

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 22 - WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY - SEPT 23 - ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

6:45 -- **Albert V. Lesutis** (Ott Miller)

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 24 - WEEKDAY

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

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 25 - WEEKDAY

6:45 -- **Emma Petrusko** (St. Vincent de Paul Society)

FRI - SEPTEMBER 26 - SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN

8:15 -- **Margaret McCaffery** (Joe Felix and Family)

SAT - SEPTEMBER 27 - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

SUNDAY - SEPT 28 - 26TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

6:00pm (Sat) - **Living/Deceased Benefactors (SVdP)**
8:00-Sara R. Kertis, Sarah A. Lewis, Aunt Ethel (Kathleen Hawk)
11:00 -- **Nettie Conley-90th Birthday** (Audrey Lesutis)

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

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

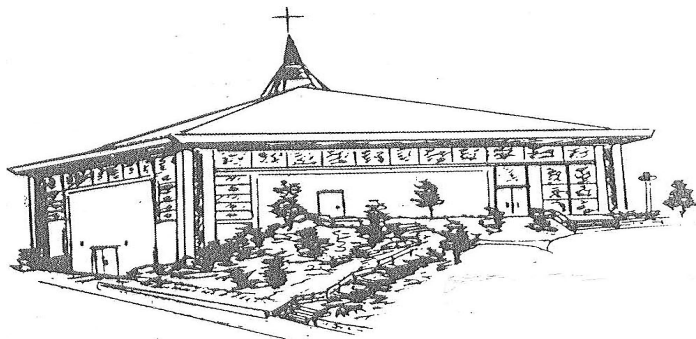
Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

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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 Administrative Center
529 Grant Avenue Ext. • West Mifflin, PA 15122-3830

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - SEPT 21 - 25TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

4:00 p.m. (Sat) - **Marie Jasek** (Lewis Family)
9:30 a.m. - **Joseph Bujdos** (Veronica)

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8:00 a.m. - **Francis Krasman** (Elizabeth Krasman)

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

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 24 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. - **Dolores Hatfield** (Joseph and Evelyn Tkach)

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 25 - WEEKDAY

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

FRI - SEPTEMBER 26 - SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN

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

SAT - SEPTEMBER 27 - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

8:00 a.m. - **Albert Melnichik** (Earnest & Cifaldi Family)

SUNDAY - SEPT 28 - 26TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

4:00 p.m. (Sat) - **Living/Deceased Benefactors of SVdP**
9:30 a.m. - **Michael Bracco** (Wife, Dorothy)

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.)

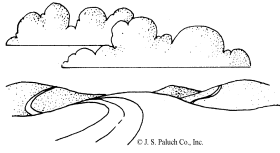
BAPTISM: By appointment. Pre-Baptism preparation required. Arrange before birth.

MARRIAGE: Arrange 6 months in advance.

SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

GOD'S WAYS
ARE ABOVE
OUR WAYS



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” *It is close to impossible for us to grasp the depths of God’s mercy and generosity.* We need look no further than the parable in today’s Gospel for an example. Most people today would think that the landowner is clearly in the wrong for paying someone who worked a full day the same wage as someone who worked only the last hour of the day. *Obviously the parable is meant to grab our attention and to get us thinking about God’s mercy.* **Very simply, God’s ways of thinking and acting are often not our ways of thinking and acting. God wants us to know that it is never too late to turn our lives around. God always, always desires us each and every moment of our existence.**

— Mark Your Calendar —

TODAY,	Sept. 21st,	CATECHETICAL SUNDAY — OPENING DAY OF CCD AT ST. AGNES SCHOOL. <i>If you have not enrolled your child/children, please call Sr. Cynthia, 412-466-6238.</i>
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 a.m. Mass and Adoration at Holy Trinity.
Sunday,	Oct. 05th,	MEN’S CLUB STUFFED CHICKEN DINNER, \$8.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children. 12:00 noon till 5:00 p.m. All are invited!
Tuesday,	Oct. 07th,	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, public recitation in the Holy Trinity Cemetery. Social with light refreshments afterwards.

Giant Eagle Advantage Card - NEW FAMILIES—please register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card and ask family members, co-workers, friends, etc. to register for St. Agnes School. Either log onto www.gianteagle.com or call 1-800-474-4777 to register. **Our School code is 1021.** You will enter the 12-digit number found under the bar code on the back of your advantage card. *Those who already have their card registered for St. Agnes School don’t need to do anything.*

Donut Sunday - 1st Sunday of the month - We are in need of someone to set up the donuts for the 1st Sunday of the month **after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.** There are ten months, October through June. *Please sign up for a month. Sign up sheet will be on the table in the cafeteria. For questions, see Sr. Cynthia.*

Six-Week Grief Support Group - Holy Angels, Hays, Tuesday evenings, Sept. 2-Oct. 7., 412-461-6906, ext. 19.

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 on **Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

Annual Mass in Honor of St. Padre Pio—St. Augustine Church, 37th St., Pgh, **Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** *The glove worn by Padre Pio will be on display. Light refreshments will follow the Mass.*

Mission Appeal

Thank You

Father Thaddeau expresses heartfelt gratitude and prayers for the generous response given to his **Mission Appeal** in support of seminarians in his **Diocese of Dumaguete in the Phillipines.** *Father is in residence at Holy Trinity until the 1st of October, so if you wish to give a donation or request Mass intentions, he will be most grateful for your response and be assured of his prayers in our mission-mindedness.*

Catholic Cruise to the Western Carribean—Further info, Doug or Eileen, 1-860-399-1785



If you are being confirmed this year, you are reminded to mark your calendar for the “**Initial Commitment Ceremony**” on **October 11th during the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes Church.** *Sponsors are encouraged, but not required, to attend, too.*
~ The Yellow Forms are due back by **Wednesday, October 1st.** ~

— **TODAY, 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”.

Today 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.**

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 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** —

THE WINNER OF FOOTBALL MANIA—BILL MANCINI—\$20 BONUS PRIZE

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.**

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

~~ **Our Catholic Schools** ~~

As we begin the 2008-2009 school year, please remember the value of Catholic education to the Church and wider community. This cost effective, quality education, committed to developing the whole person, is one of the strongest pillars of the Church. In “*Catholic Schools Make a Difference*” by Dr. John Convey study after study confirms that **students who graduate from Catholic schools are more likely to recognize the importance of faith in their lives and live according to the teachings of the Church.** Please consider sending your child to a Catholic school. **“Great Beginnings Last A Lifetime.”**



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 the 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 to 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

On **Saturday, September 27th**, the Church celebrates the **feast day of St. Vincent de Paul** and the **150th anniversary of the establishment of the St. Vincent de Paul Society** throughout the world. On Saturday, at the **4:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Trinity**, we will celebrate his feast day and remember the living and deceased benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your contributions to our Poor Boxes at the entrance of the church and support of the various collections for the SVdP, makes it possible that our own society can reach out to the many calls for help and assistance in their daily struggles.

Have You Noticed. . .

- That the most expensive piece of furniture is an empty pew
- That a raisin is a grape that has too many worries
- That the first steps to happiness are the church steps
- That it might be profitable to cross blankets with toasters so that people would pop up out of bed, especially on Sunday mornings
- That although God demands a whole heart, He will accept a broken one if He gets all the pieces

That if a man's religion won't take him to church, it's doubtful if it will take him to Heaven?



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2008

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, Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner,
Kathryn Yousko, Jerome Zosack**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — September 14, 2008

\$ 3,070.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 425.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
\$ 1,055.00 - - Capital Improvements Campaign
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 25,486.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 18,985.00
Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167.00
REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

~ YOUR LOYAL AND FERVENT STEWARDSHIP IS PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED ~

HOLY TRINITY — September 14, 2008

\$ 1,846.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 95.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
\$ 719.00 - - Utilities
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 21,741.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 12,108.00
REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL