

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE

7:00p - John Derry (Bev and Jim Stavor)

TUES - DEC 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:15 - Kathryn Yousko (Susan Preffer)

7:00p - Donald Minchoff (Andrew Stupar/Marge Brezani)

WEDNESDAY-DECEMBER 9-ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY- DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45- John Petrisko (Marsha and Margaret Daychak)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 11 - ST. DAMASUS I

8:15 - - Betty T. Smith (Eileen Pemrich)

SAT -DECEMBER 12 -OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

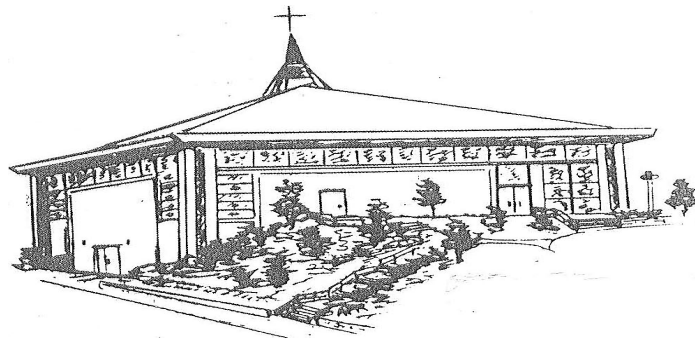
(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY – DEC 13 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat)-Ann Gruber/Frances Plumer-birth's(E.Gruber)

8:00 - - Joseph and Catherine Muraca (Fedele Muraca)

11:00 - Mary (Minnie) Magera (Ladies of Charity)



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HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY – DEC 6 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Regis Hock (Son, Richard)

9:30 - - Helen Bires (Anna May and Veronica Eicholtz)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE

8:00 - Joseph Kocheran (Ondechek Family)

TUES - DEC 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:30 - Fr. Edward Buncek (Palyo Family)

WEDNESDAY -DECEMBER 9-ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Charles and Sophia Komyanek (Famly)

THURSDAY- DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 11 - ST. DAMASUS I

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

SAT -DECEMBER 12 -OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 - - Ernest Lazar (Marie Kapples and Family)

SUNDAY – DEC 13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) -Amanda Chonko/William Chonko (Family)

9:30 - - George Tomko (Marge Tomko)

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The words of the prophet Baruch, some five hundred years before Jesus, reflect a universal human aspiration, a desire for God to take hold. One of the founders of the Italian Communist Party, Ignazio Silone, came at last to recognize this reality, **every land, really desired was not the No, they hoped for something far for the Kingdom of God on earth. heart, and keep our eyes open enough ears for God's kingdom.** The message many live as if they have never heard **those who suffer, to see that the salva-**



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of the world and make things right. Communist Party, Ignazio Silone, that **what the poor of his land, of way of bloodshed and revolution. more truly transformative; hoped This hope should fill every Christian to see injustice for what it is, and our of the Kingdom is very old, but so it. How can I help them, help all tion of God is real, and is for them?**

— Mark Your Calendar —

- 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.*
- Saturday, Dec. 19th... **Pittsburgh Slovaks Christmas Party**, 1:00 -3:00 p.m., St. Rosalia's Church, Greenfield. For further info, call Ann at 412-464-1916, EAST5292@aol.com*

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be Celebrated

The Parish of Saint Regis together with the Latino Communities of the Parish of Saint Paul in Butler and Holy Rosary in Muse will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with festivities on **Friday, December 11th, in Saint Paul Cathedral with Bishop David Zubik as principal celebrant.**



Ceremonies will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with the arrival of the Image of Our Lady from Saint Regis Church to the Cathedral entrance where the Bishop and congregation will greet her with the singing of *Las Mañanitas*. A procession into the Cathedral will follow with a color guard of flags of many nations. **Mass will begin at 7:00 .m. and a reception will follow. All are invited to attend. For more information, call 412-687-6292.**

ST. AGNES SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS — COME AND ENJOY!!

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3...Saturday, December 19th, 7:00 p.m., "Donkey for Sale", Social Hall.

GRADES 3 THROUGH 8Sunday, December 20th, 7:00 p.m., "Christmas WISH", 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.**



SLOVAK COOKBOOK - on sale at the St. Agnes Parish Center or Holy Trinity Parish Office. Price is **\$9.00.**



Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday, December 8th

The Blessed Virgin Mary was destined, from the moment of her conception, to be the bearer of the Eternal Word. *As Mary was the vessel that carried the Savior of the world, may we, too, be vessels that carry the message of the gospel to all we meet.* We will gather on Tuesday, the Feast Day, December 8th, at St. Agnes at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and at Holy Trinity at 9:30 a.m. to give praise and glory to God for the gift of the Lord Jesus.

PLEASE NOTE: The *ONLY anticipated Mass* will be at St. Agnes on Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT... ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS ABOUT LIFE IS NOT SO MUCH WHERE WE STAND AS WHAT DIRECTION WE ARE GOING. AND HOPEFULLY, WE ARE ON THE ROADWAY TO LIFE EVERLASTING—HEAVEN.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE — ST. AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday — half-hour before the evening Masses.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE: Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Church. *Holy Trinity Penance Service is on Wednesday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m.* A number of priests of our Steel Valley Deanery will be available for confession. *Excellent opportunity of preparing for the Lord's birth by receiving this beautiful Sacrament of being reconciled with the Lord and with our neighbors. It will be a golden opportunity of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation—otherwise the confession times before the Saturday evening Masses, that is, before 4:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity & 6:00 p.m. Mass, St. Agnes.*

— 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 on **Thursday, December 10th**, at **Napolis da Valentino Restaurant**, 3600 Saw Mill Run Boulevard, Pittsburgh at **12:00 noon**. This is a family outing so *all church members and their guests* are more than welcomed to attend. *For information and reservations*, please call **Ed Ferchak, 412-462-0904** by **TODAY, Sunday, December 6th**.

Christmas Flower Fund...Each year at Christmas, the churches are 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 Office by Monday, December 14th**. *The names will be remembered in the Special Masses of Christmas and will be listed on a Christmas Flower Memorial bulletin insert.*

ADVENT PRAYER (BEFORE MAILING YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS)

*Blest are you, Lord, our God and Father! You have graced our lives with friends and relatives near and far.
May these Christmas Cards arrive at their destinations as signs of affection, as tokens of peace.
Send your Son to reign in glory among us. He will lead your people to a glad reunion in your holy city,
where we will sing your praise, for ever and ever. Amen*

“OPLATKE”—HOLY BREAD *DELICATE, ORNATE, FESTIVE, BELOVED* — the Christmas wafer commemorates a custom which is centuries old. Oplatke, from Latin, “Oblatum,” Holy Bread, is “Our Christmas Oblation(sm).” Believed by some to emanate as far back as the “manna” of Exodus 16:31, it is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels. The ritual observance is called “**Wigilia**” in Polish; “**Stedry Vecer**” in Slovak; “**Kucious**” in Lithuanian; “**Feliz Navidad**” in Hispanic.

Through our beloved Christmas wafer tradition, we are reminded of the **Holy Nativity**. We remember our Lord, Jesus Christ, was born in **Bethlehem**, literally the “**house of bread**”. We hallow His proclamation: “**I am the Bread of Life.**”

— *On sale after all the weekend Masses or call the Parish Office. Offering \$2.00 - 1/2 dozen or \$4.00 - dozen.* —

Stewardship Prayer

“Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of the universe, and the mystery of each human life.

We praise You and we thank You for Your great power and Your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift, and after having created us You have given us into the keeping of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen”

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 of Holy Trinity, 412-466-6545, or a St. Vincent de Paul Society Member or if you desire the presence of the Priest to receive the Holy Eucharist.

PLACEMENT TEST....for eighth grade boys, who wish to attend **Central Catholic High School** starting in fall of 2010, will be administered on **Saturday, December 12th**. There is a **\$10 fee** for this test to register, visit **www.centralcatholics.com**, or contact the **Admissions Office** at **412-621-7505**. *All potential applicants must take this test.*

The Angel Tree Continues This Week!

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

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, visits, and daily prayers are deeply appreciated.

Holy Trinity

**Maria Alzo, Mary Cmar, 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, Martha Vasil,
Mary Wasilisin, Ann Yonek, Robert Zeok**

St. Agnes

**Jean Abels, Alberta Buchleitner,
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, Paula Smith,
Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner, Jerome Zosack**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — November 29, 2009

\$ 3,739.00 - Sunday Offertory/SVdP Thanksgiving Collection
\$ 2,750.00 - - Religious Retirement Fund

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 25,546.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 18,633.00
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 29, 2009

\$ 2,217.00 - - Sunday Offertory
\$ 404.00 - - St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Collection

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 24,285.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 23,656.00

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