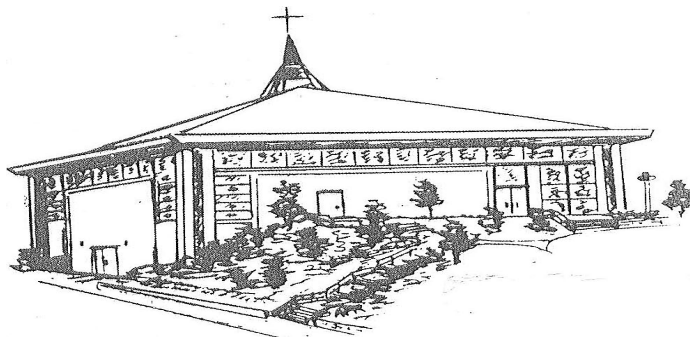


# Saint Agnes Church



# & Holy Trinity Church

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



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529 Grant Avenue Ext. • West Mifflin, PA 15122-3830

### ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - DECEMBER 19 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat)-Peter W & Clare Richards (Richards Family)  
8:00 -- Health of Beverly List (Nancy/Michael Lapinski)  
11:00 -- Jack Cielieska (Family)

#### MONDAY - DECEMBER 20 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS

6:45 -- Alice Stanicar (M/M Don Stichick)

#### WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 22-ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 23 -ST. JOHN OF KANTY

6:45 -- Nancy Jackson (The Vranich Family)

#### FRI -DECEMBER 24 -LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:15 -- Deceased Members of Baker Family

#### SAT - DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00p (Fri) -- Amelia McElhinny (Richard McElhinny)  
12:00midnight -Anne/Paul Eckley (Joann/Fred Smith/Fam)  
8:00 -- Robert Andres (Egnitz and Baer Families)

#### 11:00 -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes

#### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY

8:00 -- Deceased Members of Grosko Family  
11:00 -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes

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

Sister Cynthia Wessel .....412-466-6238

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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 TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN -DECEMBER 19 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Steve and Anna Breznay (Children)  
9:30 -- Deceased Members of Jednota Branch #580

#### MONDAY - DECEMBER 20 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 -- George Spirnak (Rose)

#### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS

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

#### WEDNESDAY-DECEMBER 22-ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 -- Stephen Gaydos (Family)

#### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 23 -ST. JOHN OF KANTY

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

#### FRI - DECEMBER 24 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

#### SAT - DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00p (Fri) -- Ann Matthias (Jim Matthias)  
10:00p (Fri) -- Living/Deceased Members of Holy Trinity  
9:30 -- Fr. Edward Bunchek (Alice Svirbel and Family)

#### SUN - DECEMBER 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY

9:30 -- Nancy Jane Jackson (Betty Clark)

**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.)

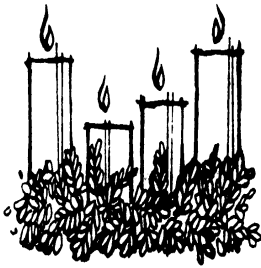
**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Pre-Baptism preparation required. Arrange before birth.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrange 6 months in advance.

**SICK & SHUTINS:** Please call the Rectory.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register at Rectory.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Have you ever been so confused that you wished God would give you a sign to show you the way? In our first reading, *God invites Ahaz to “ask for a sign from the Lord” and reveals that the sign will be Mary, a virgin, pregnant with Jesus, Emmanuel.* Similarly, in the Gospel when Joseph is shocked to find that his fiancée is pregnant, he receives a sign from an angel telling him not to be afraid to marry Mary. **The Lord has a good sign waiting for you too, if you ask for it. It may not come today or tomorrow, but it will come. Do not expect to find your sign in superstitions, horoscopes, or ouija boards. Expect your sign from Jesus, as He reveals Himself in prayer, the sacraments, and the counsel of faithful friends. Of course we discover Jesus most intimately at Mass, when He becomes miraculously present in the Eucharist. *Jesus is Emmanuel, “God with us.”*—So ask for your sign, expect your sign, and follow it like Joseph with confidence and joy.**

— PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS AND FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS —

### — MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

Sat, *December 25th...NATIVITY OF THE LORD*  
Sunday, *December 26th...THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*  
Sat, *January 1st...THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD*  
Sunday, *January 2nd...THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*  
Monday, *January 3rd...ST. AGNES SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME*  
Sunday, *February 6th...RELIGIOUS PROGRAM (CCD) RESUMES ON THIS SUNDAY*

**The Religious Program of the Parishes (CCD)**—It is imperative that the parents of our children not attending St. Agnes School, need to assure that their children faithfully, each Sunday, participate in the CCD religious classes that our held in the School. **If our children of the parishes are not receiving the proper catechetical instruction, we fail in their spiritual growth and understanding of our gifted faith.**

**Prayerful Thanks.** . . . As we rejoice in the “wonderfulness” of these **Holy Days**, we need to express **heartfelt thanks and appreciation** of the many in the Parishes who helped to **beautify** the interior of the churches as well as, on the outside of the church. **Endless effort, creativeness, and talent** are clearly displayed and all of us need to say our thanks and surely **say a prayer for those who work for the good of the Parish throughout the year.** All of you have my **heartiest of thanks and daily prayers.** Also, *thanks for the many who contributed to our Christmas Flower Collections, maintained their PSP pledges and Capital Campaign which need your faithful support--and thanks for the cards that were sent to me and the gifts for which I am most grateful.*

Ever grateful for the many who faithfully and continuously maintain their stewardship in their Sunday offerings and fulfillment of their pledges. It indeed helps us to maintain strong, viable finances and thus helps in paying all the bills of the parishes and in particularly, the souring cost of the utility bills which is obviously touching all of us, but thank God, in some way or other, we keep our “head above water.” **May the Lord reward generously all who give.**



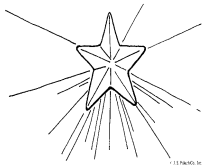
***You are the Church in Your Home . . . You forgive and seek reconciliation.***

When you do so, family members come to believe that, no matter what, they are still loved by you and by God.

***New Year's Eve Dance....December 31st, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall.*** The doors open at **7:00 p.m.** The cost is **\$25.00 per person** and includes a *buffet dinner, full bar, champagne toast at midnight, noisemakers, hats, and New Years Pretzels.* For reservations, call **St. Maximilian Rectory, 412-461-1054 or St. Therese Rectory, 412-462-8161.** **All proceeds go to benefit the Appalachia Work Camp.**

## *The Nativity of the Lord, December 25th*

*For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is  
CHRIST AND LORD.” Luke 2: 1-14*



During the Advent season, we waited in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord. We lifted hearts and voices and sang, “**O come, O come, Emmanuel.**” We listened to the pleas of John the Baptist, who summoned us to **prepare the way for the Lord.** We were inspired by the prophetic imagery of Isaiah and Samuel, who gave us words of comfort and challenge. The feast of Christmas unfolds before us **when the virgin conceives and bears a son, and his name is Emmanuel—and that is, “GOD IS WITH US”.** We recognize that **through the mystery of the Incarnation.** We celebrate God’s becoming one of us in all things but sin. We celebrate our experience of dying and rising with Christ in baptism. **EMMANUEL HAS COME! Let us praise God for a gift beyond measure!**

### — HOLY DAY MASSES —

#### CHRISTMAS EVE: Friday, December 24th, 2010

8:15 a.m. Mass (daily-St. Agnes)  
4:00 p.m. Masses (both St. Agnes and Holy Trinity)  
10:00 p.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)  
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass (St. Agnes)

#### CHRISTMAS DAY: Saturday, December 25th, 2010

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)  
9:30 a.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)  
11:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)

#### OCTIVE OF CHRISTMAS: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD:

##### Friday, December 31st, 2010

8:15 a.m. Mass (daily-St. Agnes)  
4:00 p.m. Mass (Holy Trinity only)

##### Saturday, January 1st, 2011

9:30 a.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)  
11:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)

*January 2nd, Feast of the Epiphany, just the regularly scheduled Masses of Sundays only.*

## *Heartfelt Greetings*

With the Holy Trinity and St. Agnes Parish/School Staff and the Sisters at St. Agnes, we prayerfully wish that the **JOY and PEACE** of this **HOLY SEASON** grace and brighten all our days and, above all, in the coming New Year. **Blessed Christmas to all of our Faith Communities!!**

*Father Joseph Grosko*



**PRO-LIFE CORNER** - There is a wonderful unity, a unity of conviction that *life is a gift from God and we must do everything to protect it.*

*To be a Pro-Life Catholic is a task for us all, and indeed, we are the loving hands of our Creator.*

## *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, December 26th*

The Feast of the Holy Family is relatively new on the Church’s liturgical calendar. At the end of the nineteenth century, the church established this feast in response to the **changes occurring in the conditions of family life** around the world. Today’s families can take comfort in the knowledge that the Holy Family had its share of hardships. There was **worry and deep concern** on the part of Mary and Joseph, who lost their young boy in the crowds as they returned from Jerusalem. Even for a few moments, we can understand the worry of the parents of Jesus. **Let us pray that all families will be strengthened, especially in time of hardship.**



**“OPLATKE”—HOLY BREAD**

***DELICATE, ORNATE, FESTIVE, BELOVED***

—The **Christmas wafer** commemorates a custom which is centuries old. 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.***

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**St. Agnes Lottery Calendars**—Our **2011 Lottery Calendars** are on sale throughout December and are good for 365 days. The calendars are **\$20** each! They make great Christmas gifts for those who have everything! Want a special number? —Call the School, **412-466-6238**, and we will check it out.

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**CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END GIVING** - As we enter the most blessed season of Christmas, we look back on the past year, it is most appropriate to pause and **consider the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and our loved ones throughout the year**. In particular, we ask that you be as generous as you can in the **Special Collection for CHILDREN AND YOUTH** that is taken up at all Masses of Christmas. The **image of the Christ Child should motivate us** now, as adults, to **respect the presence of Christ in others**, and most notably in our children and the youth. As in the past, the proceeds of **this collection will be credited toward St. Agnes Parish Share assessment**.

Our parishioners have been faithful in their stewardship, especially at Christmas time. As a reminder to you, **their will be two collections taken up at all the Masses**. The **first** is our Christmas offering for the support of the Parishes. And then, a special envelope found in your packets for this **second** collection, will be for the **Children/Youth Christmas offering**. This year we are asking your special consideration when you plan what you will give to your parish in these offerings. The only way we can meet our rising costs is with the extra and faithful offerings in the collections. ***We know it will require an extra sacrifice on your part, yet, with your understanding of the financial viability of the parishes, we can turn to you in trust and stewardship.***

## 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,  
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Betty Horgas,  
Diane Kovalsky, Anne Kushan, Mary Pavlik,  
Ann Sabo, Ray Shahan, Margaret Shimko,  
Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil,  
Ann Yonek, Robert Zeok**

### St. Agnes

**Jean Abels, 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, Brian Saunders,  
Rudy Saunders, Delphine Schaff,  
Teresa Schaff, Paula Smith, Glenn Steimer,  
Marie Steiner, Rose Ann Thomas**

## Weekly Collections

**ST. AGNES/HOLY TRINITY — December 12, 2010**

**DUE TO THE EARLY PUBLICATION  
OF THIS BULLETIN, WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE  
THE FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE WEEKLY OFFERING.**

**REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM CAMPAIGN**

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

### ***Joining or Moving Out of the Parishes?***

In maintaining our Parish Records and Census, we ask if you are joining our parish or moving out, **please call the Parish Office at 412-466-6545.**

If you are a member of the parishes and not receiving the monthly envelopes, again, please call the Parish Office. ***Your understanding is appreciated.***