

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

St. Agnes Administrative Center
529 Grant Avenue Ext. • West Mifflin, PA 15122-3830

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY - DEC 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY

6:45 -- Health - Clara Riley (Irene Slezak)

WED - DECEMBER 14 - ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 -- Paula Anne Smith (Neal McFarland)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:15 -- Albert V. Lesutis - anniv (Wife and Family)

SAT - DECEMBER 17 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - DEC 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (Sat) - Beverly List (Shirley Breitreutz)
8:00 -- Alice Stanicar (Husband, Vincent)
11:00 -- Roy Cochrane (Family)

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

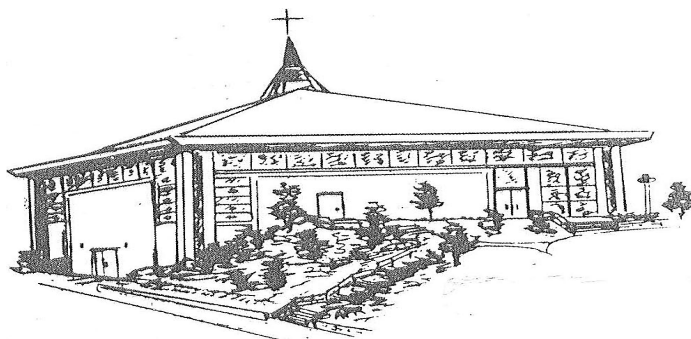
Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Rectory - St. Agnes 412-466-6545
Rectory - Holy Trinity 412-466-6545
Social Hall - St. Agnes..... 412-466-5500
Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695
St. Agnes Convent 412-466-3554
St. Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com
Holy Trinity E-mail Address H.TRINITY@VERIZON.NET
Holy Trinity Fax Number.....412-466-6968

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

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - DEC 11 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MONDAY - DEC 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 -- Richard Breznai (Tom Breznae)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY

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

WED - DECEMBER 14 - ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00 -- Rae Clark (Betty Clark and Family)

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

SAT - DECEMBER 17 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 -- Bess Cvejkus (Bovee Family)

SUNDAY - DEC 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p (Sat) - Elizabeth Poterma (Len Poterma)
9:30 -- Stephen Gaydos (Family)

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.

December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's first reading is the familiar passage from Isaiah with which Jesus will announce his own mission after his baptism. The prophet declares that **the spirit of God has anointed him to be a bearer of glad tidings, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners, to announce God's favor to the world.** *Through our own baptism and confirmation, we likewise have been anointed with the spirit of God.* Like Isaiah, we have been sent by the Lord to be prophets in our own time, announcing glad tidings to those whose lives are lived on the margins of society through Jesus, we are called to be attentive to and serve the needs of those around us. *Imagine Jesus, calling you to rejoice in Him and do His work.*



Second Collection of St. Agnes this weekend, December 10th and 11th, Capital Campaign Fund.

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

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

Sunday, December 18th...TRADITIONAL "VILIJA" 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

Sunday, January 1st...SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

SANCTUARY CANDLE - HOLY TRINITY IN MEMORY OF NORAMAE DIPAOLO (FAMILY)

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.*

ST. AGNES SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS — COME AND ENJOY!!

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3..Saturday, December 17th, 7:00 p.m., "*Simply Nativity*", Social Hall.

GRADES 3 THROUGH 8 ...Sunday, December 18th, 7:00 p.m., "*The Mysterious Disappearance of Simon the Shepherd*", Social Hall. *Your presence will be greatly appreciated.*

The Opening Prayer (the Collect) in anticipation of the Eucharistic Celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18th, from the Third Roman Missal:

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*



Gaudete Sunday

Today is known as “**Gaudete Sunday**”, which means “**Rejoicing Sunday**”. We are happy because the coming of the Lord is near. As the **Prophet Isaiah** in today’s first reading reminded his people, that when the promised Savior would come, there would be singing and joy and gladness. So the people of Israel waited for the coming Savior with joy. *And it is with that same kind of joy that we again prepare to celebrate that first coming of Jesus.*

With only twelve days till Christmas, there is much that needs to be done during the remaining days—like baking, cleaning, decorating, buying and wrapping gifts. But in addition to these, and far more important than any of them, must be our **spiritual preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior**. It should be a joyful preparation as we try to fathom the deep love that God has for us by allowing Heaven to come down to earth through our Savior and King.



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.*

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. **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!



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Holy Trinity Christmas Trees in the church... will be decorated on Friday, December 16th at 1:00 p.m. Anyone available please come and help. *“Many hands will help make the work easier.”*

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE — ST. AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday — half-hour before the evening Masses.

PENANCE SERVICE: Parish Reconciliation Service on **Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Agnes Church** and **Wednesday, December 21st, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity**. A number of priests will be available for confession. Excellent opportunity of preparing for the Lord’s birth by receiving this beautiful Sacrament of being joyously reconciled with the Lord and with our neighbors.

—HOLY DAY MASSES —

CHRISTMAS EVE: Saturday, December 24th, 2011 **CHRISTMAS DAY:** Sunday, December 25th, 2011

4:00 p.m. Children’s Mass (St. Agnes and Holy Trinity)

(Please note: there are two 4:00 p.m. Masses)

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass (St. Agnes)

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)

9:30 a.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)

11:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)

Christmas Novena Prayer

December 16th-24th

*O Christ, Word made flesh
You came into our world
not to condemn it,
but to replace
death and hatred
with life and love.*

*You promised to stay with us
until the end of time
and gave us the gift of
Your Body and Blood
in the Eucharist
as a pledge of that promise.*

We thank and praise You!

*We ask that
through this gift of the Eucharist,
we may put on Your mind
and heart and so bring
Your Spirit
of love, justice and peace
to our homes
and to our suffering world.*

Amen

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY...

will be making visits to the sick and shut-ins during the Christmas Holiday after Saturday, December 17th. If you know anyone who needs to be visited, please call the Holy Trinity Rectory, 412-466-6545.

They are also collecting new baby items, clothes for ages new born—3-years of age.

These gifts help those in need who have chosen life.

**Prayerfully grateful
for your understanding and giving.**

Superbowl Raffle Tickets are now available, help St. Agnes School and be a winner! Tickets can be purchased after the weekend Masses and for the cost of **\$5.00**, you may be a Superbowl Winner!

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, Clara Riley, Brian Saunders,
Rudy Saunders, Glenn Steimer, Marie Steiner,
Rose Ann Thomas, Paul Thomas**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — December 4, 2011

\$ 4,154.00 - - Sunday Offertory/Religious Retirement
\$ 961.00 - - St. Vincent de Paul—Thanksgiving
PSP Assessment-2011 \$ 23,033.00
Amount Collected PSP \$ 19,207.00
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 — December 4, 2011

\$ 2,094.00 - - Sunday Offertory/Religious Retirement
\$ 1,431.00 - - St. Vincent de Paul—Thanksgiving
PSP Assessment-2011\$ 23,407.00
Amount Collected PSP\$ 14,186.00
Total RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND - \$ 1,775.00