

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - APRIL 18 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p (Sat) - Elizabeth Kukta (Joe and Loretta Sabol)
8:00 - - Helen Szokoly - Anniversary (Irene Slezak)
11:00 - - Helene Starrett-Birth (Dennis & Barbara Starrett)

MONDAY - APRIL 19 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - APRIL 20 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 - Michael Slezak - Anniversary (Irene Slezak)

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 21 - ST. ANSELM

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - APRIL 22 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 - Jean Abels - Health (Ladies of Charity)

FRI - APRIL 23 - STS. GEORGE AND ADALBERT

8:15 - Rita Burgman (Family)

SATURDAY - APRIL 24 - ST. FIDELIS

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - APRIL 25 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p (Sat) - John Palo (Rita Horgos)
8:00 - - Donald M. Minchoff-Anniv (Renee/John Schafer)
11:00 - - Jim Petrak (Ladies of Charity)

ADMINISTRATOR, Rev. Joseph R. Grosko
PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

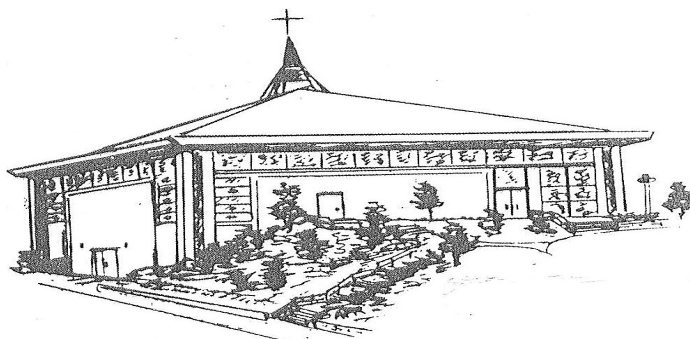
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NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

EPHESIANS IV — PRAYER & PRAISE
ON MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM IN ST. AGNES CHURCH
EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME



Holy Trinity Administrative Center
529 Grant Avenue Ext. • West Mifflin, PA 15122-3830

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - APRIL 18 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p (Sat.)- Marjorie Byrnes (Federated Investors BISD)
9:30 - - Bob Rae (Betty Rae and Family)

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8:00 - Mary Wasilisin (Joanne Sinichak)

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8:00 - Mary Toth (Kinch Family)

SUNDAY - APRIL 25 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p (Sat.) Living & Dec'd- Slovak Catholic Sokol #295
9:30 - - Ann Sotak (Debbie Gaydos)

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.

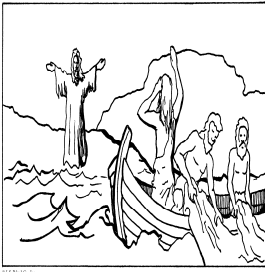
MARRIAGE: Arrange 6 months in advance.

SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

April 18, 2010

Third Sunday of Easter



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 + 2 = 3. 1 + 2 + 3 = 6. If we continued the series up to 17, the total would be 153, the total number of fish caught in today's Gospel passage. Obviously, then, says St. Augustine, *there's a connection between this passage and the number 17, which is, of course, the sum of 7 and 10, which naturally brings to mind the seven sacraments and the Ten Commandments.* It seems that Augustine is having some fun with numbers, he would reply that there is more involved than fun.

Numbers offer insight into truth, so there is nothing whimsical about using the properties of numbers to learn something of the deeper truth that is God. Strengthened by God's Spirit in the sacraments, instructed and guided by the commandments, we are, like those fish, brought to Christ by the Church, symbolized here by the disciples. Brought to Christ, who then teaches us, as He taught Peter, that to remain in communion with Him, we must look after, we must love, one another.

~~ Please pray for Priests and for Priestly and Religious vocations ~~

— Mark Your Calendar —

- Wed., Apr. 21st... HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB MEETING - 7:00 p.m., Social Hall
- Sunday, May 02nd... FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Agnes Church
- Friday, May 07th... FIRST FRIDAY AND MAY CROWNING AT ST. AGNES
- Friday, Jun. 04th... ST. AGNES 8TH GRADE GRADUATION - 7:00 p.m. Mass
- Wed., Jun. 09th... LAST DAY OF ST. AGNES SCHOOL YEAR
8:15 a.m. School Mass followed by Kindergarten Graduation
- Fri/Sat, July 30/31... ST. AGNES SUMMER FESTIVAL
Raffle tickets of the Festival will be forthcoming.

THE COMPLINE CHOIR FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH—WILL PERFORM A LITURGICAL PRAYER SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH, AT ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CHURCH IN HOMESTEAD AT 4:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity Cemetery Flags Honoring our Veterans

It is that time of the year when we display the flags honoring our beloved veterans. **The flags have been ordered and will be raised on May 19th.** *We do need volunteers for this occasion. The replacement flag form, and a list of the veterans that need a new flag are attached.* The price of the flags will be \$25.00. The completed form and money must be returned by May 9th. *If you desire any further information, please contact the Rectory.*



PRO-LIFE CORNER - It seems that the *Culture of Life* will return only when there has been a **change in hearts.** Such a change is going to require the **powerful intervention of the Holy Spirit.** We need to pray for that. **What more powerful prayer can we offer than the MASS!**

Free Stroke Risk Screening

A free **Stroke Risk Screening** will be held Tuesday, **April 27th** from **8:00 a.m. til 12:00 noon** at **JRMC** (Jefferson Regional Medical Center). The screening includes: *risk assessment; finger-stick blood sample for total cholesterol, HDL and blood sugar; blood pressure; body fat analysis; and carbon monoxide testing for smokers; FREE educational counseling, materials, and give-aways.*

Please call **412-469-7100** for more information or to register for this free event. **Those who do not have health insurance or do not seek routine healthcare are encouraged to attend.**

Easter Duty—Easter Privilege

Given that the Eucharist is the focal point of all our worship, the Church asks that Catholics receive the Sacrament frequently, and, at the very minimum, once a year during the time of Easter (**between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday**). For 2010, that would be **between February 21st and May 30th**. We still use the expression “*making our Easter Duty*.” It would be much better to think in terms of *Easter Privilege*. For most people, Easter duty includes “going to confession,” but if a person is free of serious sin, he/she would not have to receive the **Sacrament of Penance**. Whatever your situation, this reminder of Easter Duty is offered. **Opportunities for confession are on Saturdays, before the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity and before the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes, or by contacting Father Grosko.**

Additional Easter Flower Memorial:

In Memory of Joseph and Mary Steiner and Laura Steiner, requested by Marie Steiner.

Hoagie Orders - Orders are being taken by **Sister Cynthia in the Social Hall** after Mass for **Stratwood Hoagies**. Hoagies are **12 inches—Italian or Turkey** and are **\$5.00 each**. *Payment is due with order*. Order must be placed with **Sister Cynthia by April 28th**.

Thank You for Your Support of the Calendar Party - Thank you for all of your support for the *Calendar Party*. **It was a great day, our profit was \$ 3,780.**

Catholic Schools Night at PNC Park - *Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Atlanta Braves, 7:05 p.m., Friday, May 21st* to help support **Bishop's Ed. Fund**. Tickets must be ordered by **May 7th, 412-325-4653**.

SENIOR ADVANTAGE.... “YOUR INVESTMENT IN HEALTH INSURANCE IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO PAY OFF.”

Hearty Congratulations, Sister Cynthia and Christine Weir!

Two of our parishioners will be honored by the Diocesan Department of Catholic Schools and the Donahue Family Foundation on June 1st, 2010. Our principal, **Sister Cynthia Wessel** will be a recipient of the **Golden Apple Award for Principals**. A parent nominated her for her care and concern for the students of St. Agnes School as well as her excellent administration of the school. Following this nomination, Father Grosko and Mrs. Cecilia Grandillo, the Educational Consultant, recommended Sister Cynthia to the selection committee. **Mrs. Christine Weir**, a fellow parishioner and Eucharistic Minister, is a teacher at St. James School in Wilkinsburg, and will receive the **Golden Apple Award for Teachers**. We congratulate *both* for the excellent work in Catholic Education. ***Congratulations, Sister Cynthia and Chris!***



Bereavement Support Session is being offered by **George Irvin Green Funeral Home** on **Tuesday, May 11th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, 3511 Main St., Munhall. **Dr. Barbara Coyne**, a professional bereavement counselor, will lead and offer help and encouragement to all and help teach about the mourning process.

Please **RSVP** by **Saturday, May 8th**, at **412-461-6394**.

PLEASE NOTE:

- If you have not received your church envelopes or have a change of address, etc., please call the **Secretary at St. Agnes, JoAnn Allen**, at the *Rectory on Monday mornings, 412 466-2655*, or see **Irene Slezak** or **Josephine Andres**. The *Secretary at Holy Trinity* is **Suzann Bevan, 412-466-6545**.
- Please **mark the amount** on your church envelopes, and **do not scotch tape** the envelope.
- Be sure to **notify the ushers before Mass** if you wish to **carry the gifts at the Offertory**.

**Thank
You**

Haitian Update

*(Remarks from a Letter written by
Brother Franklin of Haiti)*

Someone asked me, “*Where do the Haitian people find the strength to live and commit themselves to anything after such an earthquake?*” Our country continues to drag along: unbelievable insecurity and trauma. The majority of the population lives under tents - plastic or canvas tarps. Every downpour is a nightmare. The socio-economic situation that was beginning to improve before the earthquake has been shattered. Still, Haitians are standing like a reed! How can this be? We are a religious and believing people. For us, everything rests on God. Yes, everything. Like people of the Old Testament, our history makes us tough, resilient and strong. And we have a sense of humor, lucky for us. You have to really listen to understand the humor of the poor describing life after the earthquake through stories and anecdotes. In general, a Haitian needs very little to find ways to create recreation and celebration. If we manage to keep our heads above water, it is thanks to God, certainly, and to our capacity to laugh, to have a good time, even in the worst of moments. In rural areas, it is to the rhythm of song and celebration and dance that we bury our dead.

But concretely, where are we today? The massive aid promised by the international community is arriving drop by drop in the most remote corners where the displaced have found refuge. There is a terrible psychosis of fear in people. The need for psychologists is increasing as more and more children suffer psychological problems and deserve help and support. Peasants need seeds, irrigation pumps, and technical supervision to confront the rainy season. And we need to re-open the schools, but it is complicated. Buildings fell victim to the earthquake. Many instructors lost their homes and members of their families. Will they return? Where will they live? Where will temporary classrooms be located, with refugees living in tents on school grounds? What about the mad dogs roving the streets biting children? The task is immense. Colossal. And very complicated.

God, Father of Jesus, of the unique history of the world and of humanity, God of Life, of Abundant Life, recreate in us Your life, and give us hope for a better life. Thank you, Life! Thank you, Eternal Life! Amen.

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, Steve Gaydos,
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Betty Horgas,
Nancy Jackson, Diane Kovalsky, Anne Kushan,
Theresa Lovas, Mary Pavlik,
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 Hanchak, Mary Elizabeth Hudick,
Dorothy Kostovny, Judy Matta,
Genevieve Obringer, Catherine Olsakovsky,
Dorothy Petrak, Olga Pollock, Brian Saunders,
Rudy Saunders, Monica Sinai, Paula Smith,
Alice Stanicar, Glenn Steimer,
Marie Steiner, Jerome Zosack**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — April 11, 2010

\$ 4,811.00 -- Sunday Offertory

\$ 575.00 -- Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2010 \$ 24,367.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 5,794.00

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 — April 11, 2010

\$ 2,021.00 -- Sunday Offertory

\$ 107.00 -- Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2010\$ 24,875.00

Amount Collected PSP\$ 6,637.00

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