

# Saint Agnes Church



# & Holy Trinity Church

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

## ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

### SUN - DECEMBER 21 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00pm (Sat) - **Clare Richards** - Anniversary (Family)

8:00 - **Marian Nissen** (Jim/Suzann Bevan)

11:00 - - **John Reinhart** (Family)

### MON - DECEMBER 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY

6:45 - **Amelia McElhinny** (Richard McElhinny)

### WED - DECEMBER 24 - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

6:00 p.m. - - **Paul/Anne Echley** (Fred Smith Family)

12:00 mid. - - **Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

### THUR - DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 - - **Paul Poulos** (Family)

11:00 - - **Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

### FRIDAY - DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN

7:00 - **Marian Nissen** (Karen and Dennis Faler)

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 27 - ST. JOHN

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

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 28 - HOLY FAMILY OF JMJ

6:00pm (Sat) - **Joan Burt** (Andy and Betsy Macko)

8:00 - **Paz Zembol** - birthday (Husband, Ed)

11:00 - - **Ann and George Stanicar** (Alice/Vince Stanicar)

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

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

**Sister Cynthia Wessel** .....412-466-6238

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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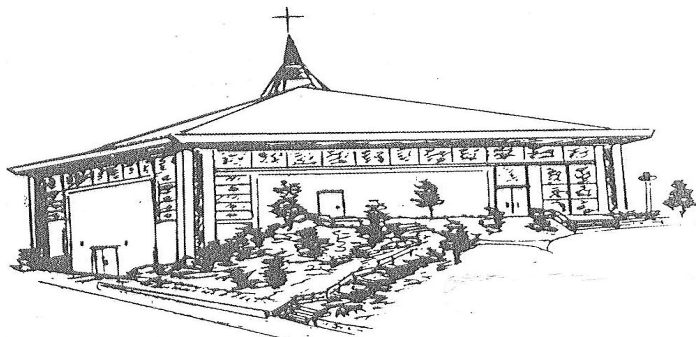
St. Agnes Convent ..... 412-466-3554

St. Agnes Website..... [www.stagneswm.com](http://www.stagneswm.com)

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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

### SUN - DECEMBER 21 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00pm (Sat) - **Bob Schorr** (Marge Tomko)

9:30 - **Veronica Bunda** (Bernice and Charles Kish)

### MON - DECEMBER 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 - **Frank Kontul** (M/M James Harvey)

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY

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

### WED - DECEMBER 24 - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

8:00 a.m. - - **Ann Matthias** (Jim Matthias)

4:00 p.m. - - **Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

10:00 p.m. - - **Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

### THUR - DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:30 - **Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

### FRIDAY - DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN-St. Agnes

(7:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Agnes*)

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 27 - ST. JOHN

8:00 - **Alphonse Volpe** (Family)

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 28 - HOLY FAMILY OF JMJ

4:00pm (Sat) - **Joseph Svirbel** (Alice Svirbel)

9:30 - **Andrew Harbulak** (Donna Andrew)

**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.



### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

In today's reading from the Second Book of Samuel, God promises to send an heir who will make God's kingdom strong. The appointed psalm for today's Mass begins, "The promises of the Lord I will sing forever." In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel announces that Mary will soon bear a child, the Son of the Most High. Advent is all about promises. As we open our hearts to listen to God's word, let us pray that these promises will continue to unfold in this holy place and in our lives as we await the joy of the Christmas season. As the sacred word is proclaimed, let this be our prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus."

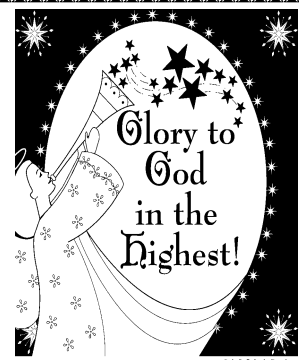
### — Mark Your Calendar —

- Thursday, Dec. 25th...NATIVITY OF OUR LORD; full Mass schedule for both parishes is listed.  
 Thursday, Jan. 01st...SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
 PLEASE NOTE the scheduling of Masses.  
 Friday, Jan. 02nd...FIRST FRIDAY, celebrated at Holy Trinity, 8:00 a.m. Mass, Holy Hour/Benediction.  
 Sunday, Jan. 04th...EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, regular schedule of Masses. We are asking the children of St. Agnes School and the Religious (CCD) Program to attend the celebration of Epiphany at the 9:30 a.m. Mass of Holy Trinity. It's our "Little Christmas."  
 Monday, Jan. 05th...THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR RESUMES AT ST. AGNES  
 Sunday, Jan. 11th...BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
 Saturday, Feb. 21st...CONFIRMATION, 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes with Bishop Paul Bradley

*Hearty congratulations to Ruthann and Aaron Talbott, the parents of ELIOTT PAUL, baptised at St. Agnes, December 14th! Welcome to our Faith Community!*



*~~Please pray for Priestly and Religious Vocations~~*



### The Nativity of the Lord

*"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is CHRIST AND LORD." Luke 2: 1-14*

During the Advent season, we waited in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord. We lifted hearts and voices and sang, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." We listened to the pleas of John the Baptist, who summoned us to prepare the way for the Lord. We were inspired by the prophetic imagery of Isaiah and Samuel, who gave us words of comfort and challenge. The feast of Christmas now unfolds before us. Today the virgin conceives and bears a son, and his name is Emmanuel. Today we recognize that through the mystery of the Incarnation, "God is with us."

We celebrate God's becoming one of us in all things but sin. We celebrate our experience of dying and rising with Christ in baptism. **EMMANUEL HAS COME!** *Let us praise God for a gift beyond measure!*

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING...February 6-8, 2009, Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. Visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org), or call *Catholic Charities*, 412-456-6999 (Ann Depner/Karen La France).

**Christmas Flower Donations.** . . . Enclosed in this week's bulletin is the listing of the many who gave toward our flower remembrance donation. We are prayerfully grateful for those who contributed and helped to finance the beautiful flowers that are decorating our altars. In a special way, the memories and the remembrance of those who were listed, will be acknowledged in our Christmas Day Masses, and candles will be lit for their donors.





## Heartfelt Greetings

With the Holy Trinity and St. Agnes Parish Staff,  
we prayerfully wish that the  
**JOY and PEACE** of this **HOLY SEASON**  
grace and brighten all our days and, above all,  
in the coming New Year.  
**Blessed Christmas** to all of our Faith Communities!!  
*Father Joseph Grosko*



**Mass Schedule** - During the children's Christmas school vacation, the *Daily Masses* are scheduled at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, December 26th and January 2nd. **St. Agnes School classes return on Monday, January 5th.** The *Sunday School Mass of Epiphany* is scheduled at *Holy Trinity* at 9:30 a.m.

### ~~ CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE — ST. AGNES/HOLY TRINITY ~~

#### CHRISTMAS EVE: Wednesday, December 24th, 2008

<b>ST. AGNES</b>	6:00 p.m. Children's Mass	<b>HOLY TRINITY:</b>	4:00 p.m. Mass
	12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass		10:00 p.m. Mass

#### CHRISTMAS DAY: Thursday, December 25th, 2008

<b>ST. AGNES</b>	8:00 a.m. Mass	<b>HOLY TRINITY:</b>	9:30 a.m. Mass
	11:00 a.m. Mass		

#### OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD: Thursday, January 1st

<b>ST. AGNES</b>	6:00 p.m. Mass (Vigil)	<b>HOLY TRINITY</b>	4:00 p.m. Mass (Vigil)
	11:00 a.m. Mass (Feast)		9:30 a.m. Mass (Feast)

*WINNER of the weekly FOOTBALL MANIA is BEVERLY BURGESS*

**CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END GIVING** —As we enter the most blessed season of Christmas, we look back on the past year, it is most appropriate to pause and **consider the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and our loved ones throughout the year.** In particular, we ask that you be as generous as you can in the **Special Collection for CHILDREN AND YOUTH** that is taken up at all masses of Christmas. The **image of the Christ Child should motivate us** now, as adults, to respect the presence of Christ in others, and most notable in our children and the youth. As in the past, the proceeds of **this collection will be credited toward St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Parish Share assessments.** Presently, we have yet to reach our goal and we are prayerfully grateful for the many who are helping in this Parish Share Campaign. Continue your **strong stewardship in the Parishes** so that we can meet the payment of the endless bills that come to the Parish, particularly, in these winter months. **Remember God is never outdone in His generosity**

*You are the Church in Your Home . . . . You forgive and seek reconciliation.*

When you do so, family members come to believe that, no matter what, they are still loved by you and by God.

**Prayerful Thanks.** . . . As we rejoice in the "wonderfulness" of these **Holy Days**, we need to express **heartfelt thanks and appreciation** of the many in the Parish who helped to **beautify** the interior of the church as well as, on the outside of the church. **Endless effort, creativeness, and talent** are clearly displayed and all of us need to say our thanks and surely **say a prayer for those who work for the good of the Parish throughout the year.** ("Please, someone said to me, no names, Father," and so I have obliged.) But all of you have my **heartiest of thanks and daily prayers.** Also, *thanks for the many who contributed to our Christmas Flower Collection, maintained their PSP pledges and our Capital Campaign which needs your faithful support--and the cards that were sent to me and gifts for which I am most grateful.*

## *A Christmas Prayer*

*The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.*

*Help us rightly to remember the Birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wisemen.*

*Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world...*

*Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.*

*Amen*

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"OPLATKE"—**HOLY BREAD CHRISTMAS WAFERS**  
will be on sale after all the weekend Masses  
or call the Parish Office, 412-466-6545.  
— **Offering \$2.00-1/2 dozen or \$4.00-dozen** —

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**SLOVAK COOKBOOK** - on sale at the  
**St. Agnes Parish Center or Holy Trinity  
Parish Office, or call 412-466-6545.**

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**Order your Lottery Calendar for 2009.....**  
from Sister Cynthia in St. Agnes Social Hall.  
A winner every day of 2009 for only **\$20.**  
**Please help us sell 1,000 calendars.**  
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*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, Mary Pavlik,  
Ann Sabo, Ray Shahan, Debra Sievern,  
Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil,  
Mary Wasilisin, Ann Yonek, Robert Zeok

*St. Agnes*

Jean Abels, Robert Andres, Elmer Baker,  
Rinehart Bost, Alberta Buchleitner,  
Charles Burgman, Rene Dalton, 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

*—Don't Let your worries  
get the best of you;  
remember, Moses started out  
as a basket case.—*

**Weekly Collections**

**ST. AGNES — December 14, 2008**

\$ 5,437.00 - - Sunday, Monthly, Special Envelopes

\$ 480.00 - - Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2008 ..... \$ 25,486.00

Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 23,589.00

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 — December 14, 2008**

\$ 1,980.00 - - Sunday and Monthly Envelopes

\$ 794.00 - - Utilities

PSP Assessment-2008 ..... \$ 21,741.00

Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 18,201.00

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES ARE  
BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE ONGOING PROJECTS