

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 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)

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 29 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW

6:45 - - Patrick Risha (A Friend)

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 1 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 2 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 - - Dorothy Montalbano - birthday (Daughter)

FIRST FRIDAY - DEC 3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:15 - - Alice Stanicar (Randy Fitz)

FIRST SAT - DEC 4 - ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - DECEMBER 5 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat) - Joseph Squires (M/M Glad Squires)
8:00 - - Margaret Balest (Sue Finnegan)
11:00 - - Steven Bogacik (Hazel Berry)

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

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

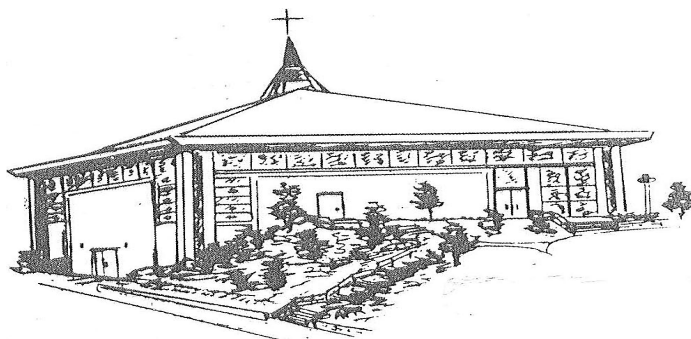
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NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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

SUN -NOVEMBER 28 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Living/Deceased Members of Holy Trinity
9:30 - - Michael Sotak (Debbie Gaydos)

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 29 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Michael and Thomas Fabian (Irene and Anna)

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW

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

WEDNESDAY -DECEMBER 1 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Vincent and Elizabeth Engel (John and Joann)

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 2 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

FIRST FRIDAY - DEC 3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:00 - - Eleanor Lippert (Bajura Family)

FIRST SAT - DEC 4 - ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

8:00 - - Michael Onofrey (Frances and Family)

SUN -DECEMBER 5 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Robert Schorr (Eileen and Linda Schorr)
9:30 - - Michael Fedor Sr. (M/M Joseph Sikora)

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.

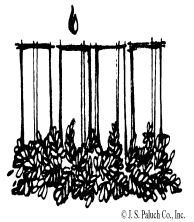
NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

November 28, 2010

First Sunday of Advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Sometimes life seems dull, dreary, boring. At other times we experience life as a great celebration. Can you remember a time when you were so excited that you couldn't sleep? Perhaps it was the night before your birthday, or another special event such as a wedding, Christmas, or a vacation. Think of that time right now and savor it for a moment. Recall how you lay awake in the darkness, smiling in joyful anticipation of your wonderful future. This is the theme of our scripture readings today as **Saint Paul calls us to "awake from sleep. For our salvation is near."** We may rejoice that Jesus is returning, as He promised, to save us. **Matthew also informs us to "stay awake!" because we do not know the day our Lord will return. Could it be tomorrow, or tonight, or even this instant?** Let us be joyfully alert and prepare ourselves in delightful anticipation so that our Savior finds us ready to welcome Him with a humble heart and open arms.*



— 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, Ed Ferchak, 462-0904
Sat, December 11th....HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, George Miteff, 466-5062
Sunday, December 12th....TRADITIONAL "VILIIJA" 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, 7:00 p.m.
Sat, December 18th....ST. AGNES SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, 7:00 p.m.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS — COME AND ENJOY!!

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3....Friday, December 18th, 7:00 p.m., "Bossy Christmas Fairy", Soc. Hall.

GRADES 4 THROUGH 8Saturday, December 17th, 7:00 p.m., "Fear Not", Social Hall.

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.**

SLOVAK COOKBOOK - on sale at the St. Agnes Parish Center or Holy Trinity Parish Office. Price is \$9.00.

Traditional "Vilija" Christmas Meal...The Slovak Cultural Committee of McKeesport and 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.** Call **Irene A. Benyak, SCN** at **412-751-1673 or Holy Trinity, 412-466-6545**. Cost is **\$15.00/adults; \$8.00/children under 12 years**.

Season of ADVENT Begins TODAY

Today we will begin a new Church Liturgical Year with a period that **prepares us to again celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas.** And one venerable tradition that reminds us to prepare ourselves is the **Advent Wreath.** The gradual lighting of 4 candles, one on each of the 4 weeks of Advent, helps to **symbolize** not only the expectation and hope of **Our Lord's first coming into the world,** but also **His second coming as just Judge at the end of the world.**



We will have an Advent Wreath in Church and will observe this devotion by lighting the candles and saying the prayers before our daily and Sunday Liturgies. **You can also observe this devotion at home,** and we recommend it. You can make your own Advent Wreath or buy one already made. **Clip and save the following prayers** which can be said at the family evening meal, for example, as the candles are lighted each day. Also, special Advent booklets are available in the lobby. Excellent for meditation and reflection.

The Advent Wreath Devotion

Blessing of the Advent Wreath - *“O God, by Whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your Blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen”*

— Prayers for Each Week —

First Week - *(Light 1 purple candle)* - Stir up Your Might, O God, we beg You, and come, so that by Your protection, we may be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins, and may be saved by Your deliverance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

Second Week - *(Light 2 purple candles)* - Stir up our hearts, O God, so that we may prepare for Your Only Begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve You with pure minds. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

Third Week - *(Light 2 purple and 1 pink candles)* - We beg You, O God, incline Your ear to our prayers, and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Your visitation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

Fourth Week - *(Light all 4 candles)* - Stir up Your Power, O God, and help us, so that by Your Grace and Merciful Kindness, we may swiftly receive the salvation that our sins impede. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen



First Friday, December 3rd... Masses are scheduled at *St. Agnes at 8:15 a.m.,* and then, *Holy Trinity* will have its traditional *Holy Hour following the 8:00 a.m. Mass* with solemn closing Benediction.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE — ST. AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY

PENANCE SERVICES: Parish Reconciliation Service, Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Church. *Holy Trinity Penance Service is on Thursday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m.* A number of priests of our Steel Valley Deanery will be available for confession. *Excellent opportunity of preparing for the Lord's birth by receiving this beautiful Sacrament of being reconciled with the Lord and with our neighbors. It will be a golden opportunity of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation—otherwise the confession times are before the Saturday evening Masses, that is, before 4:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity & 6:00 p.m. Mass, St. Agnes.*

“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.* 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 Parish Office. Offering \$2.00 - 1/2 dozen or \$4.00 - dozen.



Our Heartiest Congratulations
to the family of **OWEN LUCAS SOYKE**,
the child of *Meghan* and *Jordan*,
baptized at St. Agnes Church

AND

to the family of **HAILY MARIE MIKLISAK**,
the child of *Kevin* and *Jamie*,
baptized at Holy Trinity Church

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.** after Sunday Mass 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.**

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



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.**

CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFER TICKETS—are still available. The weekend of **December 4th and 5th** will be the last weekend these will be on sale for **\$10**.

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 21, 2010

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REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM CAMPAIGN

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

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