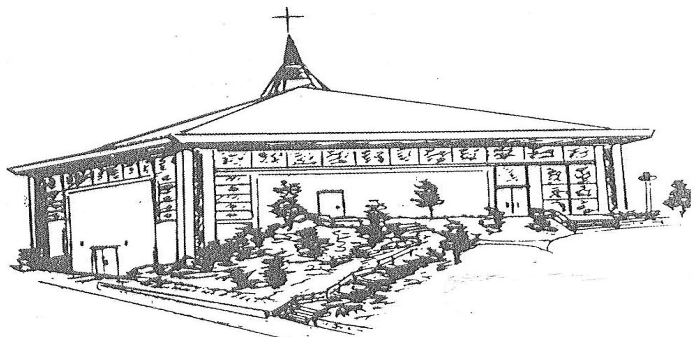


Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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



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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY – MAY 4 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 -- Lawrence J. McElhinny (Richard McElhinny)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 -- Steven Bogacik (Hazel Berry)

FRIDAY - MAY 8 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:15 -- Mary Jordan (Stavor Family)

SATURDAY - MAY 9 - ST. ATHANASIUS

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY – MAY 10 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p (Sat) - Elizabeth Mindas (Fischer Family)
8:00 -- Paul Cullen (Family)
11:00 -- Sarah Rose Kertis (Kathleen Hawk)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY – MAY 3 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY – MAY 4 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00 -- Mary Petro (Jean Turocy)

TUESDAY - MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45 Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00 -- Lawrence Milko (M/M Ron Venturella)

THURSDAY - MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45 Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - MAY 8 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

(8:15 Mass at St. Agnes)

SATURDAY - MAY 9 - ST. ATHANASIUS

8:00 -- Robert Schorr (Alice Svirbel)

SUNDAY – MAY 10 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p (Sat) - Marian Nissen (Robert/Margaret Wooddell)
9:30 - Sister Mary Pius (Sisters)

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

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel 412-466-6238

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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 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.

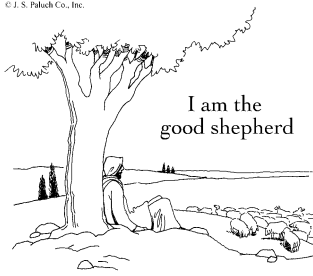
MARRIAGE: Arrange 6 months in advance.

SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

May 3, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd who will lay down His life for us so that He can take it up again for us. **He loves us so much that he lived His life on earth entirely for us.** *We are also called to live for others in service and love. In our personal lives we serve our families and friends every day in small ways. At work we serve our co-workers in simple but important ways. We are also called to reach out further. Jesus calls us to serve those who are not in our immediate "world."*

— Mark Your Calendar —

- TODAY, May 03rd....FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, St. Agnes, 11:-00 a.m. Mass.*
- Sunday, May 10th....HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST.** All mothers FREE.*
- Sunday, May 17th....HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB **BINGO,** from 12:00 noon—5:00 p.m.*
- Wed., May 20th....RAISE FLAGS IN HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY*
- May 20th.....HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB **MEETING** at 7:00 p.m.*
- Thursday, May 21st.....ASCENSION THURSDAY, Holy Day of Obligation.*
- Saturday, May 23rd....HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB **CHEREGI SALE** at 12:00 noon.*
- Sat., May 30th....50TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER GROSKO, Holy Trinity Church.*
- Sunday, June 14th....50TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER GROSKO, St. Agnes.*

Father Grosko's 50th Priestly Anniversary

As the open invitation has been extended to *BOTH* Parishes for the 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held on **Saturday, May 30th, 4:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity** and on **Sunday, June 14th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes,** both followed by a reception, *we are asking with the special bulletin insert for the cooperation of all parishioners.* Your presence or assistance in any way in the 50th Anniversary Masses of Thanksgiving for the Priesthood of Father Grosko will be deeply appreciated. **When the complete results are received, a special meeting will be called to coordinate our efforts for this Anniversary celebration.**

HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB—trip to the *NEW Meadows Casino,* Wednesday, **May 13th.** *The bus departs at 10:00 a.m. and will depart from the Meadows at 4:00 p.m.* The price is **\$30 per person.** Please call **George Miteff at 412-466-5062.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL "BUNDLE UP SUNDAY"—Household items and clothing truck drive, **June 6th and 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church** (*See bulletin insert*)

HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY FLAGS HONORING OUR VETERANS—It is that time of the year when we display the flags honoring our beloved veterans. The price of the Flags will be **\$25.00** The completed form and money must be **returned by Sunday, May 10th.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY—1st Sunday, *PSP Campaign* and 2nd Sunday, *Catholic Relief Services.*

— — *Easter Duty - Easter Privilege* — —

Given that the **Eucharist is the focal point of all our worship,** the Church asks that Catholics receive the Sacrament frequently, and at the very minimum, once a year during the time of Easter (between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday). For 2009, that would be **between February 25th and June 7th.** We still use the expression, "**making our Easter Duty.**" It would be much better to **think in terms of Easter Privilege.** For most people, Easter Duty includes "**going to confession,**" but if a person is free of serious sin, he/she would not have to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Whatever your situation, this reminder of Easter Duty is offered. **Opportunities for confession are on Saturdays, 5:30 p.m. before the St. Agnes 6:00 p.m. Mass and 3:30 p.m. before the Holy Trinity 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

Meaning of Easter Season Summarized by St. Gregory of Nyssa

As we approach the end of our Easter Season, when we have celebrated the new life given to us by Jesus through His suffering and death, a beautiful description of what that means was explained in the early Church by one of its greatest teachers. St. Gregory is one of the early "Fathers of the Church" and a brother of St. Basil the Great. He was Bishop of Nyssa in the late three hundreds. *In one of his sermons, this is what he wrote:*

"The reign of life has begun, the tyranny of death is ended. A new birth has taken place, and a new life has come, a new order of existence has appeared, our very nature has been transformed! This birth is not brought about by human generation, or by the will of man, or by the desire of the flesh, but by God. If you wonder how, I will explain in clear language. Faith is the womb that conceives this new life, baptism the re-birth by which it is brought forth into the light of day. The Church is its nurse; her teachings are its milk, the bread from Heaven is its food. It is brought to maturity by the practice of virtue; it is wedded to wisdom; it gives birth to hope. Its home is the kingdom; its rich inheritance, the joys of paradise; its end, not death, but the blessed and everlasting life prepared for those who are worthy."



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **DONALD M. MINCHOFF**, buried from St. Agnes & **MARGARET MACH**, burial service at Holy Trinity Cemetery, both this past week. *May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father.*

Paschal Candle

From the Easter Proclamation at the Easter Vigil we prayed:

***"Rejoice, O earth in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!"***

The light of the Easter Candle, so prominently displayed in our church sanctuary, is the representation of the Risen Christ, Light of the World. It will remain in the sanctuary until Pentecost Sunday. It will be lit for all liturgical prayer between now and that date. From then until the 2010 Easter Vigil, it will be burning for Baptismal and Funeral liturgies. —***Truly the Paschal Candle symbolizes the Light of Christ among us, a Light that scatters the darkness of sin and death!***



**Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!**

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PRO-LIFE CORNER — *Abortion is approaching a billion-dollar business in the U.S. alone. Those who practice it seem to have little problem justifying what they do. Sadly, we people of faith enable this killing by our unwillingness to stand up for our own core beliefs. Our silence is deafening! Join pro-life today.*

Fish Fry. . . Again, the annual **Fish Fry** of the faith communities of **St. Agnes and Holy Trinity** was a howling success with the army of volunteers of **both** communities. We are most grateful for their presence and their giving of the time and effort under the leadership of **Jason Bevan** of St. Agnes Parish and **John Midla** of Holy Trinity. The total profits were **\$13,750**. For the sake of **St. Agnes School**, **\$7,000** was given and for **Holy Trinity**, the amount of **\$6,750** was shared. *We are prayerfully grateful for those who faithfully came to our Fish Fries, the many who contributed for our pastries and particularly, Elaine Hrinda who weekly gave the nut rolls. May this wonderful cooperation and giving continue.*

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

BELIEVE AND ACT — INQUIRY SESSIONS

Believe that through our Baptism we all have the commission to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Church offers each of us a way to **act**.

It could be to **invite** family and friends to **learn of Jesus, His Church, and our Catholic way of life.**

We are now in the process of planning this Fall's **Inquiry Sessions**

for those who would like to learn about the Catholic Church.

We need you to encourage those who might want to become Catholic, or who might just be inquiring.

Please call Sister Cynthia at the School Office, 412-466-6238 or Father Grosko.



*Heartfelt and Prayerful
Congratulations.....*

.....to the family of

*LILY ANNA, the daughter of
ALAN and REBECCA HORVAT, baptized
April 26th at St. Agnes Parish as she is
welcomed into our faith community.*

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*Godparents!!*

Recently, a parishioner shared with me how he is taking time each week to instruct his godson in the Catholic faith. For some reason, the continuing faith formation by the parents for the child to learn a Catholic practice of the faith has not occurred. This is not passing judgment on anyone but simply stating a fact. This happens in many households.

Faith formation is a communal responsibility. Parents have a primary role in a child's faith formation but others, such as godparents, can also assist in this process. This godfather is working in a complimentary way regarding this child's faith formation, the task of both godparents.

It is easy to complain about people and situations when things are not going according to one's preconceived notions or ideas. Most godfathers would not think to enter into a faith formation role with their godchild if parents are not fulfilling their responsibilities. It is easy to understand that a person would not want to overstep boundaries between parents and godparents. However, in this case such is the need.

This brings up the point regarding the requirements of godparents. This godparent understands the breadth of his role in being of assistance to the parents in the spiritual development of his god-child, and above all, continual prayers for the child.

*The Good News is that to be a godparent is not about a position of honor. It is a responsibility to assist folks in the development of their faith. To have the faith as vibrant as in the past, it takes persons trying to grow in one's relationship to God and having an understanding of one's faith. So that the next generation of believers may have the opportunity to learn of Christ, the Church and the faith, it is going to take dynamic believers like this godfather. Think of that if you have to ask a pastor to sign a sponsor form to be a godparent.*

*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 26, 2009**

\$ 3,220.00 - - Sunday Offertory  
\$ 100.00 - - Parish Share Program  
PSP Assessment-2009 ..... \$ 25,546.00  
Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 4,718.00  
New commercial lawn mower.....\$ 790.00  
Monthly School Subsidy ..... \$ 6,167.00

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

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IN YOUR WILL ~

**HOLY TRINITY — April 26, 2009**

\$ 1,612.00 - - Sunday Offertory \$ 615.00 - - Cemetery  
\$ 153.00 - - Parish Share Program  
PSP Assessment-2009 ..... \$ 24,285.00  
Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 7,572.00

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