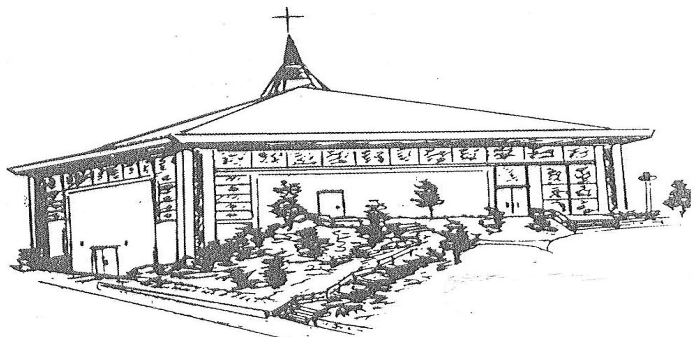


Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - APRIL 26 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p (Sat) - Rinehart W. Bost - month's mind
8:00 - -Kathryn Yousko (Ed/Mary Catherine De Mengo)
11:00 - -Mary Beth Klocko (Tom Klocko)

MONDAY - APRIL 27 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - APRIL 28 - ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

6:45 - - Albert V. Lesutis (Estok Family)

WED - APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - APRIL 30 - ST. PIUS V

6:45 - - Rose Sestokos (Sue Finnegan)

FIRST FRI - MAY 1 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:15 - - Paul Poulos (Audrey Lesutis)

FIRST SATURDAY - MAY 2 - ST. ATHANASIUS

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - MAY 3 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p (Sat) - Charles Burgman (Ladies of Charity)
8:00 - - Sara Lewis and Aunt Ethel (Kathleen Hawk)
11:00 - - Leo and Susanne Snyder (Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - APRIL 26 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p (Sat) - Marian Nissen (John/Mary Lisa Holzwarth)
9:30 - Ann E. Kurimsky (Michelle and Saul Kuciouskas)

MONDAY - APRIL 27 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Margaret Yarosik (Mildred Cmar)

TUESDAY - APRIL 28 - ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

(6:45 Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA

8:00 - - In Thanksgiving (Beverly Stavor)

THURSDAY - APRIL 30 - ST. PIUS V

(6:45 Mass at St. Agnes)

FIRST FRI - MAY 1 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:00- Ann Vesonder (Holy Trinity Christian Mother Gld)

FIRST SATURDAY - MAY 2 - ST. ATHANASIUS

8:00 - - Virginia Cibula (Andy, Joseph and Michael)

SUNDAY - MAY 3 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p (Sat) - Rae Clark (Betty Clark)
9:30 - Regis Hock (Wife and Family)

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.

April 26, 2009

Third Sunday of Easter



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The fourth verse of the responsorial psalm we pray today beautifully describes the comfort we have in the Lord: *“As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.”* This sense of comfort is echoed in the Gospel account of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples after the Resurrection. *As the Lord eats with them, His presence is revealed in the breaking of bread. In all of Jesus’ post-Resurrection appearances, He makes it clear that the truth of His resurrection lies in the fact that even when His physical presence is gone, His Spirit remains with us.*

— Mark Your Calendar —

- TODAY, April 26th....MEN’S CLUB DESSERT BINGO AT HOLY TRINITY**, from noon to 5:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. *Early Bird, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Regular Bingo, 2:00 p.m.*
- Thursday, April 30th....ST. AGNES SUMMER FESTIVAL MEETING**, 7:-00 p.m., St. Agnes Parish Center.
- Friday, May 01st....FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**
- Sunday, May 03rd....FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**, St. Agnes, 11:-00 a.m. Mass.
- Sat., May 30th....50TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER GROSKO**
- Sunday, May 31st....PENTECOST SUNDAY**

First Friday of May...On May 1st is the *First Friday* in the month of May.

Holy Hour after the 8:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in **Holy Trinity Parish**.

The Hour will include **prayerful meditation, prayers, and Solemn Benediction**

closing. *Do join in giving praise and adoration to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.* **St. Agnes School Mass** will be celebrated at the usual time at **8:15 a.m. on Friday, May 1st.** *May we become more Eucharistic parishes in acknowledging Christ’s presence in our Eucharistic celebrations and adoration.*



WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION....You are being thanked by the poor and the needy for the food, clothing, medicine and other needs that you supply. The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** thanks you for allowing us to be a channel of your almsgiving. **The love of our neighbors is a wonderful measure of our love of God.** *The blessings of the Easter Joy to our members, our benefactors, their families and friends.*

Free Stroke Risk Screening

A **FREE Stroke Risk Screening** will be held on **Friday, May 1st from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon** at **Jefferson Regional Medical Center (JRMC)**. The screening includes *Blood Pressure, Body Fat Analysis, Fingerstick Blood Sample* for total cholesterol, HDL and blood sugar. There will be *educational materials and giveaways*. Please call **412-469-7100** for more **information** or to **register**.

HOLY TRINITY MEN’S CLUB is sponsoring a trip to the **NEW Meadows Casino** on **Wednesday, May 13th.** *Coffee and Danish will be served from 9:00 a.m. till 9:45 a.m. in Holy Trinity Social Hall. The bus departs at 10:00 a.m. and will depart from the Meadows at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!* The price is **\$30 per person.** Please call **George Miteff at 412-466-5062.**



Holy Trinity Cemetery Flags Honoring our Veterans

It is that time of the year when we display the flags honoring our beloved veterans. The flags have to be ordered and will be raised in May. **Please call Holy Trinity Rectory at 412-466-6545, if you need a Replacement Flag Form.** The price of the Flags will be **\$25.00** The completed form and money must be returned by **Sunday, May 10th.**



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May — A Month to Honor Our Blessed Mother

The month of May is beautiful for many reasons, but especially because it is set aside by the Church to **honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother**. While we honor and venerate Mary, we can at the same time ask for her help, since she has a powerful influence with God on our spiritual behalf.

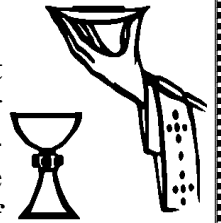
The Church has composed a **beautiful prayer to Mary, the Hail Mary**. In the first half of this prayer we have two direct quotations from Scripture, words that were addressed to Mary by God’s Angel, Gabriel, and also by her cousin, Elizabeth. The second half was composed by the Church. If we combine this prayer with the one that Jesus taught us, the **Our Father**, and add to these the **Glory Be** and the **Apostles Creed**, and think about the events in the life of Jesus and Mary while reciting them, we have the beautiful devotion that the Church encourages us to pray, **the Rosary**. *If you are not already in the habit of praying the Rosary daily, try to get into that habit during this month of May, and continue it throughout the year.*

*Be mindful that the **Holy Rosary at St. Agnes** is said before all the weekend Masses, and at **Holy Trinity Parish**, the Rosary is said daily before the celebration of the Eucharist, on Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday.*

There will be donuts and coffee at St. Agnes next Sunday, May 3rd, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Social Hall. All families and parishioners are welcome to join in fellowship and sharing.

The Mass: The Perfect Prayer

Have you ever notice how **powerful the words of the Sacred Liturgy of the Eucharist** are? We can hear the prayers of the Mass again and again over a lifetime, and still never exhaust their meaning. At different times in life we will be deeply touched by some particular part of the Mass, and hear those prayers again as if for the first time. They seem to be **speaking just to us** and to our particular life experience. **They draw us into the heart of Christ** and His paschal Mystery, and everything takes on new and deeper meaning. It is with great wisdom that the Church teaches that **“regulations of the Sacred Liturgy depend solely on the authority of the Church**. Therefore, no other person, even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the Liturgy on his own authority.” *How fortunate we are to be able to really “pray the Mass” over a lifetime!*



Evening with the Bishop.....Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Series. The Bishop’s presentation will be held at **St. Paul’s Seminary Auditorium** this **Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m.** Lecture is **free**. All are welcome to attend —and bring a friend. *It’s the last lecture in this year’s Adult Lecture Series.*

Summer Festival

St. Agnes Annual Summer Festival

On **Friday and Saturday of July 24th and 25th**, the Parish will celebrate its **142nd** consecutive annual festival. We are most grateful for **Jason Bevan** who will be the **General Chairperson** and graciously supported by a number of *volunteer committee chairpersons*. A **general meeting** has been scheduled for the *Festival* chairpersons, and anyone willing to volunteer as chairpersons and all volunteers wishing to participate in the early stages of planning the festival. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 30th, at 7:00 p.m., in St. Agnes Parish Center meeting room**. Ever grateful for “their” early support and concern.

Raffle tickets will be shortly sent to all parishioners and your enthusiastic cooperation in the purchase and selling of the raffle tickets will guarantee a perfect beginning for our annual Summer Festival.

A GIFT FOR THE EASTER SEASON—SLOVAK COOKBOOKS (WRITTEN IN ENGLISH) ON SALE.

PRO-LIFE CORNER — *Regarding abortion and freedom of choice:* We need to remember in this land of the brave, and this land of the free, that freedom is not the ability to do whatever we want to do. **Freedom is the power to do what we ought to do. Freedom is a power to choose the good and the true, not evil. That’s authentic human freedom.—Choose Life!!!**



Help Families Make Faith a Priority

By Tim McGrath, Author of *Raising Faith-Filled Kids*

“One of the best gifts parents can give their children is the habit of praying throughout the day. Yet the hectic pace of family life often means that prayer gets lost in the shuffle. Here are five ways that families might add more prayer to their day. Start by picking the one or two that call your attention and see how it goes. Remember, even *your desire to pray more* is a prayer.”

1. **Start the day with prayer.** I learned this trick many years ago from my second grade teacher, Sister Regina. Put your bedroom slippers or shoes far under your bed at the end of the day. Each morning while on your knees retrieving your footwear, say a quick prayer offering the whole day to God.
2. **Give a minute to prayer in the car.** Many families spend a lot of time in the family auto. As you start the engine, say a quick prayer that you will be aware of God’s presence in your day. Our family often said the *Prayer of St. Francis* as we buckled in.
3. **Keep special intentions in mind.** A family I know keeps a jar on the kitchen windowsill in which each family member can place a note listing a special intention that the others can pray for. It could be to do well on a test, handle a work situation well, or for the health of a relative or a friend. Everyone keeps those special intentions in mind throughout the day.
4. **Pray at every meal.** Never let a meal begin without at least a moment of thanks to the One who provides all that we need.
5. **Pray when people or events upset you.** If you want a sure-fire way to pray more each day, make a habit of saying a short prayer whenever someone irritates you. A quick “Help me, God” is sufficient. You’ll never run out of opportunities!

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*“They shall make a sanctuary for me,  
That I may dwell in their midst.*

*This Dwelling and all its furnishings  
You shall make exactly according to the  
pattern I will now show you.” Exodus 25:8*

*Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick*

Weekly, the bulletin lists our sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized. *If you wish to add or alter this listing, please call the Parish Offices, so that we can have our special listing updated.* Your cooperation and prayers are appreciated.

*Holy Trinity*

**Maria Alzo, Robert Burke, Marie Cmar,  
Eleanor Decker, Harry Fraser, Steve Gaydos,  
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Betty Horgas,  
Nancy Jackson, Diane Kovalsky, Theresa Lovas,  
Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo, Ray Shahren,  
Debra Sievern, Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil,  
Mary Wasilisin, Ann Yonek, Robert Zeok**

*St. Agnes*

**Jean Abels, Robert Andres,  
Alberta Buchleitner, Rene Dalton,  
Irene Fontanese, Steve Grochalski, Ann Gruber,  
Edmond Gruber, Martha Gruber,  
Mary Elizabeth Hudick, Dorothy Kostovny,  
Judy Matta, Genevieve Obringer,  
Catherine Olsakovsky, Robert (Pav) Pavuchak,  
Dorothy Petrak, Olga Pollock, Monica Sinai,  
Louise Smith, Paula Smith, Glenn Steimer,  
Marie Steiner, Jerome Zosack**

— *CONTINUE TO REMEMBER OUR BELOVED SICK  
IN YOUR PRAYERS AND VISITS* —

**Weekly Collections**

**ST. AGNES — April 19, 2009**

**\$ 3,601.00 - - Sunday Offertory  
\$ 355.00 - - Parish Share Program  
PSP Assessment-2009 ..... \$ 25,546.00  
Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 4,618.00  
New commercial lawn mower.....\$ 790.00  
Monthly School Subsidy ..... \$ 6,167.00**

**REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

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**HOLY TRINITY — April 19, 2009**

**\$ 1,654.00 - - Sunday Offertory  
\$ 172.00 - - Parish Share Program  
PSP Assessment-2009 ..... \$ 24,285.00  
Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 7,419.00**

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