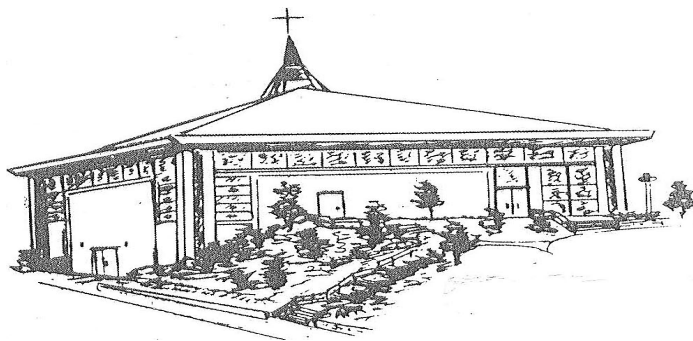


Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MON - JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON (8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN
6:45 - **George Manns** (Ladies of Charity)

WED - JANUARY 6 - BLESSED ANDRÉ BESSETTE
(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURS - JAN 7 - ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT
6:45 - **Joanne Kudla** (Ladies of Charity)

FRIDAY - JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
8:15 - **Sr. Bernadette** (St. Agnes Sisters of Holy Spirit)

SAT - JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 10 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6:00p (Sat) - **Betty T. Smith** (John and Renee Schafer)
8:00 -- **Jim and Suzann Bevan**—Wedding Anniversary
11:00 -- **Rinehart Bost** (Paul and Colleen Budai and Sons)

ADMINISTRATOR, **Rev. Joseph R. Grosko**

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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 MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - JANUARY 3 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00p (Sat) - **Joseph Bujdos** (Kopay Family)
9:30 -- **Stella Kovac** (Elizabeth Hock)

MON - JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:00 - **Jeanne Mistick** (Family)

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

WED - JANUARY 6 - BLESSED ANDRÉ BESSETTE

8:00 -- **Virginia Sibula** (Harms Family)

THURS - JAN 7 - ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT

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

FRIDAY - JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

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

SAT - JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 -- **John Guyre, Jr.** (Neighbors)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 10 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:00p (Sat)-**John M & John J Jasek** (Joe/Maryann Louis)
9:30 -- **George Miklos** (Manfredi 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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sixteen hundred years ago, St. Augustine observed how curious it was that the scribes Herod consulted knew from the Scriptures where the Messiah was to be born, and yet made no effort to accompany the magi. They were so close, but chose to be blind. Augustine noted that this blindness opened the door for the rest of us, symbolized by these magi. **The infant Jesus could not speak with His tongue, and the pagans did not have the scriptures, so He spoke through a star. They saw, came, worshiped, and then returned home. But not by the same way they had come.** There is a literal explanation for this, tied to Herod's malice. But, as usual, Augustine finds also a deeper significance. **They did not use the same road, because they were no longer the same themselves. An encounter with Christ changes people, the old ways no longer suffice. The same dynamics of conversion should be continually at work in us. As we come better to know Christ, we leave behind patterns of life that exclude His presence.**

— Mark Your Calendar —

TODAY, 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

...**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.

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.

Thursday, Jan. 21st... FEAST OF ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Monday, Jan. 25th... CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE

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

Wed, Feb. 17th... ASH WEDNESDAY—(EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4th)

March for Life: Friday, January 22nd, 2010. This will be the 37th annual *March for Life* in Washington, D.C. Come and join with us! The *Knights of Columbus Council #4210* is again sponsoring a bus for our area. All are welcome! Cost is \$30 for adults, \$15 for students. We will be parking at the National Shrine about 11:30 a.m. For reservations and information, call 412-469-3025 or 412-466-5873.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will have a **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!**

They will be selling soup sold in quarts, frozen. **Payment is due with the order.**

Soup will be available for pick up on Saturday and Sunday, February 4th and 7th in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. **Please see enclosed flyer for more details.**

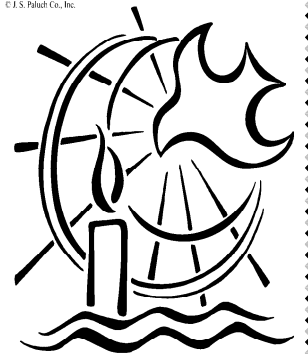
Night at the Races—The very popular **NIGHT AT THE RACES** will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Windows open at 7:30 p.m. **The first race will begin at 7:45 p.m.** Tickets are \$5.00 and includes food and drinks. Get your tickets early as they are limited. The last two years have been sell outs! **Purchase and name a horse for \$10.00. —Winning horse's owner receives \$50.00.** Tickets and forms for horses are available in the Social Hall after Masses or through the school office. *Please use a separate sheet for each horse.*



Baptism of the Lord, January 10th

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The Christmas season comes to a conclusion on the 10th of January as we remember the baptism of the Lord in the Jordan by John the Baptist. How fitting it is that the refrain for today's responsorial psalm is "*The Lord will bless His people with peace.*" As we celebrate the continued manifestation of Christ to the world, we recognize the tremendous potential for peace that exists in the hearts of all who have been baptized into the Christ. Isaiah tells us that God's chosen ones are those who have been called for the victory of justice. Let us not leave the work of justice and peace to others. Let us bring justice and peace to all people and to those places where injustice and suffering flourish.



Here is my servant whom I uphold

~ HAPPY AND BLESSED 2010 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!!

Stories to Watch for in 2010

1. **Pope to visit England**—One religious story to look for in the headlines: Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Great Britain. Pope Benedict XVI also may personally beatify Venerable Cardinal John Henry Newman during the visit. If so, the pontiff will be breaking his own precedent. He had restored the practice of making beatifications celebrations for religious orders and geographic areas, and reserving papal involvement for canonizations.
2. **Economic gloom**—All the official economists seem to say the same thing: Unemployment will continue to rise. All the evidence points to rising interest rates, worsening a perfect storm of joblessness and rising costs. The European Commission report is even more of a downer: Official voices say U.S. unemployment will peak soon; in Europe, it's expected to increase into 2011. Catholics should get ready to serve the needy. There will be plenty of them.
3. **Religious boom**—One good result of bad economies: People increasingly put their treasures in heaven. But the economy isn't the only reason for the rise in interest in religion. The Economist's editor, John Micklethwait, and Washington Bureau Chief Adrian Wooldridge are far from evangelists. Yet their hit 2009 book is "*God Is Back: How the Global Revival of Faith Is Changing the World.*" (Penguin Press, \$27.95)
4. **Pilgrims seek sanctity**—Travel companies specializing in pilgrimages expect 2010, the closing of the Year for Priests, to be a banner year. The Bavarian town of Oberammergau, Germany, plans to stage the massive Passion Play it has put on every 10 years since the late 1600s. The Shroud of Turin will be displayed for select dates in April and May. Pope Benedict himself intends to take advantage of this rare opportunity to see what many consider Christ's burial cloth.
5. **Tech innovations**—News reports are abuzz with reports of 3D screens for your home television and "Google phones" in the new year as Best Buy electronics stores transform themselves from emphasizing DVDs and CDs to technological services. In 2009, social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook were reported to have finally overtaken pornography as the most popular thing on the Web.

Words of Wisdom

“Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s progress and you will immediately give glory to God. Because his servant could conquer envy by rejoicing in the merits of others, God will be praised.”

—St. John Chrysostom in his “Homily on Romans”

“From envy are born hatred, detraction, calumny, joy caused by the misfortune of a neighbor, and displeasure caused by his prosperity.”

—St. Gregory the Great

“Through the envy of the devil, death entered into the world; and also through envy we kill our neighbor; by dint of malice, of falsehood, we make him lose his reputation, his place.

Good Christians...envy no one; they love their neighbor; they rejoice at the good that happens to him, and they weep with him if any misfortune comes upon him. How happy should we be if we were good Christians. Ah! My children, let us, then be good Christians and we shall no more envy the good fortune of our neighbor; we shall never speak evil of him; we shall enjoy a sweet peace; our soul will be calm, we shall find paradise on earth.”

—St. John Vianney

“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to heaven.”

—St. Ephraem the Syrian

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 27, 2009

\$ 8,891.00 - - Sunday Offertory and Christmas Offerings
\$ 35.00 - - Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 25,546.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 19,901.00

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 27, 2009

\$ 2,052.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 4,298.00 - - Christmas: **\$2,083** Christmas Charities

PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 24,285.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 25,955.00

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