

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 20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat) - Rita Burgman (Family)
8:00 -- Rinehart W. Bost (Tom and Patty Klocko)
11:00 - Betty T. Smith (Jim and Suzann Bevan)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 22 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45a - Robert J. Andres (Tricia and Maria Egnitz)

WED - DEC 23 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY (8:00-Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY- DECEMBER 24 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00a - Kathryn Yousko (Mary Obringer)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00p (Thurs) - Amelia M. McElhinny (Richard McElhinny)
12:00 midnight - Anne and Paul Eckley (Fred/JoAnn Smith)
8:00 -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
11:00 -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes

SAT - DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN (8:00-HolyTrinity)

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 27 - HOLY FAMILY

6:00p (Sat) - Clare Richards - Anniv (Richards Family)
8:00 -- Donald M. Minchoff (Bev and Jim Stavor and Fam)
11:00 -- Robert J. Andres (Nancy Andres)

ADMINISTRATOR, Rev. Joseph R. Grosko

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel 412-466-6238

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

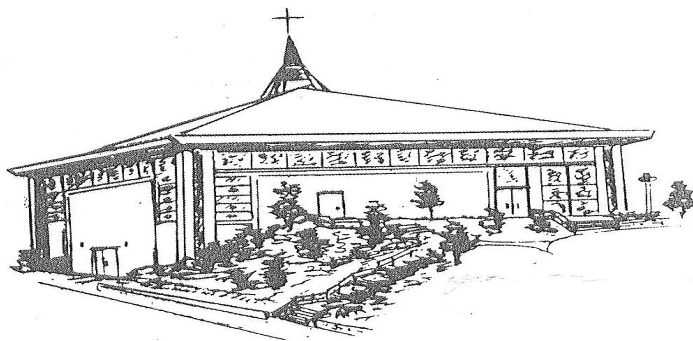
St. Agnes Convent 412-466-3554

St. Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com

Holy Trinity E-mail Address HLTRINITY@VERIZON.NET

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 - DEC 20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Robert Schorr (St. Vincent de Paul Society)
9:30 -- John Seech (Joe and Tillie Kirch)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS

8:00 - Helen Bires (Family)

TUES - DEC 22 - ADVENT WEEKDAY (6:45 - St. Agnes)

WED - DECEMBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY

8:00 -- John A. Sebest (Rich and Patty Michaels)

THURSDAY- DECEMBER 24 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(7:00 -- Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00p (Thurs) - Ann Matthias (James Matthias)

10:00p -- Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity

9:30a -- Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN

8:00 -- Anna Luczak (Adams Family)

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 27 - HOLY FAMILY

4:00p (Sat) - Eleanor Waugh (Jednota Branch #580)

9:30 -- Marian Nissen (Family)

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mary's journey to the hill country has generally been understood as a younger woman wanting to assist her aged relative who had so unexpectedly conceived a child. Elizabeth no doubt needed this moral support. But there might be something more. Mary never doubted the angelic revelation that she was to become the Virgin Mother of the Son of God. But it was still a lot to take in. Perhaps, in going to Elizabeth, *Mary hoped not only to help, but also to be helped, to have available a sympathetic ear, to hear a friendly voice.* And she did from the moment her cousin saw her and cried out: ***"Blessed are you, blessed is the fruit of your womb, how does it happen that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"*** What a relief and a joy, to hear words assuring her that the Holy Spirit was indeed at work, that God was bringing about what the angel had promised. *With renewed confidence, Mary could face the road ahead, the road to Bethlehem.*

— Mark Your Calendar —

TODAY, Dec. 20th...St. Agnes School Christmas Program, Grades 3 through 8, 7:00 p.m., "Christmas WISH", Social Hall.

Tuesday, Dec. 22nd...St. Agnes Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10th...Holy Trinity Men's Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, from 9:00 a.m. till noon in the Social Hall, \$5.00 adults; \$2.00 children.

Wed, Jan. 20th...Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Duquesne/West Mifflin Knights of Columbus, Council #4210, is having a **New Year's Eve Party on December 31st**. Doors open and **6:30 p.m.** Tickets are **\$30 each or \$55 a couple**. Contact PGK Matt Gracan, **724-863-2211** for information and tickets.



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HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **DOLORES "DEE" SCHULTE ZEWE**, sister of St. Agnes parishioners, **Catherine Derhofer** and **Carole Petrozza (deceased)**, who died recently. *May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven.*

"For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part"

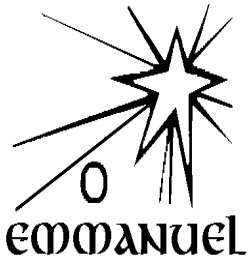
are words many couples say, but over time the silver is tarnished—perhaps very tarnished, but there is hope, there can be a new beginning. ***Retrouaille*** helps couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the Pittsburgh program beginning with a weekend on **January 8th-10th**, call **412-277-3434** or visit the website at **www.HelpOurMarriage.com**.

"OPLATKE" CHRISTMAS WAFER BREAD - on sale after all weekend Masses, **\$2.00—1/2 doz; \$4.00—dozen.**

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

INITIATE A TAX-FREE GIFT DIRECTLY FROM YOUR IRA

With the end of the 2009 tax year approaching, **persons aged 70 1/2 and older may choose to donate up to a maximum of \$100,000 directly from their IRAs to a qualified charity.** *No penalty for early withdrawal—distributions are tax free—donations may be directly transferred from you IRA.* This opportunity has been extended for the remainder of 2009. **Please call Nancy Burke, 412-833-0031 for more info.**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH... *ST. AGNES*, 4:00 p.m. and Midnight
... *HOLY TRINITY*, 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH..... *ST. AGNES*, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
..... *HOLY TRINITY*, 9:30 a.m.

(The 11:00 a.m. Mass is the last mass for the Feast)

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Agnes Liturgical Committee will be decorating the church on **Monday, December 21st**, and **Wednesday, December 23rd**, at approximately **9:00 a.m.** If you can lend a hand with the decorations, we ask for your help. The more volunteers we have the quicker we can finish in preparation for the Birth of the Christ Child.

CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END GIVING

As this most blessed season of Christmas approaches and we look back on the past year, it is most appropriate to pause and **consider the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and our loved ones throughout the year.** In particular, we ask that you be as generous as you can in the **Special Collection for CHILDREN AND YOUTH** that is taken up at all masses of Christmas. The **image of the Christ Child should motivate us** now, as adults, to respect the presence of Christ in others, and most notable in our children and the youth. As in the past, the proceeds of **this collection will be credited toward St. Agnes Parish Share assessment.** Presently, our goal has not been reached, but we are prayerfully grateful for the many who helped in this Parish Share Campaign. **If excess funds are received, they will be non-taxable and will help our financial viability.** Continue your **strong stewardship in the Parish** so that we can meet the payment of the endless bills that come to the Parish, particularly, in these winter months. *Remember God is never outdone in His generosity. Yes, the Lord loves the cheerful givers!!*

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

During the children's school vacation, the Daily Masses are scheduled for 7:00 a.m. starting Thursday, December 24th. St. Agnes School classes return Monday, January 4th.

OCTIVE OF CHRISTMAS: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD:

Thursday, December 31st, 2009

4:00 p.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)
(the only anticipated Mass is
at Holy Trinity)



Friday, January 1st, 2010

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)
11:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)

Spirituality of Advent and Christmas... John the Baptizer at the Jordan River proclaimed the joyful news of Christmas: **GOD IS WITH US.** In our individual advents of poverty and despair, **GOD IS WITH US;** in the humility and the humiliations we endure, in the messes we make of our lives, in the messes others make of their lives that we have to clean up, **GOD IS WITH US.** ***Advent faith*** calls us to an awareness that ***despite the sufferings and difficulties of life, there is always healing;*** that ***despite our for getting and abandoning God, God neither forgets or abandons us;*** that ***despite the cross, there is the eternal hope of resurrection to be ever embraced in the divine ecstasy in the eternal love of the Father.***

PEACE JOY



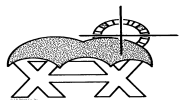
Heartfelt Greetings

With the Parish Staff and the Sisters, we prayerfully wish that the **JOY and PEACE** of this **HOLY SEASON** grace and brighten all our days and, above all, in the coming New Year. Joyous Christmas to all of our Faith Community!!

Father Joseph Grosko



*Advent Litany for
Blessing the Manger*



Steadfast God, keep us faithful in Your ways,
as You did for Joseph, good and upright man.

God among us, hear our prayer.

Mighty God, help us to be obedient to You,
as was Mary, highly favored, full of grace.

God among us, hear our prayer.

God of glory, send Your tidings of great joy,
sung by Your angels over Bethlehem.

God among us, hear our prayer.

God our Father, lead us to Christ Your Son,
as You led the lowly shepherds long ago.

God among us, hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, look on us in our lowliness;
let us see the wondrous birth, as did the beasts.

God among us, hear our prayer.

Creator God, dazzle us with heaven's light;
guide us from on high by the light of a star.

God among us, hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, fill us with Your grace;
bring us to worship Christ, as did the magi.

God among us, hear our prayer.

God of all love, bless this manger.

Hear this prayer offered to You in faith,

God among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Amen

— ST. AGNES CEMETERY —

**IF ANYONE HAS A CEMETERY PLOT THAT
THEY DO NOT WANT, PLEASE CONTACT
ST. AGNES RECTORY.**

2009 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you wish to receive financial credit for
tax purposes in the 2009 calendar year, **all
contributions and/or gifts must be received on
or before December 31st, 2009.** *Any contribu-
tions received after December 31st, 2009 will be
credited to the 2010 calendar year. Thank you.*

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, 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 — December 13, 2009

\$ 2,856.00 -- Sunday Offertory

\$ 250.00 -- Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 25,546.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 19,503.00

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 — December 13, 2009

\$ 1,361.00 -- Sunday Offertory

\$ 707.00 -- Utilities; \$ 618.00 -- Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 24,285.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 25,221.00

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