

# 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

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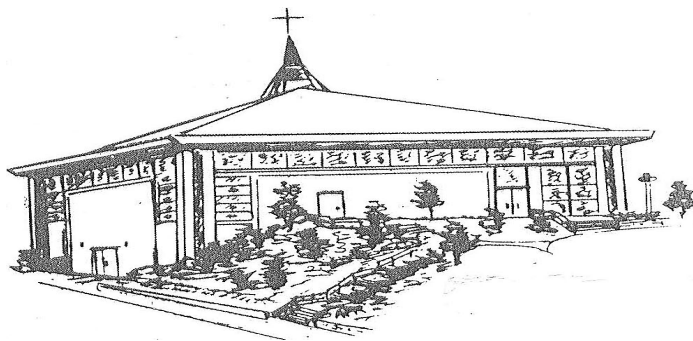
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NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS  
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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)

### MONDAY - NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW

8:00 - Bert Kovalsky (Dan and Patty Lenart)

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 1 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY -DECEMBER 2-ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Justina Kopay (Ann Breznak)

### THURSDAY- DECEMBER 3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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

### FIRST FRIDAY - DEC 4 - ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

8:00 - - Michael Onofrey (Frances and Family)

### FIRST SAT - DECEMBER 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

### SUNDAY – DEC 6 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Regis Hock (Son, Richard)  
9:30 - - Helen Bires (Anna May and Veronica Eicholtz)

**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.



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*The end times.* Disturbances in nature threaten every people on earth. The Gospel warns that these events will evoke universal dismay and inability to read the signs of the times. **No matter how often we hear and pray over the scriptures telling of the end times, we shall be caught unawares—as indeed we often are throughout our lives. Rarely are we truly aware of how fragile are so many of those gifts—life, health, wealth, friends, family—that we look upon as rights.** So it makes sense to suppose that we shall be caught unawares by what Luke's Gospel passage describes. **What we should not be is unprepared.** As

St. Paul writes, *we know the instructions given us by the Lord Jesus.* We have been given commandments that can and should govern our behavior, no matter what the weather outdoors, no matter how much we feel the fragility of existence. **Upon those commandments, a good life can be build. Upon them, it must be.**

### — Mark Your Calendar —

*TODAY,* 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.*

*Friday,* Dec. 04th... **First Friday of the Month,** Masses at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity.

*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.

Dec. 13th... **Christmas in Slovakia,** 3:30 p.m., Ascension Auditorium, Clairton, PA.

A repertoire of Slovak songs in Roman Catholic & Greek Catholic, 412-233-7422.

### *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.**



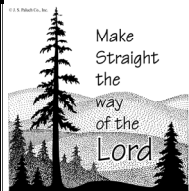
**HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB** - will be selling packages of **ROAST BEEF before and after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday** in Holy Trinity Social Hall. **Two-pound** packages of beef will be **\$10.00** and **one-pound** package of beef will be **\$5.00.**

**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.*

—THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will be visiting the sick after the 15th of December.—

*If you or someone you know wishes to be on the visitation list,  
please contact the Parish Office or a St. Vincent de Paul Society Member.*



## *Season of ADVENT Begins TODAY*

Today we will begin a new Church Liturgical Year with a period that **prepares us to again celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas.** And one venerable tradition that reminds us to prepare ourselves is the **Advent Wreath.** The gradual lighting of 4 candles, one on each of the 4 weeks of Advent, helps to **symbolize** not only the expectation and hope of **Our Lord's first coming into the world, but also His second coming as just Judge at the end of the world.**

We will have an Advent Wreath in Church and will observe this devotion by lighting the candles and saying the prayers before our daily and Sunday Liturgies. **You can also observe this devotion at home,** and we recommend it. You can make your own Advent Wreath or buy one already made. **Clip and save the following prayers** which can be said at the family evening meal, for example, as the candles are lighted each day. Also, special Advent booklets are available in the lobby. Excellent for meditation and reflection.

### **The Advent Wreath Devotion**

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath** - *“O God, by Whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your Blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen”*

### *— Prayers for Each Week —*

**First Week** - *(Light 1 purple candle)* - Stir up Your Might, O God, we beg You, and come, so that by Your protection, we may be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins, and may be saved by Your deliverance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

**Second Week** - *(Light 2 purple candles)* - Stir up our hearts, O God, so that we may prepare for Your Only Begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve You with pure minds. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

**Third Week** - *(Light 2 purple and 1 pink candles)* - We beg You, O God, incline Your ear to our prayers, and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Your visitation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

**Fourth Week** - *(Light all 4 candles)* - Stir up Your Power, O God, and help us, so that by Your Grace and Merciful Kindness, we may swiftly receive the salvation that our sins impede. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

### *First Friday, December 4th*

The **First Friday Holy Hour** will be celebrated at **Holy Trinity following their 8:00 a.m. Mass.** It is an opportunity to **reflect, pray, and be in the presence of the Lord,** as we begin our Advent Season, in which **we can express our profound gratitude as the Savior willingly took on our flesh and remains with us always as the Risen Lord who brings us to His Father as well as our Father.**



The **children's Mass** will be celebrated at **8:15 a.m. at St. Agnes Church.** Anticipating the *rush, tensions, and concerns* of our *Christmas Season,* perhaps we can take the opportunity of joining in the First Friday Masses and in particular, spending time in the presence of the Lord in the Holy Hour at Holy Trinity Church. ***I am sure the children can welcome us to the 8:15 a.m. Mass on this First Friday of December.***

### *Christmas Flower Fund*

Each year at Christmas, St. Agnes Church is **beautifully decorated for the Birth of Jesus** with Christmas Flowers. This tradition is made possible through the *generous donations of our parishioners.* An altar made radiant with flowers is a *beautiful way to honor or remember our loved ones.* We invite you to make a donation to the CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND **“In Memory of”** a *deceased* loved one or **“In Honor of”** a *living* one.

Please **write the names of friends and relatives on the back of the envelope** and put in the **collection basket** or return to **Parish Center by Monday, December 21st.** *These names will be remembered in the Special Masses of Christmas and will be listed on a Christmas Flower Memorial bulletin insert.*



*Advent Prayer*

“May the joy of our Advent prayers  
bring cheer to those in sadness.

*Lord Jesus, come to us!*

May God’s faithful ones seek  
only to do the will of God  
in Christ Jesus.

*Lord Jesus, come to us!*

May we all be heralds of the glad  
tidings of salvation.

*Lord Jesus, come to us!”*

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**LUNCH with SANTA**

Saturday, December 5th, 10:00—12:00 noon

Tickets must be purchased  
by Tuesday, December 1st.

Children \$5.00 and Adults \$3.00

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***The Angel Tree Continues This Week!***

Please bring your gifts to church  
no later than December 13th.

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**OPLATKE CHRISTMAS WAFER BREAD**

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

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***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**.

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**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY**

to the family and friends of **ERNEST LAZAR**,  
who was buried from Holy Trinity.

***May our Heavenly Father embrace all  
our beloved deceased and number them  
among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.***



## 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, 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 Shahan, Margaret Shimko,  
Margaret Svirbel, 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 22, 2009

\$ 6,173.00 - - Sunday Offertory and Retirement Fund

\$ 90.00 - - Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2009 ..... \$ 25,546.00

Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 18,623.00

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 22, 2009

\$ 2,098.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 1,787.00 - - Retirement Fund

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