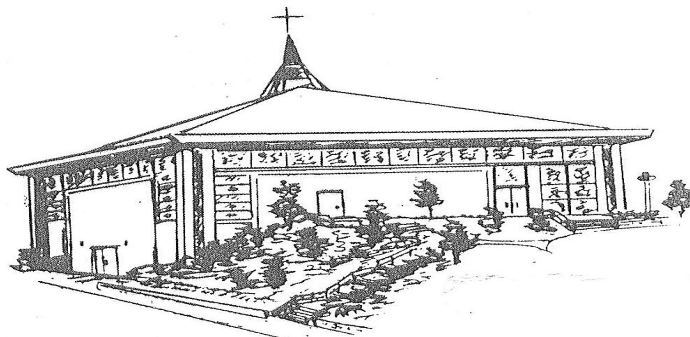


Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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



Holy Trinity Administrative Center
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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - APRIL 17 - PALM SUNDAY

6:00p (Sat) - Elizabeth Kukta (Joe and Loretta Sabol)
8:00 -- Josephine Ackerman (Linda Schwoeble)
11:00 -- Bernadette Godek - Anniversary (Edward Godec)

MONDAY - APRIL 18 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - APRIL 19 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

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

WED - APRIL 20 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

(11:00 -- Mass and Stations at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - APRIL 21 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes

FRIDAY - APRIL 22 - GOOD FRIDAY

8:30pm -- TENEBRAE SERVICE—No Mass

SATURDAY - APRIL 23 - HOLY SATURDAY

No Morning Mass

APRIL 24 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00p (Sat) - Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
8:00 -- Donald Minchoff (Connie and Family)
11:00 -- Michael Milko, Sr (Diane Lanyi)

ADMINISTRATOR, Rev. Joseph R. Grosko

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

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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

SUNDAY - APRIL 17 - PALM SUNDAY

4:00p (Sat) - Marjorie Brynes (Elaine Brynes)
9:30 -- Living Benefactors of St. Vincent De Paul Soc.

MONDAY - APRIL 18 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

8:00 -- Anna Vasil (Perhac Family)

TUESDAY - APRIL 19 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

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

WED - APRIL 20 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

11:00 - Virginia Cibula (Kruhe Family)

THURSDAY - APRIL 21 - HOLY THURSDAY

4:00pm - Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity

FRIDAY - APRIL 22 - GOOD FRIDAY

8:30pm -- TENEBRAE SERVICE, St. Agnes—No Mass

SATURDAY - APRIL 23 - HOLY SATURDAY

No Morning Mass

SUNDAY - APRIL 24 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00p (Sat)- Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity
9:30 -- Father Edward Bunchek (Pollack Family)
11:00 -- Bahradinik Family (Virginia Jasek)

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.

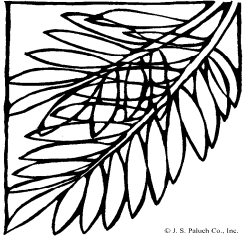
MARRIAGE: Arrange 6 months in advance.

SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

“Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test.”

Only the first of many disappointments our Lord would suffer at the hands of those closest to Him, closest to Him and so all the more able to *abandon, deny, and betray*. These scenes should affect us all, because *they portray only too well the human condition, which looks first to its own strength and intellect, not to God*. **The passion and death of Jesus show humanity reaching rock bottom, show the boundless disappointment that we can be to God and to ourselves.** *We need this week to remember rock bottom, remember it in our prayer. Otherwise we will not appreciate Easter Sunday, when from rock bottom Christ Jesus was raised up—and ever since has reached out His hand to raise us up as well. What do I most need to remember and pray through this Holy Week, with regard to my part in the crucifixion of Jesus.*

Second Collections TODAY, Palm Sunday—St. Vincent de Paul Society...It exists to help those in need. This collection will assist the Society in their work. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. (PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A LOOSE COLLECTION FOR BOTH PARISHES; THERE ARE NO ENVELOPES FOR THIS COLLECTION.)

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

TODAY,	April	17th... PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION
	April	17th... ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING , after 9:30 a.m. Mass, Holy Trinity.
	April	17th... PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING , after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Agnes.
Tuesday,	April	19th... HOLY TRINITY PENANCE SERVICE , 7:00 p.m.
Wed,	April	20th... ST. AGNES PENANCE SERVICE , 7:00 p.m.
	April	20th... HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB MEETING , 7:00 p.m.
Friday,	April	22nd... TENEBRAE SERVICE , St. Agnes, 8:30 p.m.
Sat,	April	23rd... EASTER VIGIL: Holy Trinity, 7:00 p.m. St. Agnes, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday,	April	24th... EASTER SUNDAY, FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION
Monday,	April	25th... CONSECRATION OF THE NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP OF DIOCESE, BISHOP-ELECT, WILLIAM WALTERSHEID St. Paul Cathedral, 2pm

Holy Trinity Church Decorating Schedule:

Saturday, April 16th, at 9:30 a.m.; **Wednesday, April 20th, immediately after 11:00 a.m. Mass.**
Thursday, April 21st, at 11:00 p.m.; **Friday, April 22nd, immediately after services**



Sign-up Poster in St. Agnes Vestibule

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION—After the evening Masses on Holy Thursday, there will be an opportunity for Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the churches until the pilgrimage returns; **OR**

7-CHURCH PILGRIMAGE—All are invited! A bus group leaving from St. Agnes parking lot to visit area churches for a brief period of prayer. *Free bus occupancy is provided*, but we need the exact number going. **Sign up** for either of these on the posters or call **Patty Gross** to sign up for the **Bus Pilgrimage** at **412-469-0743**.

The Fish Fry of Holy Trinity and St. Agnes will continue, Good Friday, April 22nd, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Land Good Friday Collection

From the daily news, we all know of the *challenges in the Middle East*. Christians in the Holy Land urgently need our help. **You can help fellow Catholics in the cradle of Christianity** through your generosity during the **Good Friday Collection**. *Thank you* for supporting the works of the Catholic Community and helping to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines. May the Lord reward your concern and support!

PALM



SUNDAY

Holy Week Highlights — Please Take Note

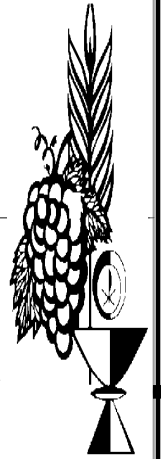
PALM SUNDAY - The **blessed palms** you received today are a Sacramental and are a reminder that we are **followers of Jesus Christ**. Place the palm in a prominent place at home, like behind a crucifix, as a year-long reminder. And as we participated in **reading the Passion** today, may it be a week-long and a year-long **reminder** of what our **Divine Lord** had to suffer for our sins.

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY PENANCE SERVICES - The *Penance Services* will begin at both parishes at **7:00 p.m.** —*Tuesday* it is scheduled at **Holy Trinity** and *Wednesday* at **St. Agnes**. There will be a **number of priests** available for **individual confessions**. —An opportunity to fulfill your Easter obligation of penance.

HOLY THURSDAY - There is a **Mass of Chrism** at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Cathedral** in Oakland to which all Catholics are invited. It is a beautiful experience. **Priests** of the Diocese join with the **Bishop** in **renewing their priestly commitment**. The **Holy Oils** (Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick, and Chrism) which are used in the various Sacraments, are **blessed by the Bishop** and **brought back to the parishes**. The Sacred Oils will be carried in procession for the Holy Thursday evening Masses at *both* parishes.

At **St. Agnes Parish**, **MORNING PRAYERS** will be at **9:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday**. We will offer the **evening Mass of the Lord** at **St. Agnes** on **Holy Thursday** at **7:00 p.m.** The **Washing of Feet** will take place immediately after the homily. The **collection** taken up at this Mass will become **part of our Rice Bowl offering** for the **needy and hungry**. After Mass at *both* parishes, there is an opportunity for **adoration of our Lord** in the **Blessed Sacrament** until **11:00 p.m.** — Or you can join a parish group who will make a **Seven-Church Bus Pilgrimage**. Please **sign up** for either of these on the **posters** in the **church vestibule**, or call **Patty Gross** to sign up for the **Bus Pilgrimage** at **412-469-0743**.

— At **Holy Trinity Parish**, please note, the scheduled **Eucharistic Celebration** is at **4:00 p.m.** —



holy thursday

GOOD FRIDAY - At **St. Agnes**, there will be **Stations of the Cross** at **2:30 p.m.** with a homily—then an opportunity for **private meditation**. At **3:00 p.m.**, we will conduct our **Good Friday Liturgy**, which includes reading the **Passion**, **Veneration of the Cross**, and **Holy Communion**. At the **Liturgy**, the **collection** will be for the **Holy Land**. At **8:30 p.m.**, there will be a **TENEBRAE SERVICE** FOR ALL WHO CAN COME. — **remember, this is a day of FAST & ABSTINENCE**.



At **Holy Trinity**, **Stations of the Cross** and **Good Friday Liturgy** will begin at **1:30 p.m.** (*The Fish Fry does continue on this day.*)

HOLY SATURDAY - Today there is the custom of **blessing Easter Food**, which will take place at **11:00 a.m.** at **Holy Trinity** and **12:30** at **St. Agnes**. The **Easter Vigil Liturgy**, will begin this year at **7:00 p.m.** at **Holy Trinity** and **8:00 p.m.** at **St. Agnes**—The **Easter Vigil** includes the **blessing of a new fire** as well as the **Easter Candle**, **special Readings**, and concludes with the **Mass of the Resurrection**. We will all **renew our Baptismal Promises** at this Mass and at all the **Easter Masses**.

EASTER SUNDAY - There are two envelopes for this day—**regular Sunday** and the **special Easter Sunday**—but there will **only be one collection** to accept **both envelopes**. Your **understanding and stewardship support** are needed and in particular, we ask that your **Easter gift for the Parish** be a sign of your love for our enduring Faith Community. As always, I am **prayerfully grateful** for your **generous and vigilant stewardship**.



He is risen!

CCD Classes will conclude this day, Palm Sunday....Prayerfully grateful for the **dedicated and excellent teachers and staff** who of their **ministry** volunteered their **service, time, and sharing of the Faith**.

PENANCE SERVICES will be held at *both parishes*: **ST. AGNES**, **Wednesday, April 20th, 7:00 p.m.** with **Fr. Edward Litavec**, *Retired Priest of the Diocese*, as the **homilist** and a **number of priests** assisting with **individual confessions**. **HOLY TRINITY** **Penance Service**, **Tuesday, April 19th**.

The Sacrament of Penance restores our friendship with our Lord and Savior. It is the interior healing that is so necessary in our spiritual life and in our relationships with one another. Thus, confession is our answer and truly contributes to our spiritual development and in our daily struggles and difficulties.

HANG IT ON THE CROSS

If you have a secret sorrow,
a burden or a loss,
an aching need for healing . . .

Hang It On The Cross.

If worry steals your sleep
and makes you turn and toss,
if your heart is feeling heavy . . .

Hang It On The Cross.

Every obstacle to faith
or doubt you come across,
every prayer unanswered . . .

Hang It On The Cross.

For Christ has borne
our brokenness
and dearly paid the cost.
To turn our trials to triumph . . .

Hang It On The Cross.

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### ***Easter Blessing of the Families***

On Easter Sunday, April 24th, Bishops David Zubik and William Winter and Bishop-elect William Waltersheid will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at **St. Paul Cathedral**, Oakland, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**

**As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith.** All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento and the children will receive a sweet treat.

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St. Agnes School News

—St. Agnes will hold a **Spirit Night at Red Robin** on **Monday, April 18th**. A flier will be in the bulletin on April 17th. **Present the coupon for 20% of your purchase to be donated to St. Agnes School.** Prayerfully grateful for this support.

—St. Agnes School will be holding a **Spirit Day at Handel's Ice Cream Shop** on Lebanon Church Rd. **Stop buy and purchase some ice cream and 20% will be contributed to St. Agnes School.** A flier will be in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

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,
Justine Mantich, Dolly Monda, Ethel Palyo,
Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo, Ray Shahan,
Margaret Shimko, Margaret Svirbel,
Martha Vasil, Ann Yonek, Robert Zeok**

St. Agnes

**Jean Abels, Alberta Buchleitner,
Patricia DeLuca, Florence Dugan,
Irene Fontanese, Steve Grochalski,
Ann Gruber, Edmond Gruber,
John Gruber, Martha Gruber,
Mary Hanchak, Mary Elizabeth Hudick,
Roberta Karichko, Robert Kosko,
Dorothy Kostovny, Victor Merritt,
Laura Pasternak, Dorothy Petrak,
Brian Saunders, Rudy Saunders,
Delphine Schaff, Teresa Schaff, Glenn Steimer,
Marie Steiner, Rose Ann Thomas**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES and HOLY TRINITY — April 10, 2011

BECAUSE OF EARLY PUBLICATION OF THE
BULLETIN, WE ARE UNABLE TO LIST
THE SUNDAY OFFERINGS.

HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THE MANY WHO
FAITHFULLY AND CONTINUOUSLY MAIL THEIR
CHURCH OFFERINGS TO THE PARISHES.

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

PRAYERFULLY GRATEFUL FOR THE
CONTINUED AND FAITHFUL OFFERINGS IN THE
VARIOUS COLLECTIONS THAT ARE
CALLED UPON IN THE PARISHES.
PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF FULFILLING YOUR
PARISH SHARE PLEDGES.