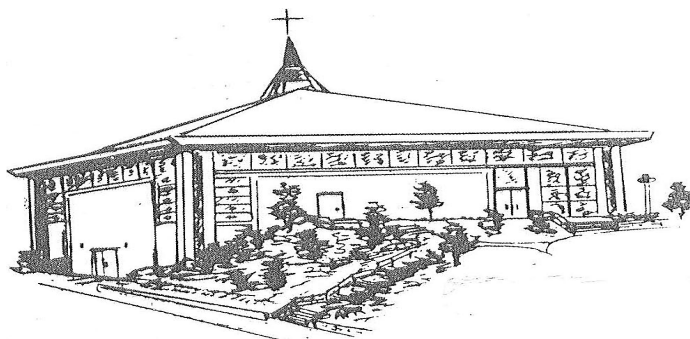


Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

St. Agnes Administrative Center
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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - JANUARY 17 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6:00p (Sat) - **John Derry** (Dovundo Family)
8:00 -- **Charles Burgman** (Ken and Lana Steiner)
11:00 -- **Perry Madafi** (Friend, Dave Zlokas)

MONDAY - JANUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - JANUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

6:45 - **Robert K. Barnes** (Parents, Bob and Rita)

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 20 - ST. FABIAN

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 21 - ST. AGNES

8:15 - **Albert V. Lesutis** -birth (Wife, Audrey and Family)

FRIDAY - JANUARY 22 - ST. VINCENT

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

SATURDAY - JANUARY 23 - IN HONOR OF BVM

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - JANUARY 24 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6:00p (Sat) - **Arthur C. Gruber**-birth (Gruber Family)
8:00 -- **Grace Stinner** (Gal Stinner)
11:00 -- **Charles Burgman** (Delphine Schaff)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - JANUARY 17 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

4:00p (Sat) - **Bert Prim** (Sue Finnegan)
9:30 -- **Richard Breznai** (Thomas Breznai)

MONDAY - JANUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

8:00 - **Joseph Svirbel** (Isadore Family)

TUESDAY - JANUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

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

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 20 - ST. FABIAN

8:00 -- **Dolores Stanoszek** (Nesiti Family)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 21 - ST. AGNES

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

FRIDAY - JANUARY 22 - ST. VINCENT

8:00 -- **Robert Toretti** (Mary Ellen Luchok)

SATURDAY - JANUARY 23 - IN HONOR OF BVM

8:00 -- **George Pollack** (Eleanor Stavor)

SUN - JANUARY 24 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

4:00p (Sat) - **Debbie Sievern** (Chiaverine Family)
9:30 -- **Mary Jean Maresch** (Diana Maresch)

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

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

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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.

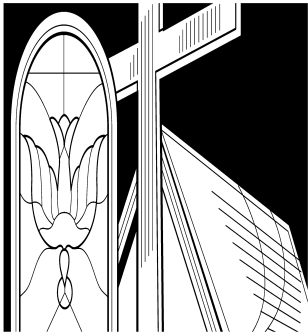
SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

January 17, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“To each individual,” writes St. Paul, “the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” We might think that being given the Spirit means having all the answers. Scripture provides little support for this supposition. **All that the Spirit gives us—and blessed are we if we can handle so much—is an awareness of, openness to, God’s activity.** Consider Mary at Cana. She simply tells her Son what she sees: “They have no wine.” Her implied petition is not immediately answered. Does she accuse Him: “How could You allow this to continue?” No. Does she accept defeat? Not that either. **She accepts that God will answer her prayer as is best.** She need only say: “**Do whatever He tells you.**” *Whatever Jesus decides will be for the best.* God needs no script. *Better that we turn to God trustingly, turn over the things we see wrong with ourselves, with our world, that we cannot correct on our own. In the Spirit, we invoke God’s help, praying always, “Thy will be done.”* —Does my life show to the world a readiness for God to act within it?

— Mark Your Calendar —

- TODAY*, 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
Saturday, Feb. 06th...Cheregi Sale starting at 12:00 noon in Holy Trinity Social Hall, \$6.00 per dozen.
Sunday, Feb. 07th...CCD Classes begin anew at 9:30 a.m. in St. Agnes School.
Wed, Feb. 17th...ASH WEDNESDAY—(EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4th)

Second Collection TODAY is for St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech

MARCH FOR LIFE will be on 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**.

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY. *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will be **selling soup** sold in quarts, frozen. Order forms are available in back of church. **Payment is due with the order.** Soup will be **available for pickup on Saturday and Sunday, February 6th and 7th** in **Holy Trinity Social Hall.**



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of *Holy Trinity* parishioner, **MARY WASILISIN**; and **HELEN WANLESS**, mother of *St. Agnes* parishioner, **Lydia D’Anna.** *May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*

FISH FRY—Our annual Lenten *Fish Fry* begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th**, at **Holy Trinity Social Hall** and continues throughout the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday from the hours of **12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.** *Donations of new items and wine and spirit goods are requested* in helping fill out the baskets of cheer. Your appreciated gifts can be dropped off at **St. Agnes Social Hall or Holy Trinity Parish Office.**





Feast of St. Agnes, Our Patroness, January 21st

Scholars have concluded that Agnes, a child of only 12 or 13 years, was killed during the persecution of Diocletian (304-306). According to Pope Damasus I (366-384), the parents of Agnes were the first to tell her story. A young Roman Prefect was infatuated with Agnes. But she refused marriage because of her dedication to Christ. She made it known that she was a Christian and preferred death over any violation of her consecrated virginity.

Agnes is portrayed in a mosaic above the main altar of the Church of St. Agnes, outside of Rome, as a Byzantine princess, robed, crowned and bejeweled, with the symbols of her martyrdom, the flames and sword, beside her feet. And all through the Church there is the other symbol of her martyrdom and sacrifice, the lamb (*Agnus*, in Latin). What a beautiful patron and model we have for our times and our young people!

Those were difficult times when St. Agnes lived. But today we also live in difficult times. There is no overt persecution—but what we have, in fact, is even worse—a disguised and subtle paganism around us, inviting us to give up our Catholic beliefs and practices. And unfortunately, there are many who are weak, and not closely united to Christ, who give up their Faith, following the “crowd”. So we all need the example, the courage, and the prayers of SAINT AGNES to help us see that virginity, chastity, and purity are not “out-dated”—that our Catholic beliefs and practices are still worth our struggle and sacrifices—and are even worth dying for.

SAINT AGNES, OUR PARISH PATRONESS—BE OUR INSPIRATION AND HELP—PRAY FOR US!

PLEASE NOTE: ON THURSDAY, FEAST OF ST. AGNES, THE MASS IS SCHEDULED AT 8:15 A.M. AT ST. AGNES CHURCH WITH THE CHILDREN OF OUR SCHOOL.

Thank You!

PRAYERFUL THANKS—Ever appreciative of the wonderful volunteer efforts of our parishioners in the decorative displays of the **Nativity Scenes at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**. They indeed also accepted the task of putting away the decorations for another year now. This year’s Nativity displays were more beautiful than ever and not surprising that many compliments expressed the dedicated and creative efforts of our volunteers. *We as parishes are ever more grateful for the effort and faithful concern of all those who helped.*

Through the efforts and concern for the parish of St. Agnes, the **Ladies of Charity** under the leadership of **Josephine Andres**, *received sufficient funds, anonymously*, to have a **new water fountain in the social hall** and a **new glass-framed entrance** which was placed in the side entrance of St. Agnes School.

A number of our envelope users are sending their weekly offerings through the mail and understandably so with the difficulties of attending the weekend Masses. ***With all the offerings, for which we are ever grateful, we can meet our endless bills and in particular, the soaring utilities bills.*** I pray that all the parishioners are able to do likewise, but your continual, faithful support in the weekly offerings is a **blessing for the Parishes**.

As we begin the Ordinary Times in the Church’s calendar, I do look back with **heartfelt appreciation for the seasonal greetings and gifts that I received in the wonderful times of the Christmas Season**.

Coming Events.....St. Agnes School Calendar

- **TODAY, Sunday, January 17th, St. Agnes Family Bingo** will be held in the Social Hall between the hours of **6:00 –8:00 p.m.** It is a **covered-dish bingo** and the bingo cards are **twenty-five cents a card**. It is a free Sunday as the Steelers are “resting in peace.” Do join us for a joyful evening of fellowship!
- The very popular **NIGHT AT THE RACES** will be held on **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.**

**AUTOMATED ANSWERING MACHINES
CAN SUPPLY MANY LAUGHS.**

ENJOY THE FOLLOWING:

PARISH RECTORY: RING...RING...RING...

“Hello, if you are calling from a touch-tone phone, please *press 1* now.

If you are calling from a rotary phone, why? Secondly, you’re out of luck.

If you want to speak to the secretary, *press 2*.

If you want to speak to a priest, *press 3*.

If you want to speak to a friendly priest, *press 4*.

If you want to speak to a priest who will tell you what you want to hear, *press 5*.

If you want to speak to a priest who will be honest with you, *press 6*.

If you haven’t seen the inside of a Catholic Church in 20 years and want a priest to give you a sponsor’s certificate because your sister asked you to be a godparent, *press 7*.

If you want to get married in a Catholic ceremony, and want to do this while jumping out of an airplane, *press 8*.

If you want a Catholic priest to jump out with you to perform the ceremony, press a gun to his head.

If you think you can run the parish better, trying to deal with over 1500 personalities, temperaments, education backgrounds, biases, prejudices, musical tastes, and biorhythms, and at the same time, keep them all happy, then *press the pound key*.

If you dislike at least five other people and tell the rest of the world how much you dislike these five, but still love Jesus, *press the star key*.

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**DID YOU KNOW.....**There are currently **214 parishes in our diocese** with **268 diocesan priests serving them.** *Thirty-one priests serve multiple parishes.* If every priest eligible to retire would do so today, we would be short 34 priests. *Something to think about and surely it calls for our daily prayers and concerns.*

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Year-End Contribution Statements available on request. Please write “Statement” on envelope.
—If you are not receiving your church envelopes, please notify the Parish.

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,
Mary Ann Polinski, Ann Sabo, Ray Shahan,
Margaret Shimko, Margaret Svirbel,
Martha Vasil, 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**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — January 10, 2010

\$ 3,921.00 - - Sunday Offertory
\$ 455.00 - - Parish Share Program
PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 25,546.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 20,881.00
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 — January 10, 2010

\$ 1,731.00 - - Sunday Offertory
\$ 110.00 - - Parish Share Program
PSP Assessment-2009 \$ 24,285.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 26,691.00

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