

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY – SEPT 13 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6:00p (Sat) -Ralph/Rose Biagiarelli - anniv (Children)
8:00 - - Mary Jean Maresch (Ladies of Charity)
11:00 - - Leo and Susanne Snyder (Family)

MON – SEPT 14 - EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - SEPT 15 - OUR LADY OF SORROWS

6:45 - - John Lesko (Samidosky Family)

WED - SEPT 16 - SS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURS - SEPT 17 - ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

6:45 - - Bill Skovranko (Maydak Family)

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 18 - WEEKDAY

8:15 - - Mary Jane Maresch (Daughter, Diana Maresch)

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 19 - ST. JANUARIUS

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY – SEPT 20 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6:00p (Sat) - John J. Kukta (Joe and Loretta Kukta)
8:00 - - Elizabeth Ann Milko (Raymond and Family)
11:00 - - Chester Pasternak (Laura Pasternak and Family)

ADMINISTRATOR, **Rev. Joseph R. Grosko**
PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

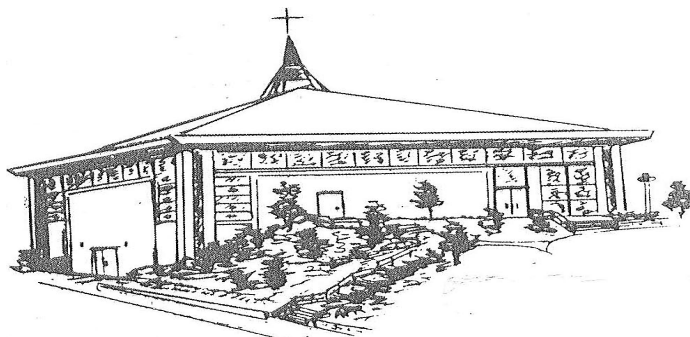
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NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

EPHESIANS IV — PRAYER & PRAISE
ON MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM IN ST. AGNES CHURCH
EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME



Holy Trinity Administrative Center
529 Grant Avenue Ext. • West Mifflin, PA 15122-3830

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY – SEPT 13 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

4:00p(Sat)-AJ Porvaznik & Frances Vukelja (Miklusko)
9:30 - - Eleanor Rusnak (Sisters)

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8:00 -Gertrude Yurick (Family); 7:00p Lady of Sorrows

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4:00p (Sat) - Thomas Soltis (Agnes Makatura)
9:30 - - Frances Krasman (Elizabeth Krasman)

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.

September 13, 2009

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The last verses of today's Gospel offer a poignant challenge: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. *For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and that of the Gospel will save it.*" We all have a certain level of comfort in our lives. Too often we find ourselves holding on to that comfort, forgetting that *the call to follow the Lord requires sacrifice on our part.* We all make sacrifices when it comes to the needs of our families. Let's remember that **WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE GOD above all else**, and ask for the strength to make other kinds of sacrifices in order to strengthen that love.

— Mark Your Calendar —

- TODAY*, Sept. 13th..... CCD Opens / Commissioning of CCD Teachers, 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes Church.
Sept. 13th..... Holy Trinity Men's Club Stuffed Cabbage Dinner, noon to 5:00 p.m., Social Hall.
Monday, Sept. 14th..... SPECIAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS, 7:00 p.m., Holy Trinity.
Tuesday, Sept. 15th..... Take Flags Down from Holy Trinity Cemetery
Wed, Sept. 16th..... Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Social Hall.
Sat/Sun, Sept. 26/27th.... Fr. Peter Kohler will speak on the Christian Foundation for Youth and Aging
Wed, Sept. 30th..... Holy Trinity Men's Club Meadows Casino Trip

A Hearty Welcome to Father Thaddeu, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Dumaguete, Philippines, who will be with us for the next month or so as I am making a **trip to the Philippines** at the invitation of **Bishop John F. Du** to help rejoice in the celebration of my **50th Priestly Anniversary**.

Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th

Our Parish of Holy Trinity will be celebrating the anticipated feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia**, with a special Mass on **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.** A prelude of **Slovak hymns** will begin at **6:30 p.m.** *Mass prayers will be in English, with some responses and hymns in Slovak.* A social will follow in the social hall after the Mass. All are welcome to share in this special Mass in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows. For further information, contact **the Parish Office, 412-466-6545.**

~ PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR ~

Meadows Casino Trip....The Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to the Meadows Casino on **Wednesday, September 30th.** Coffee and donuts will be served at **8:30 a.m.** The bus will depart the church parking lot at **10:00 a.m.** The payment of **\$30.00** is due by **September 18th.** For more information, call **George Miteff at 412-466-5062.** *Everyone is Welcome!*

Our Heartiest Congratulations to the family of **MAXIMILIAN ROBERT VASY**, the child of **Bradley and Beth Ann**, who was baptized at Holy Trinity Church, Sunday, September 6th.



66th International Rosary March

"Please come to honor **Jesus and Mary** as we march through Pittsburgh from **Epiphany Church (108 Centre Avenue)** to **St. Mary of Mercy Church (Stanwix Street)**. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 4th, 2009** and march in solidarity with love in your hearts—with **Mary, Queen of Peace.**

Schedule of Events: (There is no noon Mass at Epiphany Church before the march.)
1:30 p.m.....*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* followed by **Procession.**
2:15 p.m.....*Rosary March* from Epiphany Church to St. Mary of Mercy
.....*Refreshments* to follow in Lawless Hall



Catechetical Program Begins TODAY

This Sunday, September 13th, we have begun our **CATECHETICAL PROGRAM** and the theme for this year is, ***“Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word.”*** It is an annual reminder that our individual efforts to learn the Teachings of God must begin with the age of reason and end with death. **No one**, at any age in between, can ever say, *“I know enough”*, or *“there is nothing more for me to learn”*. **Growth in the knowledge and love of Christ and His Teachings is a life-long process.** **May everyone here in our St. Agnes and Holy Trinity Parishes be convinced of this, and show this conviction in a desire and a sincere effort to try to learn more.**

Parents are the first and best teachers of the Faith for their children. To assist parents, but not to take their place, we provide religious education instructions in our Parochial School and CCD Program. These instructions are given by trained and certified “catechists”. **Today in a special way we acknowledge them, and express our appreciation to them for the efforts they make. OUR PARISH CATECHISTS WILL BE COMMISSIONED AT THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. AGNES TODAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, AT WHICH TIME WE WILL PRAY WITH AND FOR THEM, AND WILL BE GIVING THEM A SPECIAL BLESSING.** And thereafter, the children will proceed to the School for their religious instructions.

Parents, please note that **Catechism Classes are every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** Classes are scheduled *between the Masses at St. Agnes, i.e., 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.— a blessed opportunity of attending one of the Masses with your children.* By attending weekend Masses, we fulfill and integrate what we are taught and celebrate in our offering of prayerful thanks and worship.

SAINT AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY CATECHISTS

- **The Director of our Religious Education Program is Sr. Cynthia Wessel.**
- **Teachers for St. Agnes/Holy Trinity CCD Classes:**

1st grade —Mrs. Terri Berta
2nd grade —Mrs. Elizabeth Smith
3rd grade —Mr. Jordan Oeler
4th grade —Miss Debbie Chonko

5th grade —Mr. Donald Kosakowski
6th grade —Mrs. Muriel Kosakowski
7th grade —Sister Cynthia Wessel
8th grade —Sister Cynthia Wessel



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If anyone is willing to help out by making copies for the teachers, being present in the office area in case students or parents need assistance during the classes, please contact Sister Cynthia at 412-466-6238.

— **GOD’S BLESSINGS ON ALL THESE CATECHISTS AND UPON THEIR WORK THIS YEAR** —

St. Agnes School News

- **Our opening school enrollment is 122 students and 16 preschool students.** We had an excellent beginning of the school year. We invite all to join us on Friday mornings for our school liturgy at 8:15 a.m. Hearing those young voices praising God is a very uplifting way to begin your day. *We pray for you, our benefactors, at every school Mass and daily in our classroom prayers.*
- **Recently St. Agnes School was the recipient of 25 laptop computers from Highmark.** However, the entire hard drive was wiped clean due to the confidential information. Mr. Frank Puchalski and alumni George Puchalski have been working on them to restore them to working condition. *Their help is deeply appreciated.*
- **Enjoy Books are on sale after the weekend Masses for \$27. Kids Stuff Books are also available for \$25.** Our gift certificates are always available. *We thank you for your support of St. Agnes School.*
- **Do you have subscriptions to magazines?** If so, please renew them or purchase new magazines through St. Agnes School. *The opportunity will be after the Masses September 13th and September 20th.* No money is necessary at this time. You will be billed through the mail. *Even if your subscription does not expire at this time you can still renew it now.*
- **St. Agnes School will remain open during the G-20 Summit.** We ask you to join with us in prayer for peace in our city during these days as Pittsburgh has the opportunity to host the financial heads of other countries. *We are praying to the Holy Spirit. Won’t you join us?*



*Flowers at Holy Trinity Church in
Honor of Blessed Virgin Mary*

In Memory of Eleanor Rusnak (Sisters)

Annual Mass in Honor of Padre Pio

Friday, September 18th, 7:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Church

37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA

The glove worn by Saint Pio to protect the stigmata wound on his hand will be on display for this occasion. The public is invited.

Confessions will be heard from 6:00—7:00 p.m.

**Light refreshments will follow the Mass,
Capuchin Ministry Center Hall.**

Serra High School Nite at the Races

October 10th , Palisades, McKeesport

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; races start at 7:00 p.m.

\$15 ticket includes admission, horse, and refreshments—food, beer, and beverages.

Benefits the *Football Team/Marching Foot Band*

For further info, call Michelle at 412-751-5652

Duquesne University's

43rd Annual College Fair...

...will be **Sunday, September 20th from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.** in the **A. J. Palumbo Center.**

High school juniors and seniors can meet with representatives from over 150 of the best colleges and universities in the country. Questions? Call Duquesne's Office of Admissions, 412-396-6222.

For Confidence in Prayer

O Jesus, your disciples often found you at prayer, and so they asked you to teach them how to do it. Help me to pray in confidence to the Father, just as you did. When I am facing my own agony of doubt and fear, pray with me so that I find courage and hope. When my life leads me to the cross, take my hand so that my heart stays strong. Most of all, strengthen my resolve to pray: "Not my will, but Yours be done."

Amen

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,
Mary Cmar, Eleanor Decker, Harry Fraser,
Steve Gaydos, Mary Lisa Holzwarth,
Betty Horgas, Nancy Jackson, Diane Kovalsky,
Anne Kushan, Theresa Lovas, Jim Monda,
Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo, Ray Shahan,
Margaret Svirbel, Frank Tovlin, Martha Vasil,
Mary Wasilisin, Robert Zeok, William Zywiecki**

St. Agnes

**Jean Abels, 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, Dorothy Petrak,
Olga Pollock, Gerry Saracco, Monica Sinai,
Louise Smith, Paula Smith,
Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner, Jerome Zosack**

— *CONTINUE TO REMEMBER OUR BELOVED SICK*

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — September 6, 2009

\$ 5,512.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 826.00 - - Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 25,546.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 14,424.00

Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167.00

REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM CAMPAIGN

~~ REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH
AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL ~~

HOLY TRINITY — September 6, 2009

\$ 2,475.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 2,948.00 - - Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 24,285.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 19,452.00

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