

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - NOVEMBER 21 - JESUS CHRIST THE KING

6:00p (Sat) - Margaret Soska (Daughter, Linda)
8:00 - - Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
11:00 - - Bill Skovranko (Bodnar Family)

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 22 - ST. CECILIA

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 23 - ST. CLEMENT

6:45 - - Margaret Soska-month's mind (Daughter, Linda)

WED - NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURS - NOVEMBER 25 - THANKSGIVING DAY

9:30 - - Deceased Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Soc

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 26 - WEEKDAY

8:15 - - Alice Stanicar (M/M Don Stichick)

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 27 - IN HONOR OF BVM

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - NOVEMBER 28 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat) - Joseph Squires (M/M Ray Bodnar)
8:00 - - Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
11:00 - - Leo and Susanne Snyder (Family)

ADMINISTRATOR, Rev. Joseph R. Grosko

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Rectory - St. Agnes 412-466-2655

Rectory - Holy Trinity 412-466-6545

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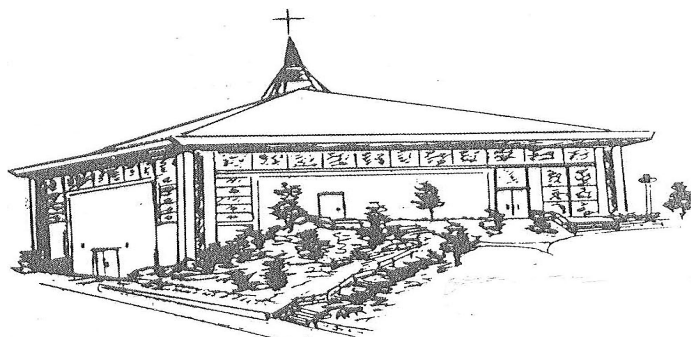
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St. Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com

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



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

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - NOVEMBER 21 - JESUS CHRIST THE KING

4:00p (Sat) - John Kovalcin (Carol Werchman)
9:30 - - Edward Gamret (Margaret)

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8:00 - - Joseph Bujdos (Veronica and Family)

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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.

November 21, 2010

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King



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Were I all-powerful, I might tell myself, nobody would ever hurt again anywhere. Jesus is challenged to be that kind of benefactor, challenged by the thief who said: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." This challenge should not be casually brushed aside. Do we never pray: "*Are you not the Christ? Could you not spare me this affliction? Could you not stop the pain or hardship being suffered by this good person?*" We might receive no other answer than did the thief: **Jesus suffers alongside him.** *Christ Jesus, Christ Our King, does not use His power to provide for Himself or His followers a pain-free existence. Rather, He throws power away so as to suffer and die alongside us.* We might suppose that we could have written the story better, omitting suffering for Jesus, for ourselves. That is not the story we are given, not the King we have in Christ. **We are not offered painlessness. We are offered love.** There is a difference, and we see it on the Cross. *How do you follow Jesus' example by offering love in times of great suffering?*

**The 2nd Collection today is for "Retirement Fund for Religious".
Your concern and response to this annual collection is prayerfully appreciated
and surely needed for our beloved religious. Please be generous. God Bless.**

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

Sunday, November 28th....FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday, December 7th....DAY OF RECOLLECTION, Fr. Litavec, 9:00 a.m., Holy Trinity
Wed, December 8th....FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Thurs, December 9th....45 PLUS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, noon, Napoli's.
Sunday, December 12th....TRADITIONAL "VILJA" CHRISTMAS MEAL, Holy Trinity, 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 14th....ST. AGNES SCHOOL CONCERT
Wed, December 15th....ST. AGNES PENANCE SERVICE, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs, December 16th....HOLY TRINITY PENANCE SERVICE, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 17th....ST. AGNES SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sat, December 18th....ST. AGNES SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"OPLATKE"—HOLY BREAD. DELICATE, ORNATE, FESTIVE, BELOVED—the Christmas wafer commemorates a custom which is centuries old. Oplatke, from Latin, "Oblatum," Holy Bread, is "Our Christmas Oblation (sm)." Believed by some to emanate as far back as the "manna" of Exodus 16:31, it is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels. The ritual observance is called "**Wigilia**" in Polish; "**Stedry Vecer**" in Slovak; "**Kucious**" in Lithuanian; "**Feliz Navidad**" in Hispanic. Through our beloved Christmas wafer tradition, we are reminded of the **Holy Nativity.** We remember our Lord, Jesus Christ, was born in **Bethlehem**, literally the "**house of bread**". We hallow His proclamation: "**I am the Bread of Life.**"

— On sale after all the weekend Masses or call the Parish Office. Offering \$2.00 - 1/2 dozen or \$4.00 - dozen. —

HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB MEADOWS CASINO — Wednesday, December 1st, \$25 per person.

Bonus is \$15 slot play and \$5 food. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. and departs home from Casino at 4:00 p.m.

Call **George Miteff** at **412-466-5062** to make reservations by Sunday, November 21st.

HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY — Saturday, December 11th. This is a catered dinner.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, December 1st. Please call **George Miteff** at **412-466-5062**.

45 PLUS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY — Thursday, December 9th, at Napoli's at noon. An open invitation is extended to any of our 45ers who wish to come. Call **Ed Ferchak** at **412-462-0904**.



Thanksgiving Day—Mass at Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m. and St. Agnes 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving today finds our nation troubled and afraid, grieving with those who have suffered devastating losses and wondering what the future will bring. Our history, however, is full of adversity. Yet throughout it all, God has been faithful. In response, in times of crisis we, as a people, have never failed to pause, especially on Thanksgiving Day, to reaffirm our faith and thank God, who in our darkest hours has continued to bless, strengthen & sustain us.

“Almighty God, Father of all Mercies, we, your unworthy servants give you most heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and all men. We thank you for our creation, life, and all blessings we receive. Above all, we thank you for your infinite love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.”

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive...Cereal, dry goods and coffee are being collected during the month of November. Please bring your items to church at your convenience and **place in the boxes in the back of the church.** The food bank and food pantries have been hit hard this year. Unemployment is on the rise and the poverty level is highest in decades. *The St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciates your efforts to help your neighbors at this time of sharing and thanksgiving. The offertory collection on Thanksgiving will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help families in need. WE cannot do this without YOUR help. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The SVdP will keep you in our prayers. (NEED COFFEE, CEREAL, PAPER PLATES, CUPS & BOWLS—NO STYROFOAM, PLEASE.)*



Traditional “Vilija” Christmas Meal...The Slovak Cultural Committee of McKeesport/West Mifflin will host a traditional Slovak Christmas dinner, “Vilija”, on **December 12th at 2:00 p.m.** in the **Holy Trinity Church Social Hall.** The meal will feature *hors d’oeuvres, a meatless meal of wafers, sauerkraut soup with mushrooms, baked fish, pirohy, mixed vegetables, bobalky, pagach, and poppy seed and nut roll.* **Seating is limited to 100, and reservations are required** and can be made by calling **Sister Irene A. Benyak, SCN at 412-751-1673 or Holy Trinity, 466-6545.** Cost is **\$15.00/adults, & \$8.00/children under 12 years.**

Bereavement Memorial Service, George Irvin Green Funeral Home

Something special is taking place for families in our community who have lost a loved one this year. This holiday season can be very painful to those who have had a death in the family. This year we will have our **Fifteenth Annual “Service of Remembrance”, Sunday, December 5th, at 2:00 p.m.**

We serve many families of different faiths and this year’s service will be held at **St. Therese of Lisieux R.C. Church in Munhall.** All families in attendance will receive a **Guardian Angel ornament personalized with the name and dates of their loved one. PLEASE RSVP by December 1st at 412-461-6394** so that we can have a personalized ornament for you.



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY... to the family and friends of **EMILY HELZLSOUER,** parishioner at Holy Trinity. *May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*

Day of Recollection, Tuesday, December 7th

Father Edward Litavec, our beloved and well-known preacher, will give a Day of Recollection for the parishes of **St. Agnes and Holy Trinity.** His theme for the “Day” will be **“Advent Preparation for the Nativity of our Lord.”** The day will begin at **Holy Trinity Church at 9:00 a.m.** with an *opening conference* and then the *opportunity for confession* and the *celebration of the Eucharist.* A *luncheon* will conclude the Day of Recollection with a *question and answer forum.* **Let us give ourselves some spiritual time in the mist of the rush of the holidays and better prepare ourselves for the Birth of Christ by your attendance.**



*Flowers at Holy Trinity Church
in Honor of Blessed Mother*

In Memory of **EDWARD GAMRET**
(Wife, Margaret)

The newly beatified John Cardinal Henry Newman (1801-1890) wrote in his prayer for a happy death:

*“O, my Lord and Savior, support me
in that hour, in the strong arms of Thy Sacraments,
and by Thy fresh fragrance of Thy consolations.*

*Let the absolving words be said over me,
and the holy oils sign and seal me,
and Thy own Body be my Food,
and Thy Blood my sprinkling;
and let my sweet Mother, Mary, breath on me
and my Angel whisper peace to me,
and my glorious Saints...smile upon me;
that in them all, and through them all,
I may receive the gift of perseverance,
and die, as I desire to live,
in Thy Faith, in Thy Church,
in Thy Service, and in Thy Love. Amen”*

Voices Needed! The Choir at Holy Trinity will be preparing for Christmas and we can use a **few more singers** (particularly men). Practice runs from **10:30-11:30 a.m.** and are conducted in a fun, relaxed but productive atmosphere. If you enjoy singing or have been curious about what it would be like to sing in a group setting, but were concerned about the time commitment, the next five weeks would be a great opportunity to test the musical water. **All you have to do is come over to the pews by the organ after Mass.**

ST. AGNES SCHOOL

SERRA HIGH SCHOOL \$15,000 RAFFLE—The **Christmas Stocking Stuffer Tickets** based on the 4-digit PA number are still available and are **\$10**. **St. Agnes School makes \$5 on every ticket sold.**

2011 LOTTERY CALENDARS—are available. If you want a certain number, call the school, **412-466-6238** and ask if the number is available and we will have it for you during the weekend. Otherwise, we will just carry over a few to have available for purchasing after Masses. The Lottery calendars are **\$20** and are **good for the entire year.**

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, Patricia Brevko, Steve Gaydos,
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Betty Horgas,
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, Carol Bomba, Alberta Buchleitner,
Florence Dugan, Irene Fontanese,
Steve Grochalski, Ann Gruber,
Edmond Gruber, John Gruber,
Martha Gruber, Mary Hanchak,
Loretta Hudak, Mary Elizabeth Hudick,
Robert Kosko, Dorothy Kostovny, Beverly List,
Judy Matta, Victor Merritt, Raymond Milko,
Genevieve Obringer, Catherine Olsakovsky,
Dorothy Petrak, Olga Pollock,
Brian Saunders, Rudy Saunders,
Teresa Schaff, Paula Smith, Glenn Steimer,
Marie Steiner, Rose Ann Thomas**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — November 14, 2010

\$ 4,650.00 -- Sunday Offertory

\$ 342.00 -- Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2010 \$ 24,367.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 20,704.00

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 — November 14, 2010

\$ 1,868.00 -- Sunday Offertory

\$ 152.00 -- Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment-2010\$ 24,875.00

Amount Collected PSP\$ 16,921.00

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