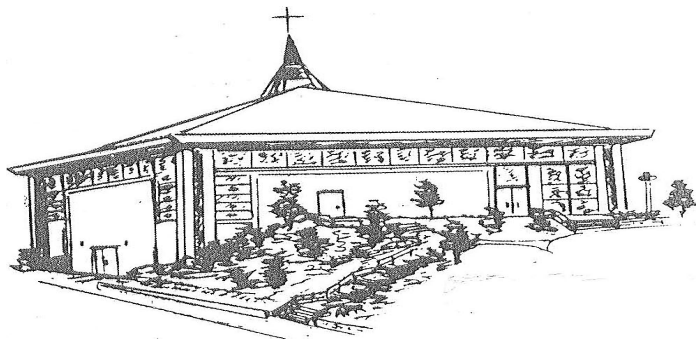


Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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



Holy Trinity Administrative Center
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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - NOV 9 - DED-LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

6:00pm (Sat) - **Rose Biagiarelli**-Anniv (Phyllis/RoseAnn)
8:00 -- **Beloved Deceased Members of St. Agnes**
11:00 -- **Rev Theodore Zembal** (Ed-Paz Zembal)

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 10 - ST. LEO THE GREAT

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

TUESDAY - NOV 11 - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

6:45 - **Elmer/Mildred Best**-wed (Dennis/Barbara Starrett)

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT

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

THURS - NOV 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

6:45 -- **Anthony and Anna** - good health (Irene Slezak)

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY

8:15 - **Liv/Dec'd-Armed Services** (Cath War Vets #1423)

SATURDAY - NOV 15 - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

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

SUNDAY - NOV 16 - 33RD SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

6:00pm (Sat) - **Margaret Lucas** (Janet Reddy)
8:00 -- **Joseph Lucas** (Thomas and Phyllis Sproull)
11:00 -- **Marie Block** (Maureen Kollar)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - NOV 9 - DED-LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

4:00 p.m. (Sat) - **George Miklos** (M/M Robert Moses)
9:30 a.m. - **Ted Krasman** (Agnes Kovac)

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8:00 a.m. - **Liv/Dec-Armed Serv** (Cath War Vets #1423)

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

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT

8:00 a.m. - **Alexander Kochis** (Wife, Audrey)

THURS - NOV 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

7:00 p.m. - **Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY

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

SATURDAY - NOV 15 - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

8:00 a.m. - **In Thanksgivng** (Ann Szucs)

SUNDAY - NOV 16 - 33RD SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

4:00 p.m. (Sat) - **George Tomko** (Marge Tomko)
9:30 a.m. - **Mary Perun-mon's mind** (Alan, Diane, Robert)

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

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

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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.

November 9, 2008

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

Today we celebrate what, to some, seems like an obscure feast. One is tempted to wonder, *“Why would we jettison the prayers and readings for an Ordinary Time Sunday to honor a church building in Rome?”* The reason, of course, has everything to do with that particular Roman church. **The basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome is the cathedral church of the bishop of Rome. It is the pope’s diocesan cathedral and contains the papal throne.** *Many mistakenly think that Saint Peter’s Basilica is the cathedral of Rome, yet it is not.* One of the striking features of the Lateran is its baptistery, a separate octagonal building of soaring beauty. Therein is inscribed what has become a famous text of Pope Sixtus III describing baptism. It is worth citing a portion of this inscription on this day when we celebrate this central church for Catholics: **“Hope for the Kingdom of Heaven, you who are reborn in this font. Eternal life does not await those who are only born once. This is the spring of life that waters the whole world, taking its origin from the Wounds of Christ. Sinner, to be purified, go down into the holy water.”**

— Mark Your Calendar —

- Wed., Nov. 12th, MEN’S CLUB MEETING, 7:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Social Hall
- Sunday, Nov. 23rd, MEN’S CLUB ROAST BEEF DINNER, Holy Trinity Social Hall
- Thursday, Nov. 27th, THANKSGIVING DAY
- Wed., Dec. 03rd, ONE DAY TRIP TO WHEELING-OGELBAY. Interested parties, call George Mitleff, 412-466-5062, by November 10th. Total cost, including all, is \$35 per person.
- Sunday, Dec. 07th, ADVENT MISSION AT BOTH PARISHES through Thursday, December 11th.



Prayerful and Hearty Congratulations! **PATRICIA RICE** and **HUGH McCAULEY** did exchange their marriage vows on Saturday, November 1st, 2008, St. Agnes. *May they and all married couples be enriched and blessed in their married lives!*

55 PLUS CLUB MEETING, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, AT 1:00 P.M., COVERED DISH. ANYONE 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER IS WELCOME TO JOIN. PLEASE CALL 412-462-0904.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

On Thanksgiving Day, the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will host its **“Cash and Canned Goods” collection drive for the poor.** *Collections for the canned goods and cash offering will take place during the Offertory of the Mass.* You can bring your donations to the altar at that time. The need is great. The local food banks and food kitchens have seen an increase in the number of individuals needing assistance. *Count your blessings and share with those who are less fortunate.* **May God Bless You for your charity.**

WINNERS of the weekly **FOOTBALL MANIA** are **LAUREN BOSTICK-\$500** and **RAY MILKO-\$200.**



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of **JOSEPH SVIRBEL** buried this past week from Holy Trinity and **ALBERT HORNFECK**, buried from St. Agnes. *May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*

St. Agnes School has Lottery Calendars for sale for year 2009, \$20, by the PA daily lottery 3-digit #.

St. Agnes Blood Drive... The *Central Blood Bank of Pittsburgh* will be coming to our Parish to accept your blood donations **Sunday, November 30th**, in the **Social Hall, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Plan to donate if you can. **Must have I.D. (driver’s license, CBB donor card, or Social Security card).** Please call **Josephine Andres** at **412-466-9055.**





— **ADVENT MISSION** —

Greg Trainor, Catholic Lay Evangelist, will be conducting an Advent Mission for the parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity beginning on **Sunday, December 7th** and continuing throughout the week until **Thursday, December 11th**. The theme of our Advent Mission, “**WHAT CHILD IS THIS?**”.

Each morning there will be mission talks at Holy Trinity parish and then, in the evenings the talks will be given at 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes. On Monday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 8:15 a.m., at St. Agnes Church there will be a gathering of the School children and Greg, our speaker, will speak on the theme of the mission for the children following the Mass.

Prayerfully, we encourage all parishioners to attend these mission talks in preparation of the great feast of the **Nativity, the birth of our Lord and Savior**. There can be no greater opportunity to spiritually prepare for the holy days then by attending these mission talks throughout the week—**truly a blessing for us individually as well as for the faith community of our parishes**. Let us begin to pray fervently for the success of this Advent Mission given by this highly respect evangelist who preaches throughout the country in his blest ministry.

Special Memorial Mass of Remembrance....*The parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity will have a special Mass in remembrance of our beloved deceased who have died during the past year. For St. Agnes the Mass is scheduled on Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. and for Holy Trinity the Mass is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th.*



We invite the family and friends of the deceased as well as parishioners who wish to offer prayers and remembrances for the beloved deceased of this past year. The names of our deceased of the parishes will be announced at Mass and do request the families of the deceased to light the special candles as the names of their beloved deceased are called out. During the month of the Poor Souls, the envelopes that were given in remembrance of the deceased have been placed on the altar and daily our deceased are remembered. Throughout the month special Masses will be said for the beloved deceased of our parishes.

Envelopes in November for Special Collections

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - This annual collection will be taken up at all the Masses on **November 22nd and 23rd in the parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**. Annually this collection is conducted to give our loving support for those of the religious who have served the Church so devoutly and faithfully. The **second collection** will be held at **both parishes on November 22nd and 23rd**. As we look on the history of the parish of St. Agnes, with the wonderful education and administration given by the **Sisters of the Holy Spirit** of our Diocese, it surely beckons us to **respond to this annual appeal for the retired sisters** by being most **generous** and **expressing our prayerful gratitude** in their **continued, dedicated and wonderful reflection of their commitment to Catholic Education**.

ST. AGNES CEMETERY CARE FUND - Our **St. Agnes Parish** was established on **March 19th, 1867**, and the **first burial in St. Agnes Cemetery** was in **October, 1867**. All available lots have been sold years ago. However, there was no **special fund for perpetual maintenance**, so we have established a “**Cemetery Care Fund**” and thus included an envelope in the November monthly packet. We invite parishioners, especially those who have relatives buried in our cemetery, to contribute to this fund. **Any donation you make will be greatly appreciated**. *Just use the envelope in your monthly packet and drop it in the collection.*

THREE OTHER ENVELOPES - in your November envelope packet/box that need your attention and support for the continued financial viability of **BOTH Parishes and St. Agnes School**:

First is the **St. Agnes Angel Fund** helping students who are unable to meet their financial tuition obligations. **Second**, the **Parish Share Program** does end in the month of January but we ask all parishioners to fulfill their pledges so that we can receive the benefit of extra monies that are not taxed by the Diocese.

Third is the **Restoration and Renovation of St. Paul’s Cathedral** for which St. Agnes has been *assessed a payment of over \$3,000*, and Holy Trinity’s assessment is a payment of over \$2,000.

STEWARDSHIP FOR BOTH PARISHES THIS PAST WEEKEND WAS EXTRAORDINARY AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING SUPPORT DOES BODE WELL FOR OUR FINANCIAL STABILITY. PRAYERFULLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DEDICATED STEWARDSHIP. IT DOES MAKE MY ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE A JOY!!!

*Pope Benedict XVI
Urges us to care for others:*

*“Love of neighbor, grounded in the love of God,
is the first and foremost responsibility
for each individual member of the faithful
...as community, the Church must practice love.”*

*“The Church is God’s family in the world.
And in this family no one ought to go without
the necessities of life.”*

*“We contribute to a better world
only by personally doing good now,
with full commitment and wherever
we have the opportunity.”*

*Excerpted from
Pope Benedict XVI’s
First encyclical, God is Love.*

The Sister’s Place.... Megan Howard,
a sophomore at West Mifflin High School and a member of Saint Agnes Parish, is the Steel Valley deanery representative for the Pittsburgh Diocesan Youth Council. One of the responsibilities as a representative is to plan and implement a service project. She needs our help. An organization called *Sister’s Place*, sponsored by the local communities of religious sisters is in need of items to help facilitate their mission in Clairton. *Their agency provides a safe haven for the mothers and their children and assists them in acquiring an education and employment with the goal of independence and becoming self-confident.*

The Sister’s Place wish list includes:

*Baby items * Bus tickets * Non-perishable food items * Cleaning products * Packages of business envelopes * Stamps * Paper products * Toiletries * Women’s feminine hygiene products * Gift cards (buy them here and help St. Agnes School as well) * School supplies * —and of course, monetary donations are accepted. **

All items will be collected during the month of November. Megan, our Steel Valley representative, will be available in the church lobby of St. Agnes to answer any questions and to receive the requested donations for the Sister’s Place.



VETERAN'S DAY

Holy Hour for vocations
Tuesday, November 11th!
7:00 p.m., 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,
Marian Nissen, Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo,
Ray Shahan, Debra Sievern, Dolores Stanoszek,
Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil,
Mary Wasilisin, Ann Yonek**

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, Roberta Karichko,
Judy Matta, Genevieve Obringer, Robert (Pav)
Pavuchak, Dorothy Petrak, Olga Pollock,
Rudy Saunders, Monica Sinai, Louise Smith,
Paula Smith, Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner,
Kathryn Yousko, Jerome Zosack**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — November 2, 2008

\$ 8,548.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 775.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 25,486.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 22,019.00
New sidewalk and cemetery wall..... \$ 10,000.00
Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167.00
REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

~ YOUR LOYAL AND FERVENT STEWARDSHIP IS
PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED ~

HOLY TRINITY — November 2, 2008

\$ 2,199.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes
\$ 890.00 - - Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2008 \$ 21,741.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 14,339.00
REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL