# Saint Agnes Church



Holy Trinity Church

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

#### ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

# 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)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 28 - HOLY INNOCENTS

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 29 - ST. THOMAS BECKET

7:00a - Elizabeth Schuchert (Family)

<u>WED</u> - <u>DECEMBER 30</u> - <u>OCTAVE</u> <u>OF</u> <u>CHRISTMAS</u>

(8:00- - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY-DECEMBER 31 - ST. SILVESTER I

7:00a - John Petrisko (Martha & Margaret Daychak)

#### FIRST FRI - JANUARY 1 - BVM MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 - - Matthew Andreyo (Audrey Lesutis and Family)

11:00 - - Rinehart Bost (Bill and Sis Chabirko)

<u>FIRST SAT - JANUARY 2 - ST. BASIL THE GREAT</u> (8:00-HolyTrinity)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 3 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6:00p (Sat) - **John Derry** (Tom and Patty Klocko)

8:00 - - **Donald M. Minchoff** (M/M Joe Naccarato)

11:00 - - Kathryn Yousko (Susan Preffer)

# ${\bf ADMINISTRATOR,\,Rev.\,Joseph\,\,R.\,\,Grosko}$

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

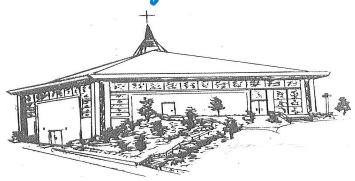
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Social Hall - Holy Trinity	412-466-9695
St. Agnes Convent	
St. Agnes Website	www.stagneswm.com
Holy Trinity E-mail Address	H.TRINITY@VERIZON.NET

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



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#### **HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **SUNDAY - DECEMBER 27 - HOLY FAMILLY**

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

9:30 - - Marian Nissen (Family)

**MONDAY - DECEMBER 28 - HOLY INNOCENTS** 

8:00 - **Bert Kovalsky** (Edmund and Lean Dowski)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 29 - ST. THOMAS BECKET

(7:00 - Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - DECEMBER 30 - OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:00 - - Charles and Sophie Komyanek

THURSDAY- DECEMBER 31 - ST. SILVESTER I

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

### FIRST FRI - JANUARY 1 - BVM MOTHER OF GOD

4:00p (Thurs) - Fr. Edward Bunchak (Kostelnik Family)

9:30a - - Frank Kontul (Harvey Family)

FIRST SAT - JANUARY 2 - ST. BASIL THE GREAT

8:00 - - Albert Gaydos (Family)

#### **SUNDAY - JANUARY 3 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

4:00p (Sat) - **Joseph Bujdos** (Kopay Family)

9:30 - - Stella Kovac (Elizabeth Hock)

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.

# THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



Jesus' actions here are sometimes interpreted as adolescent rebellion, rejection of clueless parental authority. But the full context of the story suggests instead the virtue of courtesy, courtesy as that delicacy of perception by which we notice and take account of others' feelings. Another way of saying this: Courtesy is the love of neighbor, applied to everyday life. Here, having come to His Father's house, Jesus is drawn to His Father's work. For three days He teaches, astounding all with His understanding. Far from rebellion, this is obedience. Yet when Mary and Joseph fail to understand, Jesus takes account of their feelings, too. He does not remain in

Jerusalem as a child prodigy. Instead, "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." Mary would indeed have much to ponder about her Son, but hardly rebellion. Rather, she had been given a glimpse of God's courtesy to those seeking God in the temple, a courtesy later taking the form of inviting everyone, even perfect strangers like ourselves, into the kingdom of Heaven.

### - Mark Your Calendar -

Friday, Jan. 01st....FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Sunday, Jan. 03rd... THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

...Bishop Bernard Hebda of the Diocese of Gaylord (former Diocesan Priest),

celebrates the high noon Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral in Oakland.

Sunday, Jan. 10th... FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD

... <u>Holy Trinity Men's Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast</u>, from 9:00 a.m. till noon in the Social Hall, \$5.00 adults; \$2.00 children.

Sunday, Jan. 17th... SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, Feb. 07th... CCD Classes Begin Anew at 9:30 a.m. in St. Agnes School.

First Friday, January 1st.....It is the Holy Day of the Motherhood of Mary, thus the next Solemn Adoration will be on Friday, February 5th at Holy Trinity Church after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Our Religious Program of the Parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity (CCD Program) will not convene until Sunday, February 7th, 2010. Thus, during the month of January, there will be no religious classes at the St. Agnes School. We strongly encourage that our children of the parishes do attend the Eucharist celebration on the weekends as the presence of family gathered together with their children is a beautiful witness that the family that prays together, stays together.

# 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.



"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. Retrouvaille 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.

# Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, January 1st

In the *Octave of Christmas*, on the **1st of January**, the church celebrates the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we begin the New Year there can be no better way than in giving *Honor* and *Remembrance to Mary* and also *asking the Lord for His strength and graces in the coming year of 2010*. It is my **prayerful and heartfelt wish** for the **entire faith communities of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**—ever witnessing for our Lord by our presence.

## 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)

#### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

During the children's school vacation, the Daily Masses are scheduled for 7:00 a.m. The daily Mass schedule does continue at 6:45 a.m. beginning Tuesday, January 5th, unless otherwise notified.







**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **GEORGE MANNS**, husband of the late **Martha Manns** and **ANNA MARIE DONALDSON**, sister of **Marguerite Oeler** and the late **Leo Snyder**, who were buried recently from St. Agnes Church.

May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven.



You are the Church in Your Home.... You forgive and seek reconciliation.

When you do so, family members come to believe that, no matter what, they are still loved by you and by God.

**Prayerful Thanks...** As we rejoice in the "wonderfulness" of these Holy Days, we need to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the many in the Parishes who helped to beautify the interior of the churches as well as, on the outside of the churches. Endless effort, creativeness, and talent are clearly displayed and all of us need to say our thanks and surely say a prayer for those who work for the good of the Parishes throughout the year. ("Please, someone said to me, no names, Father," and so I have obliged.) But all of you have my heartiest of thanks and daily prayers.

Also, thanks for the many who contributed to our Christmas Flower Collection, maintained their PSP pledges and our Capital Campaign which needs your faithful support—and the cards that were sent to me and gifts for which I am most grateful.

# Happy New Year!

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May the coming of the New Year be graced-filled, hopeful, and spiritually fulfilling.

May the families at both Holy Trinity and St. Agnes gather weekly in celebrating the precious gift of Christ's Eucharist.

May St. Agnes School continue on its mission of being Christ-centered and ever reaching out to the youth of the area.

May the youth celebrate their wonderful presence in the Church in showing compassionate love and unity for one another.

Above all, may all of us know how we are truly loved, saved by the all-embracing Father in heaven.

A JOYOUS and HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

# 2009 Contributions

Just a reminder that 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 contributions received after December 31st, 2009 will be credited to the 2010 calendar year.

Ever grateful for your faithful and continuous support of the church.

# 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,
Judy Matta, Genevieve Obringer,
Catherine Olsakovsky, Dorothy Petrak,
Olga Pollock, Gerry Saracco,
Monica Sinai, Paula Smith,
Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner, Jerome Zosack

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REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM CAMPAIGN

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

#### **HOLY TRINITY** — December 20, 2009

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