the Sacristy** and at **St. Agnes in the Social Hall**. All children should be registered on one of these two weekends, or call St. Agnes School Office, 412-466-6238, between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. before August 15 to register by phone.

Registrations after August 17 will be \$35 per child and \$50 per family. All children in Grades 1 through 8 attending a public school must attend CCD classes on Sunday morning.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes will be held this year for **all 8th and 9th graders**. The time, dates and place will be announced later. **In order for students to be confirmed they must have had two years of religious instruction in CCD or attended a Catholic grade school.** *If there are any 8th or 9th graders who were not in our Catholic school or CCD programs, please notify Sister Cynthia so we can be sure to have you on our mailing list.*

ANY ADULT WHO HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AND DESIRES TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT, PLEASE CONTACT FATHER GROSKO FOR PERSONAL PREPARATION.

An information packet went out to all 8th and 9th graders on our lists from CCD and St. Agnes School on Friday. If you did not get one and should be on that list, please call the School or Convent.

Enjoy Books are available through St. Agnes School. **Cost is \$27.**

Get your copy after Mass in St. Agnes Social Hall or call the School Office, 412-466-6238.

Meadows/Tanger Outlets Bus Trip . . . Thursday, September 25th. Cost is \$30 per person.

7:30 a.m., coffee & danish in Holy Trinity Social Hall; 8:45 a.m., bus departs from Holy Trinity Parking Lot for the Meadows; 3:00 p.m., bus departs the Meadows for Outlets (less than a mile); 5:00 p.m., bus departs the Outlets. Everyone is welcome!! If interested, **George Miteff, 412-466-5062. RSVP** by September 15th.

Parish Share Campaigns of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity

As we pass the **midway mark** in our *Parish Share Campaign*, we find that **our figures for St. Agnes of reaching our assessed goal of \$25,486.00 and our figures for Holy Trinity of reaching our assessed goal is \$21,741.00** have a need of a greater giving and fulfilling of the Parish pledges if we are to be successful for this year's 2008 Campaign. In the few months that are left to meet our assessment, we do need a greater understanding and cooperation of the necessity to meet this goal. Otherwise, it is taken out of the offertory collection which then depletes our funds for meeting ordinary expenses of the Parishes. Also, **if we were to collect in excess of our goal, then it could be added to our Parish income.** But presently our financial account for St. Agnes indicates that we are in the need of at least **\$9,227.00** and at **Holy Trinity, we are in the need of at least \$10,966.00.** In the next five months, prayerfully, we will be able to gather these funds. *It does call for greater sacrifices in giving and hopefully more will be given, as it is credited to our financial account.*

Please note, the **Parish Share collection** is always taken up on the **first Sunday of the month**, and for the month of September it is your **special envelope.** *Perhaps with your understanding and stewardship support, we can reach our goal sooner than later and help strengthen the financial viability of the Parishes.*

Heartfelt Sympathy...to the family and friends of HENRY A. MAJCHER and LEO WISHIEWSKI who were recently buried from St. Agnes Church. May our Heavenly Father embrace our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.

Pray For
The Dead



Capital Improvements of St. Agnes

We have made **final payments on the St. Agnes School roof** in which the cost was **\$58,860.** To be able to meet this payment, we needed to reach into our savings, but as of now there is only **\$851 left in the savings.**

Our Capital Improvements Campaign as of this date has **received \$18,483,** in which we are **most prayerfully grateful** for the many who have contributed and maintained their pledges for the next three years. It is obvious that if we wish to continue our Capital Improvements, we need greater funds as we are unable to borrow from the Diocese which we have not in the past few years done so. *Our next hoped for project is the new sidewalk that needs to be in place between the convent and the school. And until we receive further pledge income from the Campaign, we cannot proceed.* Hopefully, with your solid support and understanding, we can receive sufficient funding to put the sidewalks in place before the winter months. —*Again, my heartfelt appreciation for your stewardship, understanding and response to our Capital Campaign.*

PRAYER TO THE APOSTLE PAUL IN THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

Glorious St. Paul, most zealous Apostle, martyr for the love of Christ,

Give us a deep faith, a steadfast hope, a burning love for our Lord;

So that we can proclaim with you, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Help us to become apostles, serving the Church with a pure heart,

Witnesses to her truth and beauty amidst the darkness of our days. With you we praise God our Father:

"To Him be the glory, in the Church and in Christ, now and forever." Amen

LITURGY CORNER: DID YOU KNOW?

What ever happened to the bells? Those old enough and willing to admit that they remember, wonder why the bells are no longer rung at Mass. They were rung at the time of the elevation of the Eucharist after the Words of Consecration. Nostalgia can be somewhat wonderful, but **the actual reason for the bells is no longer present.** *Call to mind the fact that the priest had his back to the assembly while prayers were in Latin. It is also good to note that microphones and large speakers were not always available (note the churches built prior to the 1960's with high pulpits so the sound could go forth.)* Today, our Liturgy is in English with the priest facing us, and, of course, microphones. **So obviously, there is no need for the church bells at the Consecration.**



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE LATE POPE JOHN PAUL II

Pope John Paul II had the ability to touch a person's heart with his words, his actions, and his unending love of Christ. He spoke endlessly and prophetically on peacefulness, love, fidelity, marriage and children. He reached out to all people—the young, the not so young, believers and non-believers. The following is taken from a book of daily meditations by the late Pope John Paul II.

Live in the faith and hand it on to your children. Bear witness to it in your life.

Love the Church as a mother.

Live in her and for her.

Make room in your hearts for all men.

Forgive one another and be peacemakers

Wherever you are.

To non-believers, I say:

Seek God, for He is seeking you.”

And to those who suffer, I say:

*“Be confident. For Christ,
who has gone before you,
will give you strength to face sorrow.”*

To the youth, I say:

*“Make a good investment of your life, for
It is a precious treasure.”*

To everyone, I say:

*“May the grace of God accompany
you every day.”*

*...And greet your small children in my name,
as soon as they wake up. How I would like
this “good morning” to be for them the
announcement of a good life, for your
consolation and for mine, and for the
consolation of the whole church!*

PRO-LIFE CORNER — Regarding abortion and freedom of choice: we need to remember in this land of the brave and the land of the free, that **freedom is not the ability to do whatever we want to do. Freedom is the power to choose the good and the true and not evil.** *And that is authentic freedom—CHOOSE LIFE!!*

Marriage



*Prayerful and Hearty
Congratulations
to our newly weds,*

*Gustav J. Tythe and Melissa M. Parris
Saturday, August 9th, 2008, St. Agnes*

*Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick
Holy Trinity*

**Maria Alzo, Robert Burke, Eleanor Decker,
Harry Fraser, Steve Gaydos,
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Nancy Jackson,
Ann Kostelnik, Diane Kovalsky,
Ann Kurimsky, Theresa Lovas,
Elizabeth Mindas, Agnes Ondrey,
Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo, Ray Shahan,
Debra Sievern, Dolores Stanoszek,
Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil,
Mary Wasilisin**

St. Agnes

**Jean Abels, Robert Andres, Rinehart Bost,
Joni Burt, Ann Gruber,
Mary Elizabeth Hudick, Dorothy Kostovny,
Judy Matta, Genevieve Obringer,
Robert (Pav) Pavuchak, Dorothy Petrak,
Olga Pollock, Rudy Saunders, Louise Smith,
Paula Smith, Jerome Zosack, Glenn Steimer,
Marie Steiner, Kathryn Yousko**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — August 10, 2008

\$ 4,415.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 505.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 25,486.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 16,259.00
Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167.00
REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

**~ YOUR LOYAL AND FERVENT STEWARDSHIP IS
PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED ~**

HOLY TRINITY — August 10, 2008

\$ 1,840.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 122.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
\$ 806.00 - - Utilities
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 21,741.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 10,775.00
REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL