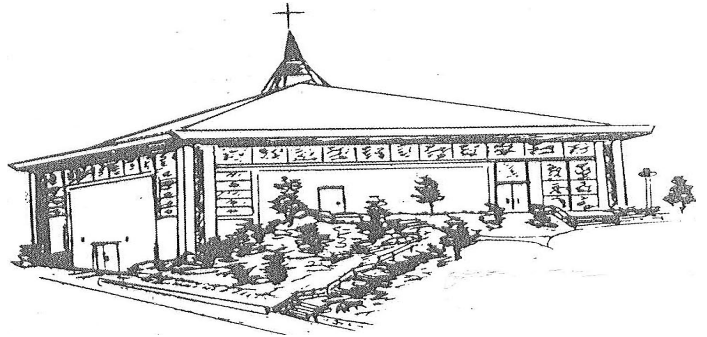


Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - JANUARY 2 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
11:00 -- Dec'd - Conley & Suhoski Fam's (Nettie Conley)
MON - JANUARY 3 - MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

6:15 - Gerard/Corinne Schneider (Michael/Nancy Lapinski)
WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN
(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 6 - BL. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

6:15 -- Michael Natale (Wife, Mary)
FIRST FRI - JAN 7 - ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT
8:15 -- Andrew Slezak - Anniversary (Irene Slezak)

FIRST SAT - JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)
SUNDAY - JANUARY 9 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD
6:00p (Sat) -- Nancy Jackson (Edward & Joyce Skweres)
8:00 -- Joseph Squires (Betty Pater)
11:00 -- Josephine Funa (Nancy & Michael Lapinski)

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 MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - JANUARY 2 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:30 -- Debbie Sievern (Kochmar Family)
MON - JANUARY 3 - MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
8:00 -- Vincent Engel (John and Joann)

TUES - JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

(6:15 -- Mass at St. Agnes)
WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN
8:00 -- Theresa Lovas (Christian Mothers)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 6 - BL. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

(6:15 -- Mass at St. Agnes)
FIRST FRI - JAN 7 - ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT
8:00 -- Eleanor Lippert (Mary and John Slepecki)

FIRST SAT - JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 -- George Pollock (Virginia Feltz)
SUNDAY - JANUARY 9 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD
4:00p (Sat) -- Mary Ault (Sue Finnegan/Ginny Greany)
9:30 -- Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



In the Gospel today we find magi from the East, dressed in exotic clothes, following a strangely bright star in the desert. They did not know where they were going or that this journey would change their lives profoundly. Perhaps you have a “star” in your life right now that is God’s way of prompting you to take an unexpected journey to an unknown destination. Your “star” may be something wonderful like a new relationship, a new child, or a new job. On the other hand, it may be something hurtful such as a broken relationship, a financial setback, or an illness. Whatever it is, let God guide you, as the star guided the magi, on a God-ordained journey. You may not journey over land; your journey may be an inner adventure, that of your soul trying to find God. The gifts you bear may be humility, suffering, praise, or joy, all equally acceptable to God. Accept your journey with great expectations. Then, like the magi who ended their journey standing before Christ, you will find yourself in the presence of our loving God, the perfect Light. As you journey toward your star, what gifts do you bring Jesus?

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND, IS FOR THE PARISH SHARE PROGRAM.

THE DIOCESE ALLOWS US UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY TO COLLECT THE PARISH SHARE PLEDGES.

YOUR FULFILLMENT OF THE PLEDGES WILL BENEFIT OUR PARISH FINANCES.

PRAYERFULLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL WHO THROUGHOUT THIS PAST YEAR FULFILLED THEIR PSP PLEDGES.

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

TODAY,	January	2nd... THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Monday,	January	3rd... ST. AGNES SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME
Sunday,	January	9th... BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Friday,	January	21st... ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR, FEAST DAY OF THE PARISH
Monday,	January	24th... ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE
Sunday,	February	6th... RELIGIOUS PROGRAM (CCD) RESUMES ON THIS SUNDAY
Wed,	March	9th... BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN SEASON
Sat,	March	19th... FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
Monday,	February	14th... FEAST OF ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS
Sunday,	April	24th... EASTER SUNDAY, RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, Monday, January 3rd

The church recently reinstated the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus on **January 3rd** as part of the continuing days of Christmas. In 2011, the Feast falls on a **Monday**. “*At the name of Jesus every knee must bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord!*” (Phil. 2) The Mass scheduled for this day is at **Holy Trinity at 8:00 a.m.**

Let us honor the **HOLY NAME OF JESUS** in prayer and most of all, in our speech. Let our tongue reflect the dignity and beauty of our gift of speech to express our praise and love of **God and one another.**

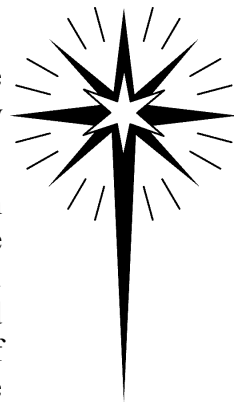
Two Special Collections.... in your envelope packs and that is, **St. Anthony School Program and DePaul Hearing and Speech** will be collected on **January 15th/16th**. They are two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs. *The Diocese is recognized nationally for these two distinct and highly successful programs which have merited the appreciation of these children’s parents.*

Our Religious Program of the Parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity (CCD Program) will not convene until **Sunday, February 6th, 2011**. Thus, during the month of January, there will be no religious classes at the St. Agnes School. *We strongly encourage that our children of the parishes do attend the Eucharist celebration on the weekends as the presence of family gathered together with their children is a beautiful witness that the family that prays together, stays together.*

Feast of EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today's feast is also popularly known as the **Feast of Three Kings**. In some countries it is a Holy Day of Obligation, always celebrated on January 6th. In our country it is celebrated this year today, the **2nd of January**.

St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel that after the birth of Jesus, three men arrived in Jerusalem, having been guided there from the East by a star, looking for the King of the Jews. Were they **Kings** or **Magi** or **Wise Men** or **Astrologers**? We really don't know. But somewhere in tradition they have been given the names **Casper**, **Melchoir** and **Balthasar**. They were probably men of importance, arriving with a great entourage of camels and servants. When did they come? It could have been up to two years after the birth of Jesus, because Herod, who wanted to be rid of this newborn king that he perceived as a threat, had all the baby boys in Bethlehem put to death who were two years old and younger.



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The importance of these men is this: **They were non-Jewish and came with royal gifts for Christ. So God was telling us that Jesus was here to be accepted not only by the Jews, but by everyone as KING and GOD.** So from the very beginning, Jesus was showing and manifesting and revealing (and that's what the word "epiphany" means) that He came as the Savior of **all peoples**.

Now it is up to us to **continue His Epiphany**—it is our responsibility to **show Christ and to reveal Him to those around us by our words & example.** Perhaps we can make a resolution to do this a little better in this new year of **2011**.

~~ Please pray for Priestly and Religious Vocations ~~

First Friday .. January 7th is the First Friday of the month. **Holy Hour** will be after the **8:00 a.m. Mass** at Holy Trinity and will include **prayerful meditation, prayers, and Solemn Benediction** closing. **Do join in giving praise and adoration to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. May we become more Eucharistic parishes in acknowledging Christ's presence in our Eucharistic celebration and adoration. Our special presiding celebrant for the St. Agnes 8:15 a.m. Mass will be Fr. Chris Stubna, the Diocesan Secretary of Education. May the presence of Fr. Stubna gather our School parents for this special Mass.**

~~ On **FIRST SATURDAY, Jan. 8th**, the Holy Rosary will be recited before the **8:00 a.m. Mass** at Holy Trinity. ~~

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY... to the family and friends of **JOHN BODNAR**,

and **GENEVIEVE BIALOBOK** of Holy Trinity Parish.

May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.



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Sacrament of Confirmation

We have been informed by the Diocese that the **students/adults of both St. Agnes/Holy Trinity** will be able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, April 2nd, at the 6:00 p.m. Mass** at **St. Agnes Church**. **Bishop William Winter, S.T.D., will be the confirming Bishop.**

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday evening, January 9th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in St. Agnes School. *Parents, sponsors and any interested adults are encouraged to come and renew their own faith by participating in education and discussion directed by **Peg Smith**.* Think of how important it is for our young people to see that adults are eager to update their own Catholic education.

*Adults who have not received the Sacrament are asked to **contact Father Grosko** so that arrangements can be made for the Sacrament and the necessary paperwork and catechesis can be established.*

Gifts You Can Give Year Round

The Gift of Praise

Appropriate mention of a job or deeds well done.

The Gift of Consideration

*Putting yourself in the other's shoes,
thus providing your genuine understanding
of their side of the case.*

The Gift of Concession

*Humbly saying at just the right point,
"I am sorry, you are right and I am wrong."*

The Gift of Gratitude

*Never forgetting to say "Thank You"
and meaning it.*

The Gift of Attention

When a person speaks, listening attentively.

The Gift of Inspiration

*Plant seeds of courage and action
in the other person's heart.*

The Gift of Personal Presence

*In sickness, in trouble, or in great joy,
there is nothing quite equal to your personal
expression of sympathy or congratulations.*

RESOLVE TO GIVE THESE GIFTS EACH DAY.

YOU WILL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT WHAT

YOU WILL RECEIVE IN RETURN.

St. Agnes Lottery Calendars—Our **2011 Lottery Calendars** are presently on sale and are good for 365 days. The calendars are **\$20** each! Your purchase of the calendars helps the finances of our St. Agnes School. Want a special number? —Call the School, **412-466-6238**, and we will check it out.

Envelopes! Envelopes! We are asking the **high school graduates** who have either gone on to college or have moved out of the Parishes or desire to receive church envelopes from either St. Agnes or Holy Trinity to **please notify us so that we can update and refine our envelope listing** for the benefit of the databases of the parishes. Otherwise, it is costly to maintain an envelope listing that does not have a response or financial returns. **Your understanding attention to this matter of our high school graduates is deeply appreciated.** —*To notify the parishes, place a note in the collection basket or call Holy Trinity Office at 412-466-6545.*

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,
Philomena Howard, Loretta Hudak,
Mary Elizabeth Hudick, Robert Kosko,
Dorothy Kostovny, Beverly List, Victor Merritt,
Genevieve Obringer, Laura Pasternak,
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

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

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.*