

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

St. Agnes Administrative Center
622 St. Agnes Lane • West Mifflin, PA 15122-2925

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - AUG. 31 - 22ND SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

6:00 pm (Sat) - **Margaret Lucas** (Ronald and Pat Funk)
8:00 -- **Mary Bednar** - Birthday (Rosemarie/Ron Bondi)
11:00 -- **Nettie Conley** - Birthday (Conley Family)

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOR DAY

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

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY

6:45 -- **Emma Petrisko** (Family)

WED - SEPT 3 - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 4 - WEEKDAY

6:45 -- **Robert K. Barnes** (Parents, Bob and Rita)

FIRST FRI - SEPT 5 - BL. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

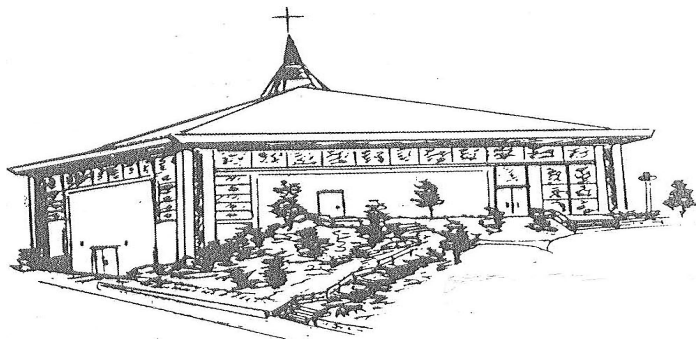
8:15 -- **Mildred Best** (Dennis and Barbara Starrett)

FIRST SATURDAY - SEPT 6 - IN HONOR OF BVM

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

SUNDAY - SEPT 7 - 23RD SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

6:00pm (Sat)-**Edward/Catherine Manns**(Children/G.children)
8:00 -- **Emma Petrisko** (Family)
11:00 -- **Delena Bevan** (Children)



Holy Trinity Administrative Center

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - AUG 31 - 22ND SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

4:00 p.m. (Sat)- **Living/Dec'd of First Cath. Sokol, #295**
9:30 a.m. - **Robert Schorr** (Raymond and John Sovak)

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOR DAY

8:00 a.m. - **Mary and Andrew Harbulak** (Alice Svirbel)

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY

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

WED - SEPT 3 - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

8:00 a.m. - **Bert Priam** (Katherine and Robert Marino)

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 4 - WEEKDAY

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

FIRST FRI - SEPT 5 - BL. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

8:00 a.m. - **Veronica Bunda** (Bernice Kish and Charles)

FIRST SATURDAY - SEPT 6 - IN HONOR OF BVM

8:00 a.m. - **George Horgas** (M/M Ed Palo)

SUNDAY - SEPT 7 - 23RD SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

4:00 p.m. (Sat)-**David Kovalcin/Brian Dale** (Betty Clark)
9:30 a.m. - **Andrew Vasil** (Wife, Martha)

ADMINISTRATOR, **Rev. Joseph R. Grosko**

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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 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.

Take up your cross
and follow me



TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

This question, posed by the Lord Jesus in today’s Gospel, is perhaps one of the most critical questions for Christians in the twenty-first century. *A great temptation for us is to fall prey to the notion that the accumulation of wealth, possessions, and power — the “whole world” — is the goal to be achieved above all else. Yielding to this temptation perpetuates the cycles of poverty that grip our world.* Amassing the “whole world” will leave us with many things. Yet at the moment of our deaths what do we really have? What legacy do we really leave behind? *Perhaps saying “no” to the pressure to amass the “whole world” is what Jesus is getting at today when He asks us to deny ourselves and take up our crosses.* **Let us pray for strength and courage.**

~ New Mass Schedule Has Begun ~

Daily Mass schedule for ST. AGNES is at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:15 a.m. on Fridays.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, the Masses will be at HOLY TRINITY at 8:00 a.m.

On Mondays at Holy Trinity, the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows the Mass.



— Mark Your Calendar —

- Sunday, Sept. 07th, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING after 9:30 a.m. Mass, Holy Trinity Social Hall.
Sunday, Sept. 07th, ST. AGNES COFFEE AND DONUTS after 8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Agnes Social Hall.
Tuesday, Sept. 09th, TAKE FLAGS DOWN from Holy Trinity Cemetery.
Sunday, Sept. 14th, HOLY TRINITY MEN’S CLUB STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER, Holy Trinity Hall.
Wed, Sept. 17th, HOLY TRINITY MEN’S CLUB MEETING, 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.
Sunday, Sept. 21st, OPENING DAY OF CCD AT ST. AGNES SCHOOL.
If you have not enrolled your child/children, please call Sr. Cynthia, 412-466-6238.
Wed, Sept. 24th, HOLY TRINITY PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27th, CHEREGI SALE, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Holy Trinity Social Hall.

THE 64TH INTERNATIONAL ROSARY MARCH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, FROM EPIPHANY CHURCH, UPTOWN TO ST. MARY OF MERCY CHURCH, DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH. MASS AT 12:00 NOON, EPIPHANY CHURCH.

Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th

St. Martin de Porres Parish, on Seventh Avenue, McKeesport, PA, will be celebrating the feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia**, with a special Mass on Monday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m. A prelude of Slovak hymns will begin at 7:00 p.m. *Mass prayers will be in English, with some responses and hymns in Slovak.* A social will follow in the school hall after the Mass. All are welcome to share in this ethnic celebration. For further info, contact Sr. Irene, 412-672-7440 or the parish office, 412-672-9763.

The School Year of 2008-2009



The full school days have begun at St. Agnes with our *dedicated teaching staff under the steady and experienced leadership of Sr. Cynthia Wessel, Principal.* This past Friday, the school children participated in the *Eucharistic Celebration* as they will on *all the Fridays of the school year in a spirited, joyful and prayerful manner.* What a wonderful way to begin our school year at St. Agnes. If you wish to enroll your child/children in St. Agnes School—**“THE MOLDER OF A CHRIST-CENTERED YOUTH”**—room available on all class levels, beginning with pre-school to the eighth grade. For further information or enrollment, please call **Sister Cynthia, 412-466-6238.** We at St. Agnes Parish can be proud that we have such a Catholic school with a history of many years, wonderful graduates, and a tradition that extends over a hundred years. ***We call upon all parishioners to be truly proud of our school and ever grateful for their continual and loving support.***



Although tomorrow is a **civil holiday**, it is also a day on which we **pray in a special way for God's blessings on our human labor**. It is obvious that God considers all human work, physical and mental, as elevating. In fact, **He entrusted the care of His own Son to a manual laborer**, a carpenter, **St. Joseph**. Neither Jesus nor Joseph were afraid to "get their hands dirty" to make a living or to help others.

We, as well, should **never consider any work as demeaning or beneath us**. Jesus commanded us to "**love one another**", and sometimes this will require us to roll up our sleeves and **pitch in** with manual work—at **home**, in the **neighborhood**, and in our **parish**. May the **example of both Jesus and Joseph** remind us that all labor, if it is done in the right spirit and with the right intention, will help us attain our eternal salvation.

Come and pray with us for God's Blessings tomorrow at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity, and then, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Agnes. — May the blessings of this Labor Day be with you throughout the day and earnestly looking forward to the glorious days of the colorful Fall.

PRO-LIFE CORNER - It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. No one knows this better than the advocates of abortion. That is why they so vehemently object to the pro-lifer's use of pictures of aborted babies. **America will not reject abortion until America sees abortion.**



— CATHOLICS AND THE EUCHARIST —

Catholics need to examine their consciences prior to receiving Holy Communion. As the U.S. bishops said in their recent statement, "...like every Catholic generation before us, we must be guided by the words of St. Paul: 'Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord' (1 Cor 11:27). This means that all must examine their consciences as to their worthiness to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This examination includes fidelity to the moral teaching of the Church in personal and public life." It is an ancient teaching of the Church that we ought not receive Holy Communion simply because we are present at Mass. Please respect one's Catholic integrity. If we are not "properly disposed," if we are not in communion with Christ and the Church, we should refrain from receiving Holy Communion. This teaching is applicable to the average Catholic as well as to the Catholic politician.

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.

How Does a Person Become a Catholic?

Some are **baptized Catholics as infants**. For **adults**, the Church offers a **gradual process of formation** in the Catholic faith. You may have heard it referred to as **RCIA** or **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**. This process begins with a period of inquiry—opportunities to ask questions about the Church and to hear about the message of Jesus Christ and how it is lived out in the Catholic Church. Each person is paired with a parish sponsor who will offer support, encouragement and friendship. **For further information about RCIA, or if you have a family member who is wishing to become Catholic, please call the Parish Office 412-466-2655, or the School Office 412-466-6238. Is it time for you to become a Catholic? The Catholic Church welcomes all who seek membership!**

Our **RCIA classes** will begin on **Tuesday, October 7th**, at **7:00 p.m.** in **St. Agnes School Learning Center**. *You may simply attend and you are most welcome to attend classes for further info without any further commitment.*

Last day of "FOOTBALL MANIA SWEEPSTAKES", \$20 each, on sale at St. Agnes Social Hall.

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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Lord God,

Life is Your gift to us.

Long ago You made the promise

To love us forever.

And all You ask of us in return

Is to love You in return.

In our baptism,

You invited us to follow Your call

To serve You and Your Church.

Help us today

To hear Your words.

Raise up men and women to serve You

And bear witness to Your love

As priests, sisters and brothers.

We ask Your holy mother's intercession

To help us to live our lives

To the fullest each day

In the name of Your Son,

Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

It is God's Time. Every day, every breath is a new gift from God. Stewardship of Time and ultimately of life begins by knowing this truth and putting God first each day by giving quality time to God in prayer. Not only giving time but in true prayer, the total self is given so that Christ may live fully in the Christian and the Christian may live fully in Christ.



*FIRST FRIDAY—Holy Hour & Solemn
Benediction after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
at Holy Trinity, Friday, Sept. 5th.*

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,
Alberta Buchleitner, Steve Grochalski,
Ann Gruber, Martha 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 24, 2008

\$ 3,457.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 296.00 - - Catholic University
\$ 185.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
\$ 435.00 - - Capital Improvements Campaign
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 25,486.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 16,684.00
Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167.00
REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

~ YOUR LOYAL AND FERVENT STEWARDSHIP IS
PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED ~

HOLY TRINITY — August 24, 2008

\$ 2,009.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 30.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 21,741.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 10,894.00

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