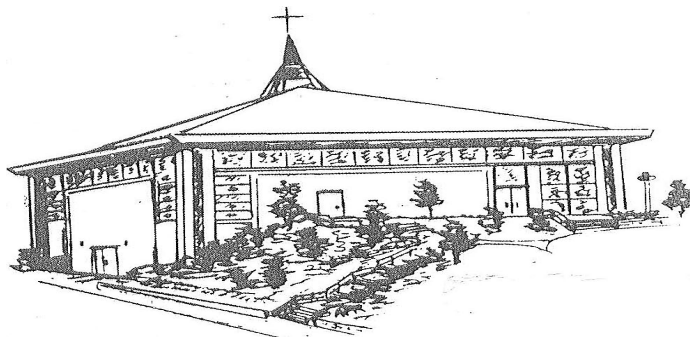


Saint Agnes Church



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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - DEC 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat) - Victor Merritt (Wife, Ann and Family)
8:00 - - Roberta Karichko (Jack and Fran Walters)
11:00 - - Ray Milko (Ellie and Joel Dobos)

MONDAY - DEC 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS

6:45 - - James Abels - anniversary (Edward Fink Family)

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE

7:00p(antic) -Minchoff/Wassell Fam's (Connie Minchoff)

THURS - DEC 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:15 - - Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
7:00p - - Emily Koreny (Frank and Marilyn Limbacher)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 9 - ST. JUAN DIEGO

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - DEC 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat) - Victor Merritt (45+ Club)
8:00 - - Roy Cochrane (Ladies of Charity)
11:00 - - Paula Anne Smith (Michael and Nancy Lapinski)

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
AT 7:30 PM IN ST. AGNES CHURCH
EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - DEC 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Regis Hock (Son, Richard Hock)
9:30 - - Michael Onofrey (Frances Onofrey)

MONDAY - DEC 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Emily Helzlsouer (Jim Cline)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS

(6:45 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE

8:00 - - Margaret Wooddell (Virginia Jasek)
4:00p (antic) - Mary Gasparovic (Andrew/Audrey Cmar)

THURS - DEC 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:30 - - George Pollack (Ruth and Ray Shahren)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 9 - ST. JUAN DIEGO

8:00 - - Mary Petro (Zulcak Family)

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 - - Gregory Rusteikas (Family)

SUNDAY - DEC 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Robert Schorr (Wife and Daughter)
9:30 - - John Bodnar (Wife, Nancy)

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.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's second reading, Saint Peter seems to interject a Lenten theme of repentance into our Advent expectation of the Lord's coming among us. He reminds us that **God does not want us to perish in our sins, but to come to repentance: to make a right turn from the wrong detours we have made in life and to seek forgiveness and reconciliation.** In last week's Gospel, Jesus spoke to His disciples about the importance of being prepared at all times. Peter confirms this need for preparation by warning us that **the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, so we must always be on our guard, "eager to be found without spot or blemish."**

Is there anything in your heart for which you need to repent and be forgiven?

Second Collection of St. Agnes & Holy Trinity, this weekend, December 3rd and 4th, Parish Share Campaign.

SANCTUARY CANDLE - HOLY TRINITY IN MEMORY OF SUSAN GROSKO (ANN PAVLAN)

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

Thurs, **December 8th...FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

December 8th...45+ CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1:30 p.m., Skyvue Restaurant and Lounge.

Wed, **December 14th...DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT HOLY TRINITY, Fr. Litavec, 9:00 a.m.**

Sunday, **December 18th...TRADITIONAL "VILJA" CHRISTMAS MEAL, Holy Trinity**

Tuesday, **December 20th...ST. AGNES PENANCE SERVICE, 7:00 p.m.**

Wed, **December 21st...HOLY TRINITY PENANCE SERVICE, 7:00 p.m.**

Sunday, **December 25th...NATIVITY OF OUR LORD/CHRISTMAS**

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY... to the family and friends of **NORAMAE DIPAOLO**, sister of St. Agnes parishioners, **James Bevan and Tom Bevan.** *May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*



St. Agnes Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship—Social Hall, Sunday, December 4th, after both the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Blessed opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners.

45+ Club Christmas Party—Thursday, December 8th, 1:30 p.m., Skyvue Restaurant and Lounge.



Hearty congratulations to Ken and Susan Galiyas, the parents of James David in the Baptism of their son! Welcome to St. Agnes Community.

The Opening Prayer (the Collect) in anticipation of the Eucharistic Celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent, December 11th, from the Third Roman Missal:

*Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,
And, since we have no merits to plead our cause,*

Come, we pray, to our rescue

With the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday, December 8th

The **Blessed Virgin Mary** was destined, from the moment of her conception, to be the **bearer of the Eternal Word**. *As Mary was the vessel that carried the Savior of the world, may we, too, be vessels that carry the message of the gospel to all we meet.* We will gather on **Thursday, the Feast Day, December 8th**, at **St. Agnes at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** and at **Holy Trinity at 9:30 a.m.** to give praise and glory to God for the gift of the Lord Jesus.



PLEASE NOTE: The *anticipated Masses* will be at **St. Agnes on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.** and at **Holy Trinity the Mass will be at 4:00 p.m.**

Come Home for Christmas!

Any Catholic individual searching for a way to better **prepare for Christmas** doesn't need to look any further than the parish confessional room. **Do you want to find peace? Do you want to grow spiritually?** You are nervous because it has been a long time since you have been to confession. Respond to the movement of the spirit within yourself and take the plunge. Don't worry about what to say or how to say it. You already know the manner in which you have displeased God by your lifestyle. Mention those sins and request forgiveness. **Trust in God's mercy** even if you haven't been to confession in 4, 7, 10 or 15 years.

Penance
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Come home to a loving Father waiting to forgive you. A number of priests will be available. The Penance Service will begin with prayer and reflection, with personal confession to follow, individually!

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY...will be visiting the sick after the 11th of December. *If you, or someone you know, wishes to be on the visitation list, please contact the Parish Office of Holy Trinity, 412-466-6545, or a St. Vincent de Paul Society Member—or call if you desire the presence of the Priest to receive the Holy Eucharist. Prayerfully grateful for the outreach of our St. Vincent de Paul members!*



Angel Tree of St. Agnes Parish

The Angel Tree at St. Agnes is located in the back of the church. The gifts will be given for the **Light of Life Missions**. Please take an angel and purchase the gift listed. **Please do not wrap the gifts, but boxed would be nice.** Just place them under the tree. All gifts must be in church by **December 18th.** *Our heartfelt thanks hopefully for the many who will reach out and make a presentation of their personal gifts. May the Lord reward your personal outreach for the needy.*

Traditional "Vilija" Christmas Meal...The Slovak Cultural Committee of McKeesport/West Mifflin will host a traditional Slovak Christmas dinner, "Vilija", on **December 18th 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** and can be made by calling **Sister Irene A. Benyak, SCN** at 412-751-1673 or **Holy Trinity, 466-6545.** The cost is **\$15.00/adults, & \$8.00/children under 12 years.**

Christmas Flower Fund

Each year at Christmas, St. Agnes/Holy Trinity are **beautifully decorated for the Birth of Jesus** with Christmas Flowers. This tradition is made possible through the *generous donations of our parishioners.* An altar made radiant with flowers is a *beautiful way to honor or remember our loved ones.* We invite you to make a donation to the CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND **"In Memory of"** a *deceased* loved one or **"In Honor of"** a *living* one.

Please **write the names of friends and relatives on the back of the envelope** and put in the **collection basket** or return to **Parish Center by Monday, December 12th.** *These names will be remembered in the Special Masses of Christmas and will be listed on a Christmas Flower Memorial bulletin*



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. The ritual observance is called "**Wigilia**" in **Polish; Stedry Vecer**" in **Slovak; "Kucious"** in **Lithuanian; "Feliz Navidad"** in **Hispanic.**

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 weekend Masses or call the Parish Office.
Offering \$2.00 - 1/2 dozen or \$4.00 - dozen.*

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 (three-digit lottery) at 7:00 p.m. 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.*

SARRIS CANDY BARS—are on sale in the Social Hall after Mass. All bars are **\$1.00**.

ENJOY BOOKS—are on sale at the School office at the cost of **\$27.00**.

SLOVAK COOKBOOKS—(in English) are on sale at the Parish Office.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas cards sketched by Sister Martha, Isp. This year's sketch is white on burgundy background. The cards are **7 for \$10** (*plus \$1.50 shipping*), **12 for \$15** (*plus \$2 shipping*) or **30 for \$25** (*plus \$5 for shipping*). Cards can be ordered by calling 412-307-1100 or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa, 15212 or stopping at the main entrance of the home.

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, Bernice Kusma,
Agnes Magdic, Ethel & Larry Maydak,
Justine Mantich, Ethel Palyo,
Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo,
John Sabol, Ray Shahan,
Margaret Shimko, Margaret Svirbel,
Martha Vasil, Robert Zeok**

St. Agnes

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

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — November 27, 2011

\$ 3,228.00 - - Sunday Offertory/Religious Retirement
\$ 393.00 - - St. Vincent de Paul—Thanksgiving
PSP Assessment-2011 \$ 23,033.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 18,246.00
Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167.00
Total RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND - \$ 2,242.00

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

HOLY TRINITY — November 27, 2011

\$ 1,756.00 - - Sunday Offertory/Religious Retirement
\$ 687.00 - - St. Vincent de Paul—Thanksgiving
PSP Assessment-2011\$ 23,407.00
Amount Collected PSP\$ 12,755.00
Total RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND - \$ 1,775.00