

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY – NOV 29 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat) - Michael Koehler-birth (Ted/Carol Koehler)
8:00 - Donald M. Minchoff (Charles & Stephanie Hager)
11:00 - Leo and Susanne Snyder (Family)

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 1 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 - Michael Andreyo (Audrey Lesutis and Family)

WEDNESDAY-DECEMBER 2-ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY- DECEMBER 3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

6:45- Rose Montalbano-birth (Dgtr, Rose Anne Needham)

FIRST FRIDAY - DEC 4 - ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

8:15 - - Lorraine Wesley (Audrey Lesutis and Family)

FIRST SAT - DECEMBER 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY – DEC 6 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat) - Sr. Bernadette (St. Agnes Srs. of H. Spirit)
8:00 - Chuck Andres - birthday (Fedele Muraca)
11:00 - Betty T. Smith (Thomas Oeler Family)

ADMINISTRATOR, Rev. Joseph R. Grosko

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel 412-466-6238

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Rectory - Holy Trinity ... 412-466-6545

Social Hall - St. Agnes..... 412-466-5500

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

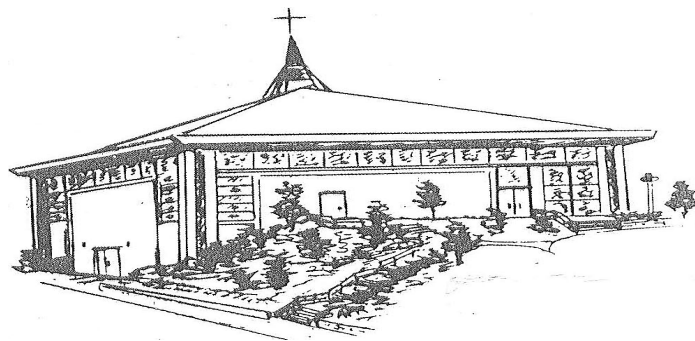
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NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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 – NOV 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Michael Sotak (Debbie Gaydos)

9:30 - - Edward Gamret (Wife, Margaret)

MON - NOV 30 - ST. P C I

8:00 - J ()

TUES - DECEMBER 1 - ST. A D

(6:45 - - Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - DEC 2 - ST. C O A

8:00 - - J ()

THURS - DECEMBER 3 - T D

(6:45 - - Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 4 - W

(8:15 - - Mass at St. Agnes)

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 5 - I H O B

8:00 - - M ()

SUNDAY – DEC 6 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - M ()

9:30 - - E ()

HOLY DAY MASSES: As scheduled.

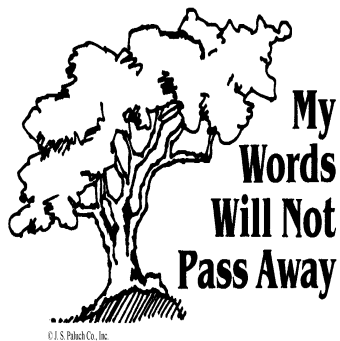
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., St. Agnes and Holy Trinity, Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. (or by appt.)

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.



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Today's Gospel reading concludes: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." As this text is proclaimed today, let us ask for the strength to listen more attentively to the voice of the Lord in the Sacred Word. On this *last Sunday of Ordinary Time*, let us remember that our summons to listen to and heed the voice of the Lord is a constant call in our lives—a call that never ends. *We must continually do our best to "belong to the truth" and listen to God in all the different ways God speaks to us.*

How can you help others "belong to the truth" and "listen to God's voice"?

— Mark Your Calendar —

- TODAY, Nov. 22nd...Holy Trinity Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner, Holy Trinity Social Hall, 2:00-5:00 pm, \$8.00-adults and \$4.00-children.**
- Thursday, Nov. 26th...THANKSGIVING DAY, Holy Trinity Mass, 8:00 a.m., St. Agnes 9:30 a.m.**
- Sunday, Nov. 29th...FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Wed, Dec. 02nd...Holy Trinity Men's Club Meadows Casino and Tanger Outlets. For reservations or further information, call George Miteff, 412-466-5062.**
- Tuesday, Dec. 08th...FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Holy Day of Obligation.**
- Friday, Dec. 11th...Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass, 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral.**
- Saturday, Dec. 12th...Holy Trinity Men's Club Christmas Party, Holy Trinity Social Hall immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. *Members only*.**
- Sunday, Dec. 13th...Slovak Christmas Dinner, "Vilija", 2:00 p.m., Holy Trinity Social Hall.**

Traditional "Vilija" Christmas Meal

The Slovak Cultural Committee of McKeesport and West Mifflin will host a traditional Slovak Christmas dinner, "Vilija", on **December 13th at 2:00 p.m.** in the **Holy Trinity Church Social Hall**. The meal will feature *hors d'oeuvres*, a meatless meal of *wafers*, *sauerkraut soup with mushrooms*, *baked fish*, *pirohy*, *mixed vegetables*, *bobalky*, *pagach*, and *poppy seed and nut roll*. **Seating is limited to 100, and reservations are required** and can be made by calling **Sister Irene A. Benyak, SCN** at 412-672-7440 or 412-751-1673. Cost is **\$20.00 for adults**, and **\$8.00 for children under 12 years of age**.



LOTTERY CALENDARS FOR 2010 are in. The price remains the same, **\$20, for the entire year of 2010**.

A special thanks to **Maloy-Schleifer Funeral Home** for sponsoring the calendars for us. The *calendars*, *gift cards* and *raffle tickets* are always on sale in St. Agnes social hall following the weekend Masses.

ON SALE - THE NEW ADDITION OF THE ANNIVERSARY SLOVAK COOKBOOK - is on sale in the church offices of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity. The cookbook may be purchased throughout the week at the parish office of Holy Trinity. **The price is \$9.00.** *Yes, the cookbook is written in English.*

DEADLINE FOR THE SERRA HIGH SCHOOL RAFFLE - is **Wednesday, December 23rd**. Tickets are available after the weekend Masses. *Yes, it benefits St. Agnes School in your purchase of the raffle tickets.*

Holy Trinity Men's Club Meadows Casino Trip

Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to the **Meadows Casino and Tanger Outlets** on **Wednesday, December 2nd**. *Coffee and donuts will be available in the church hall at 7:30 a.m.* The bus will depart for the casino at **9:00 a.m.** The bus will leave casino for the outlets at **3:00 p.m.** The bus departs the outlets at **5:00 p.m.** Call **George Meteff** at **412-466-5062** for reservations. The cost is **\$30.00 per person**. *The money is due by November 20th.*



Feast of CHRIST THE KING

In the Old Testament, God promised King David that from his lineage would come the promised Messiah, the Savior, who would also be a king. And so 2,000 years ago the Jewish leaders were expecting a political king who would free them from the Romans.

The promised king did come, but not as they expected. He was born in a stable and not in a palace. And when He began His public ministry, He made it clear that the **Kingdom He came to establish was a spiritual kingdom.** It begins as *His church here on earth*, in which we prepare ourselves for our place in the *Eternal Kingdom in Heaven*, where Jesus has gone ahead of us and awaits us.

As we celebrate this feast not only in our **Liturgy**, but also by a public exposition and adoration of **Jesus Christ our King in the Blessed Sacrament—His Real Presence among us**, plan to make an effort and come and spend an hour with your Divine King! **Your presence can be a beautiful expression of your love for Christ, our King, Savior, and Lord.** Hopefully, our love for Christ in the Eucharist will encourage us whenever given the opportunity to place ourselves in the presence of the Lord—perhaps by coming earlier for our Eucharistic celebrations, or staying a little longer after our weekend Masses.

Pease note that every *First Friday of the Month* a *Holy Hour* is always planned *following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity.* The greater our love for Christ's presence in the Eucharist can help us in our daily struggles and prepare us to be numbered among the elect in Heaven.

The 2nd Collection today is for "Retirement Fund for Religious".

Your concern and response to this annual collection is prayerfully appreciated and surely needed for our beloved religious. Please be generous. God Bless.

Thanksgiving Day—Mass at Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m. and St. Agnes 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving today finds our nation troubled and afraid, grieving with those who have suffered devastating losses and wondering what the future will bring. Our history, however, is full of adversity. Yet throughout it all, God has been faithful. In response, in times of crisis we, as a people, have never failed to pause, especially on Thanksgiving Day, to reaffirm our faith and thank God, who in our darkest hours has continued to bless, strengthen, and sustain us.



— Annual Parish Food Collection at Thanksgiving —

St. Agnes Parish Liturgical Arts Committee will create a beautiful Thanksgiving display in front of the altar through Thanksgiving Day. It is an annual reminder to all of us of God's goodness and bounty. But while we have enough to eat, **there are still people who are hungry and depend on the generosity of others.** And so each year at Thanksgiving, we ask our school children, as well as all adults, to donate a canned, bottled or packaged food item, which will be given to the requested charities of our area.

Holy Trinity's St. Vincent's de Paul Society will host its "*Cash and Canned Goods*" collection drive for the poor. **Please bring dry and canned goods to church on Thanksgiving Day and present these gifts at the altar.** There will be a cash collection taken during the Offertory. *For your convenience there will be a box in the back of the church during November: please feel free to bring your dry and canned goods anytime during November. Count your blessings and share with those who are less fortunate and need the generosity of our Thanksgiving outreach. May God bless you for your charity and prayers.*

Almighty god, Father of all mercies, we, your unworthy servants give you most heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and all men. We thank you for our creation, life, and all blessings we receive. Above all, we thank you for your infinite love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

— HONOR ROLL STUDENTS OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL —

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to RAND BURZESE, a senior who achieved HIGH HONORS, as well as KEVIN FINK who achieved HONORS.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

*“Lord God, all powerful and ever loving,
we ask You on this Thanksgiving Day
to give us grateful hearts.*

*Open our hearts so that we may enjoy
the gifts You have given us and see the beauty
around us in all of Your creation.*

*May we give thanks for the daily gifts of good food,
family and friends and especially
enjoy these gifts with thanksgiving.*

*May we never take for granted the comfort of our
homes, the blessings of our family and the knowl-
edge of Your love.*

*And though we sometimes feel the stress of our du-
ties and cares, thank You for the grace You give us
to see them through.*

*When we come to the end of this and
every day thereafter,
may our hearts still be grateful
and our prayers full of thanksgiving.
Amen”*

The Angel Tree Continues This Week!

**Angel Tree gifts will be collected before and after
all Masses beginning next weekend. Please bring
your gifts to church no later than December 13th.**
*—Please leave items unwrapped. You may include
wrapping materials with your gift if you’d like.
Questions? Call Ruthann Talbott, 412-460-1055.*

55 Plus Club Christmas Dinner

The St. Agnes 55 Plus Club wishes to extend
invitations to **St. Agnes Church** and **Holy Trinity
Church** members to join us in our annual
Christmas Party to be held **Thursday, December
10th**, at **Napolis da Valentino Restaurant**, 3600
Saw Mill Run Boulevard, Pgh., at **12:00 noon**.

This is a family outing so all church members
and their guests are more than welcomed to attend.

For info and reservations, please call **Ed
Ferchak, 412-462-0904** by **Sun., December 6th**.

OPLATKE CHRISTMAS WAFER BREAD

\$2.00 FOR 1/2 DOZEN; \$4.00 FOR 1 DOZEN

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, John Holzwarth,
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Betty Horgas,
Nancy Jackson, Diane Kovalsky, Anne Kushan,
Theresa Lovas, Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo, Ray
Shahen, Margaret Shimko, Margaret Svirbel,
Frank Tovlin, Martha Vasil, Mary Wasilisin, Ann
Yonek, Robert Zeok**

St. Agnes

**Jean Abels, Alberta Buchleitner, Rene Dalton,
Irene Fontanese, Steve Grochalski, Ann Gruber,
Edmond Gruber, John Gruber, Martha Gruber,
Mary Elizabeth Hudich, Dorothy Kostovny,
George Manns, Judy Matta,
Genevieve Obringer, Catherine Olsakovsky,
Dorothy Petrak, Olga Pollock, Gerry Saracco,
Monica Sinai, Louise Smith, Paula Smith,
Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner, Jerome Zosack**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — November 15, 2009

\$ 3,550.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 155.00 - - Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 25,546.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 18,533.00

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 — November 15, 2009

\$ 1,605.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 40.00 - - Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 24,285.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 23,601.00

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