

# Saint Agnes Church



# & Holy Trinity Church

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

## ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

### 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)

### MON - DECEMBER 29 - OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

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

### TUES - DECEMBER 30 - OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

6:45 - **Elizabeth Francis Schuchert** (Grandson, Floyd)

### WED - DECEMBER 31 - OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

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

6:00 p.m. (VIGIL) - **Living and Deceased of St. Agnes**

### THURSDAY - JANUARY 1 - BVM - MOTHER OF GOD

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

### FIRST FRIDAY - JANUARY 2 - ST. BASIL THE GREAT

7:00 - **Henry Vogt** (Sue Finnegan)

### FIRST SAT - JANUARY 3 - HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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

### SUNDAY - JANUARY 4 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6:00pm (Sat) - **Joan Burt** (Butch and Maryann Denne)

8:00 - - **Anna Mae Tolan** (Family)

11:00 - - **Albert Hornfeck** (Dennis and Barbara Starrett)

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

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

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

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Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695

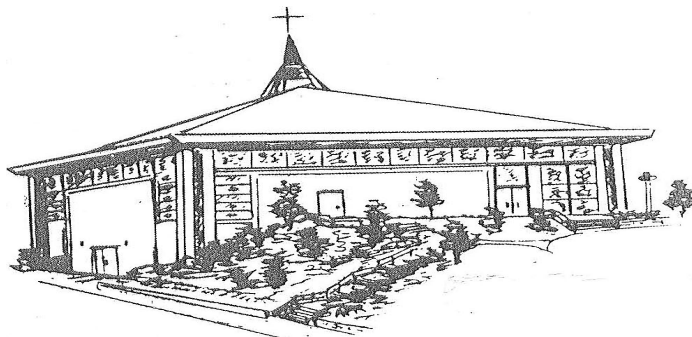
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**NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS  
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

**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 - DECEMBER 28 - HOLY FAMILY OF JMJ

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

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

### MON - DECEMBER 29 - OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:00 - **Eileen Ragan** (Christian Mother Guild)

### TUES - DECEMBER 30 - OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

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

### WED - DECEMBER 31 - OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:00 - - **Mildred Lemme** (Timko and Moore Families)

4:00 p.m. (VIGIL) - - **Living and Deceased of Holy Trinity**

### THURSDAY - JANUARY 1 - BVM - MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 - **John/Elizabeth Alzo, Sr.** (Cathy/Mike Broskovich)

### FIRST FRIDAY - JANUARY 2 - ST. BASIL THE GREAT

8:00 - **Helen Galvanek** (M/M Paul Balta)

### FIRST SAT - JANUARY 3 - HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:00 - **Vincent Engel** (Joann and John Engel)

### SUNDAY - JANUARY 4 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00pm (Sat) - **John Jasek** (Joe and Mary Ann Lewis)

9:30 - **Fr. Edward Bunchek** (Milligan Family)

**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.

December 28, 2008

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*



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### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Two elderly couples are presented to us in today's scripture readings: Abram and Sarah, and Simeon and Anna. **The common thread that weaves through each of these people's stories is that they longed for something in their advanced age.** *For Abram and Sarah, it was a child. For Simeon and Anna, it was to behold the Messiah.* **Perhaps the message of these wonderful stories is that for people of faith, often what we greatly desire comes only after a very long wait.** *As the word of God is proclaimed today, may we draw inspiration from the great faith and patience shown by Abram, Sarah, Simeon, and Anna.*

### — Mark Your Calendar —

**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 9:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church.

**Monday, Jan. 05th....THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR RESUMES AT ST. AGNES**

**Thursday, Jan. 22nd...MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Saturday, Feb. 21st....CONFIRMATION**, 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes with Bishop Paul Bradley

**AN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** will be held **Sunday evenings** from *January 4th - February 8th*, from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The class will be presented by **Marguerite (Peggy) Smith**. All are welcome!

*St. Agnes School classes will resume on Monday, January 5th, 2008.*

**HEARTFELT THANKS.....**Ever grateful for the endless efforts of time talent and service that is evident in the beautiful decorations of our churches for these **"Holy Days of Christmas"** by the **St. Agnes Liturgical Arts Committee and Holy Trinity Decorating Committee.**

### FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND

Holy Hour at Holy Trinity after the 8:00 a.m. Mass closing with Solemn Benediction



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**CHILDREN OF THE PARISHES...are encouraged to attend the 9:30 a.m. MASS at HOLY TRINITY for the FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, January 4th.** Please contact Sister Cynthia if you plan to attend, by **December 27th** at [stagschl@nauticom.net](mailto:stagschl@nauticom.net) or [Cynthia.wessel@yahoo.com](mailto:Cynthia.wessel@yahoo.com) As many children as possible will be given a part in the Mass! Parents, as you bring your school children to our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we welcome your presence for this special **FEAST DAY.**

**YEAR 2008 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** — If you would like a statement of your contributions for the current year, for tax purposes or whatever, please write **STATEMENT** on your envelope.

### 2008 Contributions

Just a reminder that if you wish to receive **financial credit for tax purposes in the 2008 calendar year, all contributions and/or gifts must be received on or before December 31st, 2008.** Any contributions received after December 31st, 2008 will be credited to the 2009 calendar year. **Ever grateful for your faithful and continuous support of the church.**



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*Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, January 1st 2009  
and World Day of Prayer for Peace*

In the *Octave of Christmas*, on the **1st of January**, the church celebrates the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Masses are scheduled on Wednesday, (*anticipated*) **December 31st at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity** and **6:00 p.m. at St. Agnes**. On Thursday, **January 1st Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes**. As we begin the New Year there can be no better way than in giving *Honor and Remembrance to Mary* and also *asking the Lord for His strength and graces in the coming year of 2009*. It is my **prayerful and heartfelt wish** for the **entire faith communities of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**—  
—*ever witnessing for our Lord by our presence.*



*Peace  
on Earth*



*~ Happy and Blessed New Year ~*

- May the coming of the New Year be graced-filled, hopeful, and spiritually fulfilling.*
- May the families at both Holy Trinity and St. Agnes gather weekly in celebrating the precious gift of Christ's Eucharist.*
- May St. Agnes School continue on its mission of being Christ-centered and ever reaching out to the youth of the area.*
- May the youth celebrate their wonderful presence in the Church in showing compassionate love and unity for one another.*

*Above all, may all of us know how we are truly loved, saved by the all-embracing Father in heaven.*

**A JOYOUS and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**

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

*Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, January 3rd*

The church recently reinstated the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus on **January 3rd** as part of the continuing days of Christmas. In 2009, the Feast falls on a **Saturday**. "*At the name of Jesus every knee must bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord!*" (Phil. 2) The **Mass** scheduled for this day is at **Holy Trinity at 8:00 a.m.** Let us honor the **HOLY NAME OF JESUS** in prayer and most of all, in our speech. Let our tongue reflect the dignity and beauty of our gift of speech to express our praise and love of **God and one another**.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES** have been sent individually to all parishioners. If you have not received your yearly 2009 envelope, please inform the Parish Office. Your church envelopes are an indication of your being registered in the Parish. *Please address this important matter of your envelopes and being registered.*

***You're Invited to a Gold Party.....***St. Agnes School is holding several Gold Parties, **January 7th, January 8th, January 15th, January 21st, and January 28th**. Bring your old, unworn, or broken gold, silver and platinum jewelry and turn it into cash. Join us on any of these days in St. Agnes Social Hall. ***The Gold home Party Buyer will be purchasing instead of selling!*** Bring that old class ring, broken necklace, silver coins, sterling silver flatware, even dental gold and ***leave with CASH in your pocket!***

**ADDITIONAL  
CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:**

**HOLY TRINITY**

**In Memory of:**

**Requested by:**

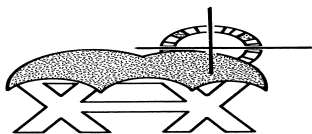
M/M William Ruhe	M/M Francis Kahler
M/M Jacob Kahler	M/M Francis Kahler
William/Emma Ruhe	M/M Francis Kahler
M/M Joseph Vernon	M/M Francis Kahler
Eva Gruber	M/M Francis Kahler
George Felentzer	M/M Francis Kahler
M/M William Kahler	M/M Francis Kahler
M/M Chas. Kahler	M/M Francis Kahler
Paul Yonek	Ann Yonek
Joseph Kocheran	Betty Kocheran
Vehec & Welsh Families	Gerald/Dorothy Welsh

**ST. AGNES**

**In Memory of:**

**Requested by:**

Thomas Dalton	Mrs. Irene Dalton
James/Josephine Abels	M/M Edward Fink & Fam
Lavern & Mary Abels	M/M Edward Fink & Fam
Walter/Mary Mohrbach	M/M Edward Fink & Fam
Ryan Fink	M/M Edward Fink & Fam
Frank Karichko	M/M Joseph P. Karichko
Francis Esposito	M/M Joseph P. Karichko
M/M Michael Costello	M/M Bernard Kelley
M/M Eugene Kelley	M/M Bernard Kelley
Mildred Novosel	Mr. Anthony G. Novosel
William Rowell	Barb Rowell and Family
Arthur and Katherine and John Fisher	Flo/Lynn/Barb
Fisher Family	Flo/Lynn/Barb
Stephen & Ann Urban	Frances & Barbara Urban
Albert Urban	Frances & Barbara Urban
Clara and Mickey	Frances & Barbara Urban
Alex Becze	Mrs. Margaret Becze



***Prayer for our Soldiers....***

*“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.*

*Protect them as they protect us.*

*Bless them and their families for their selfless  
acts they perform for us in our time of need,  
through Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen”*

# Happy New Year!

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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,  
Phyllis Wilburn, Kathryn Yousko, Jerome Zosack**

## **Weekly Collections**

### **ST. AGNES — December 21, 2008**

**\$ 4,569.00 - - Offertory Collections**

**\$ 424.00 - - Parish Share Program**

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

**Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 24,013.00**

**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 21, 2008**

**\$ 2,161.00 - - Offertory Collections**

**\$ 280.00 - - Parish Share Program**

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

**Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 18,481.00**

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