

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUN -SEPT 14-EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

6:00pm (Sat) -**Ralph/Rose Biagiarelli** (Phyllis/RoseAnn)
8:00 -- **Jack McElligott** (Tony Piscineri)
11:00 -- **Emma Petrusko** (Family)

MONDAY - SEPT 15 - OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 16 - ST. CORNELIUS

6:45 -- **Albert V. Lesutis** (Mr. and Mrs. Guy Melocchi)

WED - SEPT 17 - ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

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

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 18 - WEEKDAY

6:45 -- **Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

FRIDAY -SEPTEMBER 19 -ST. JANUARIUS

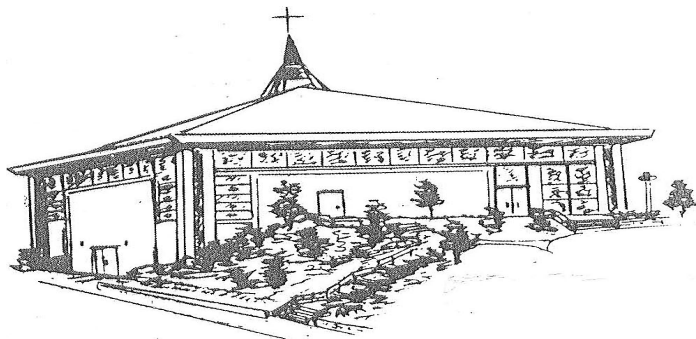
8:15 -- **Tom Dalton** (Helen Allison)

SAT - SEPT 20 - ST. ANDREW K TAEGON & COMP

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

SUNDAY - SEPT 21 - 25TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

6:00pm (Sat) - **John J. Kukta** (Loretta and Joe Sabol)
8:00 -- **Tom Dalton** (Carole Rondinelli)
11:00 -- **Clare Richards** (Fred and Joanne Smith)



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9:30 a.m. - **George/Elizabeth Bradley** (Audrey Kochis)

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9:30 a.m. - **Joseph Bujdos** (Veronica)

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

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Rectory - St. Agnes 412-466-2655
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Social Hall - St. Agnes 412-466-5500
Social Hall - Holy Trinity 412-466-9695
St. Agnes Convent 412-466-3554
St. Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com
Holy Trinity E-mail Address H.TRINITY@VERIZON.NET

**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.

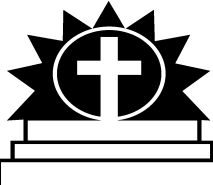
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., St. Agnes and Holy Trinity, Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. (or by appt.)

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.



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

What wonderful scripture readings nourished us in these past few weeks! Today is no exception, for in today's Gospel passage is proclaimed the nucleus of Christian teaching: **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that He who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."** Today's feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross affords us the opportunity to **lift a joyful song of praise and thanksgiving to the One who, by sending the Lord Jesus—His only Son—saved us and gave us the promise of eternal life.** This is why the feast's name includes the term "exaltation," for **it is through the cross and resurrection of Christ that salvation has been accomplished.** Let the refrain for today's responsorial psalm seal this great act of salvation on our minds and hearts: **"Do not forget the works of the Lord!"**

— Mark Your Calendar —

TODAY, Sept. 14th, **HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB STUFFED CABBAGE AND HALUSKI DINNER**, Social Hall, Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, 12:00 noon--6:00 p.m. **DESSERTS NEEDED!**

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.

Friday, Oct. 03rd, **FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**, 8:00 Mass and Adoration at Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, Oct. 07th, **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**, public recitation in the Holy Trinity Cemetery. Social to follow.

St. Agnes Parish Pastoral Council

THIS WEEKEND, **September 13th/14th**, all parishioners (21 years of age and older) will be asked to submit names of parishioners to be considered for the Parish Pastoral Council. **After the homily, you will be asked to write the name or names of parishioners you are recommending for the Pastoral Council on the paper provided in the pews.** These names will be collected by the ushers as a second collection, placed in a container, carried in the Offertory Procession and placed in front of the altar. *These names will be offered to our heavenly Father during Mass. If your name is submitted you will be notified. Please do not refuse without discernment. If your name is submitted we are sure it was through the prayer and discernment of the person who submitted it and it is the Holy Spirit at work. St. Agnes Parish is striving to be vibrant in our faith and a Parish truly ALIVE in our Diocese.*

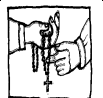
Holy Hour in Honor of St. Padre Pio—St. Martin de Porres, McKeesport, is inviting everyone to a special Holy Hour in his honor with prayers and songs, Monday, Sept. 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Monday, 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 **Sister Irene, 412-672-7440** or the **parish office, 412-672-9763.**

Catholic Cruise to the Western Carribean—Further info, Doug or Eileen, 860-399-1785

THE 64TH INTERNATIONAL ROSARY MARCH will be **Sunday, October 5th**, from **Epiphany Church**, uptown to **St. Mary of Mercy Church**, downtown Pittsburgh. There will be a **Mass at 12:00 noon**, Epiphany Church; **Rosary March begins at 1:15 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. a Holy Hour** at St. Mary of Mercy Church, and **3:00 p.m. Crowning of our Lady**—followed by **refreshments in Lawless Hall.**



— *Next Sunday, Catechetical Sunday –Year 2008* —

“Catechetics” means the “Teaching of the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ”. These are the truths and guidelines and values which enable us to understand the meaning of life, and show us how to live and prepare ourselves for the eternal life to come. These teachings are collected in a “catechism” and the one who teaches them is a “catechist”.

Next Sunday has been designated as CATECHETICAL SUNDAY in our Diocese and the theme for this year is, “THE WORD OF GOD IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH.” It is an annual reminder that our individual efforts to learn the Teachings of God must begin with the age of reason and end with death. **No one**, at any age in between, can ever say “I know enough”, or “there is nothing more for me to learn”. **Growth in the knowledge and love of Christ and His Teachings is a life-long process. May everyone here in our St. Agnes Parish be convinced of this, and show this conviction in a desire and a sincere effort to try to learn more.**

We urge you to listen to the **Sunday homilies at Mass** and apply what you hear to your daily living. Read faithfully the *Pittsburgh Catholic* newspaper that we distribute after the Masses. When we offer **Adult Education classes**, make an effort to attend them. If you are a parent with children, we encourage you to enroll them in our Parochial Grade School and Catholic High Schools. If they attend public schools, see to it that they are enrolled and attend regularly our CCD Classes. **Let’s all take our Faith seriously, and take seriously our need to be well-instructed in it.**

Parents are the first and most important teachers of the Faith for their children. To assist parents, but not to take their place, we provide religious education instructions in our Parochial School and CCD Classes. These instructions are given by trained and certified “catechists”. **Today in a special way we acknowledge them, and express our appreciation to them for the efforts they make. Our Parish catechists will be commissioned at our 8:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday at which time we will pray with and for them, and will be giving them a special blessing.**

Parents, please note that Catechism Classes are **every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** Classes are scheduled between the Masses at St. Agnes, i.e., 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.—**blessed opportunity of attending one of the Masses with your children.** Our religious classes include not only the teachings of the Church, but the practice of our faith, in our community and our homes. Thus, attending weekend Masses, we fulfill and integrate what we are taught and to celebrate in our offering of prayerful thanks and worship. **Parents are the primary examples for their children in this endeavor.**



SAINT AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY CATHECHISTS

- *The Coordinator for All Religious Instructions and Director, CCD Program* – Sr. Cynthia Wessel.
 - *The Administrative Secretary for the CCD Program* - Suzann Bevan
 - *Catechists for St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Classes* – Terry Berta, Elizabeth Smith, Jordan Oeler, Debbie Chonko, Suzann Bevan, Muriel Kosakowski, John DeMarino, and Jim Roman.
- **GOD’S BLESSINGS ON ALL THESE CATHECHISTS AND UPON THEIR WORK THIS YEAR** —

ENJOY BOOKS are available, \$27 after Mass in St. Agnes Social Hall or call the School Office, 412-466-6238.

Saint Agnes School’s Angel Fund—A United Way Supporting choice..... A great way to support *Saint Agnes School’s Angel Fund* is to make a United Way Donor Option Contribution through your employer’s payroll deduction plan. This has the potential of becoming a significant source of revenue for the *Angel Fund*. Just remember that **our United Way Contributor Choice number is 1531914.**

Your donor contribution will be a means of enabling parents in need of help with tuition payments. With your help and contribution, we will be able to offer more parents help and offer more financial assistance to them. Fill out the form with SAINT AGNES SCHOOL/ANGEL FUND, 653 St. Agnes Lane, West Mifflin, PA 15122, and designate the code number. **Call St. Agnes School, 412-466-6238.**

— *The winner of our Football Mania for this week is Winnie Stegan* —

PRAYERFUL THANKS....DOROTHY GREGO has gone to her eternal reward and has remembered Holy Trinity with a generous benefice and will be remembered in a Mass for the repose of her soul by the Parish.

Also, through the efforts of **GEORGE MATTA, the Treasurer of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Parish has received a donation for our magnificent Slovak mural from the Jednota. Our prayers for those who remember the Parish in their wills and have concern for the financial viability of our Parish.**

FREE VOCATION RETREATS

Attention Prayerful Single Women!

*There is a great retreat for those considering the convent as a nun or sister coming up at the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth on **September 26th-28th in Williamsport, PA.** Get clarity for your vocation and meet a lot of new friends in Jesus!! Please join us. **NO CHARGE.** Food and room are free!*

*If you wish to take a bus or plane to Williamsport, PA, we will even pick you up—no charge. **Call 1-800-221-1807 for more information.***

Attention Prayerful Single Men!

*There is a great retreat for men for those considering the monastery as a monk coming up **October 3rd-10th or October 10th-17th at the famous Gethsemani Trappist Abbey.** (You can attend just the weekend portion at those times if that suits your schedule better). Get clarity for your vocation and meet a lot of new friends in Jesus!! Please join us. **NO CHARGE.** Food and room are free!*

*If you wish to take a bus or plane to Louisville, KY, the monks will even pick you up—no charge. **Call 1-800-221-1807 for more information.***

Bishop's Education Fund

There are many students in our diocese who would like to benefit from a Catholic School Education. A number of those students, however, are not able to afford Catholic Education without some financial assistance. The **Bishops' Education Fund** makes that assistance available. This year marks the **13th annual September collection** from parishes in support of this important effort. Please be as generous as you can to ensure that the great tradition of our Catholic schools will continue. Our goal is to have Catholic Education be affordable and accessible to any who might like to attend. **A 2nd Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend, September 20th and 21st, for this important cause.** Thank you for your prayerful support and outreach!



The first step in protecting children is to foster within the home a Christian family spirituality that is really a way of living..

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, Charles Burgman,
Irene Fontanese, 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 — September 7, 2008

**\$ 4,844.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 834.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
\$ 1,184.00 - - Capital Improvements Campaign
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 25,486.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 18,560.00
Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167.00
REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

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

HOLY TRINITY — September 7, 2008

**\$ 2,275.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 2,019.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 21,741.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 12,013.00**

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