Saint Agnes Church



Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-SEPT 4 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p (Sat) - **Beverly List** (Joe and Loretta Sabol)

8:00 - - Edmond Gruber (Wife, Ann)

11:00 - - James Howard (Tom and Patty Klocko)

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 5 - LABOR DAY

9:00 - - Arlene Firestone (John and Terrie Matey)

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY

6:45 - - Robert K. Barnes (Parents, Bob and Rita)

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 8 - NATIVITY OF BVM

6:45 - - Special Intention-Ann Gruber (Ladies of Charity)

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER

8:15 - - Susan Grosko (Margaret Baker)

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 10 - IN HONOR OF BVM (8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN -SEPT 11 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p (Sat) - **Delena Bevan** (Family)

8:00 - - Health of Josephine Andres (Pat DeLuca)

11:00-Dec'd-Wanless, Seagal, D'Anna Fam's (M/M D'Anna)

ADMINISTRATOR, Rev. Joseph R. Grosko Principal, St. Agnes School

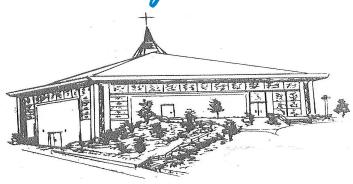
Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

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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 FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS (STARTING SEPT. 5TH)
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

<u>SUN -SEPT 4 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>

4:00p (Sat) - Margaret Wooddell (Nancy & John Fritsch) 9:30 - - John and Mary Brecko (Richard Hock)

<u>MONDAY</u> - <u>SEPTEMBER 5</u> - <u>LABOR</u> <u>DAY</u>

8:00 - - Mary Jean Maresch (Diana Maresch)

<u>TUESDAY</u> - <u>SEPTEMBER 6</u> - <u>WEEKDAY</u> (6:45 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Elizabeth Dicheria (Family)

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(8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes)

<u>SATURDAY</u> - <u>SEPTEMBER 10</u> - <u>IN HONOR OF BVM</u> 8:00 - - Ray Martin (Soltis Family)

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4:00p (Sat) - Mary Gasparovic - month's mind (Sisters) 9:30 - - David Kovalcin & Brian Dale (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.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Some of our greatest troubles are caused by difficult or broken relationships. We have all experienced pain and suffering because of our friends and loved ones. In today's readings, we learn how to **transform our relationships by placing God's love at the center.** Paul reminds us that God's commandments, designed to help us live in harmony, are summed up in one sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Such divine wisdom? If we love others as we love ourselves, we suddenly understand how to handle others effectively. Better yet, we may allow God's love to show us the way. Jesus teaches us in the Gospel how to correct someone with love: first privately, then with two or three others, then with the help of the Church. Above all, and especially when all else fails, we love others by praying for them. Jesus assures us that

whenever people come together with others and gather in prayer, "There am I in the midst of them."

Who is troubling you today? How can you love that person with God's love?

SECOND COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 3RD AND 4TH, PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

Monday, Sept 5th........LABOR DAY - Masses: Holy Trinity, 8:00 a.m.; St. Agnes, 9:00 a.m.

Wed, Sept 14th........OUR LADY OF SORROWS VIGIL MASS - Holy Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept 18th...... CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Sunday, Nov 20th...... FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, Nov 27th....... FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PHONE CALLS CAN ONLY BE RECEIVED AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH OFFICE, 412-466-6545.

HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER - on Sunday, September 11th, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Adults - \$8 and Children - \$4.00; Haluski, \$4.00 a quart. Stuffed cabbage will be available for take-out after 5:00 p.m. at \$1.50 a piece. THE MEN'S CLUB IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS FOR THIS DINNER. All are welcomed for a great meal!

~~~ Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Sorrows ~~~

The McKeesport-West Mifflin Slovak Cultural Committee is planning a Slovak-English Mass in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia, on Wednesday, September 14th, at Holy Trinity Church, 529 Grant Avenue Ext., West Mifflin. A prelude of Slovak Hymns in honor of Mary will be sung starting at 6:45 p.m. preceding the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

A social will follow in the church social hall, featuring potato dumpling haluski, noodles and cabbage, kolbassi and sauerkraut, ceregi and beverages.

Further information may be obtained by calling **Sister Irene Benyak** at **412-751-1673**, **Len Potemra** at **412-672-6265** or **Holy Trinity Rectory** at **412-466-6545**.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response: 1-888-808-1235.

St. Agnes 45+ Club Meeting

The first meeting of the new year for the St. Agnes 45+ Club is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Agnes Church social hall. *New members are invited to attend* this or any other future meetings on the second Thursday of the month, but you are requested to call Ed Ferchak, 412-462-0904, at least two days before any scheduled meeting in order to have a lunch provided for the meeting day. This invitations is for St. Agnes and Holy Trinity parishioners. *Do come and enjoy!!*

Although tomorrow is a civil holiday, it is also a day on which we pray in a special way for God's blessings on our human labor. It is obvious that God considers all human work, physical and mental, as elevating. In fact, He entrusted the care of His own Son to a manual laborer, a carpenter, St. Joseph. Neither Jesus nor Joseph were afraid to "get their hands dirty" to make a living or to help others.

We, as well, should **never consider any work as demeaning or beneath us**. Jesus commanded us to "love one another", and sometimes this will require us to roll up our sleeves and **pitch in** with manual work—at **home**, in the **neighborhood**, and in our **parish**. May the **example of both Jesus and Joseph** remind us that all labor, if it is done in the right spirit and with the right intention, will help us attain our eternal salvation.

Come and join our Eucharistic Celebrations: 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity / 9:00 a.m. at St. Agnes.

May the blessings of this Labor Day be with you throughout the day and earnestly looking forward to the glorious days of the colorful Fall.

Parish Share Campaign—St. Agnes and Holy Trinity

As we come to the closing months of the Diocesan Parish Share Program, we need to express our heartfelt thanks to the many who are fulfilling their pledges, that is, monthly in the First Sunday offertory collections. Of the St. Agnes assessment of \$22,232, we still need \$1?,??? to meet our assessed goal. Of the Holy Trinity assessed goal of \$22,074, we still need \$?,???. We are truly challenged to meet our goals.

Also, St. Agnes Capital Campaign has scheduled the installing of a new commercial gas hot water boiler for the church and social hall at the cost of \$21,000. A number of other projects such as the demolition of the St. Agnes Rectory and the upgrading of our parking lots can only be done when sufficient funds are given to next week's **second collection for the Capital Campaign**. We do need to have the best physical plant for the parish of St. Agnes and so *your offertory help is needed in the second collections* of the Parish and also the Capital Campaign. Your understanding support is prayerfully appreciated. Also, thanks to the many who send in their offerings through the mail and those who faithfully fulfill their stewardship in the Sunday offerings.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

All children attending public schools, particularly from the 1st to the 8th Grade are expected to be registered in the CCD PROGRAM, that is, the *Confraternity of Christian Doctrine*. Classes will be held at either Holy Spirit Church in West Mifflin or St. Rita Church in Whitaker.

Classes for 1st through 8th grade are held at St. Rita's on Sunday morning 10:30-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$25 or \$45 for two or more children. Please register in St. Agnes Social Hall after Mass this weekend or call Sister Charlotte at 412-461-5787.

At Holy Spirit classes for Kindergarten-4th grade are held on Sunday morning 9:30 to 10:45; classes for 5th graders are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Please register in St. Agnes Social Hall after Mass this weekend or call Mrs. Coccaro at 412-346-0475. The registration fee is \$20. Please register this week so both programs can be prepared for you. The first class is the week of Sept. 18th.

ENJOY BOOKS are available, \$27 after Mass in St. Agnes Social Hall or call the School Office, 412-466-6238.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MINISTRY PICTURES FOR ST. AGNES PARISH

Group pictures of the following ministries will be taken on September 11th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Social Hall by George Krevy for the Pictorial Directory. The groups are: Pastoral Council, Folk Group, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Finance Council, Music Ministry, Ladies of Charity, Liturgical Arts Ministry, Grounds Ministry, Ushers, and Altar Servers. Please plan on being here after the 11:00 Mass on September 11th. We really value your service and would like you to be included in the Pictorial Directory. If we missed any group please notify Sister Cynthia at 462-466-6238.

Help Families Make Faith a Priority



"One of the best gifts parents can give their children is the habit of praying throughout the day. Yet the hectic pace of family life often

means that prayer gets lost in the shuffle. Here are five ways that families might add more prayer to their day. Start by picking the one or two that call your attention and see how it goes. Remember, even *your desire* to pray more is a prayer.

Start the day with prayer - I learned this trick many years ago from my second grade teacher, Sister Regina. Put your bedroom slippers or shoes far under your bed at the end of the day. Each morning while on your knees retrieving your footwear, say a quick prayer offering the whole day to God.

Give a minute to prayer in the car - Many families spend a lot of time in the family auto. As you start the engine, say a quick prayer that you will be aware of God's presence in your day. Our family often said the *Prayer of St. Francis* as we buckled in.

Keep special intentions in mind - A family I know keeps a jar on the kitchen windowsill in which each family member can place a note listing a special intention that the others can pray for. It could be to do well on a test, handle a work situation well, or for the health of a relative or a friend. Everyone keeps those special intentions in mind throughout the day.

Pray at every meal - Never let a meal begin without at least a moment of thanks to the one who provides all that we need.

Pray when people or events upset you - If you want a sure-fire way to pray more each day, make a habit of saying a short prayer whenever someone irritates you. A quick "*Help me, God*" is sufficient. You'll never run out of opportunities!

Football Mania..... for the benefit of St. Agnes School. The cost of the ticket is \$20. Like all raffle tickets and gift cards, they are available after the weekend Masses! 1 Sr. Cynthia, 412-466-6238.

Summer Festival Pictures... Summer Festival Pictures can be viewed by connecting to **www.stagneswm.com** to reach the main page of St. Agnes Website. Click on **2011 Festival Pictures** in lower right corner. **Enjoy!!!**

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, Anna Cmar, Marie Cmar, Helen Gambal, Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Joseph Kirch, Diane Kovalsky, Anne Kushan, Agnes Magdic, Justine Mantich, Marcella Muha, Ethel Palyo, Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo, John Sabol, Ray Shahen, Margaret Shimko, Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil, Ann Yonek, Robert Zeok

St. Agnes

Jean Abels, Josephine Andres, Alberta Buchleitner, Gabrielle CiFaldi, Patricia DeLuca, Florence Dugan, Irene Fontanese, Edward Godec, Steve Grochalski, John Gruber, Martha Gruber, Mary Elizabeth Hudick, Gene Johnson, Roberta Johnson, Roberta Karichko, Marilyn Koehler, Robert Kosko, Dorothy Kostovny, Victor Merritt, Joe Milko, Laura Pasternak, Dorothy Petrak, Jean Saunders, Brian Saunders, Rudy Saunders, Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner, Rose Ann Thomas, Paul Thomas

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ST. AGNES — August 28, 2011

\$ 3,503.00 - - Sunday Offertory 551.00 - - Catholic Communications/University PSP Assessment-2011 \$ 22,232.00 Amount Collected PSP \$ 14,620.00

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 — August 28, 2011

\$ 1,990.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 387.00 - - Catholic Communications/University

PSP Assessment-2011\$ 22,074.00 Amount Collected PSP 9,960.00

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES ARE

BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE ONGOING PROJECTS