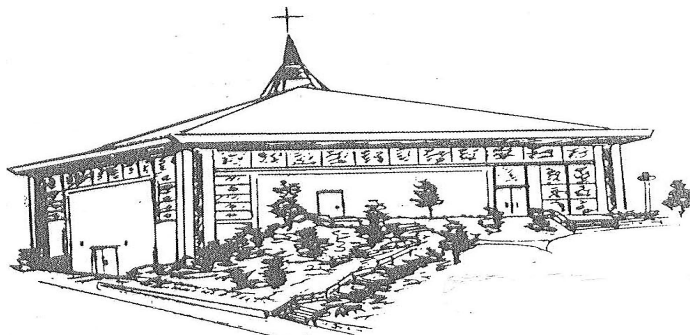


Saint Agnes Church



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ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - DEC 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MONDAY - DEC 19 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - DECEMBER 20 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45-Special Intention-Florence Dugan (Ladies of Charity)

WEDNESDAY - DEC 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - DEC 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45 -- Arlene Firestone (M/M Edward F. Long)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY

8:15 -- Roberta Karichko (Ladies of Charity) (Chapel)

SAT - DECEMBER 24 - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:00p (Christmas Eve) -- Amelia McElhinny (Family)

SUNDAY-DECEMBER 25 -NATIVITY OF THE LORD

12:00midnight - Paul/Anne Eckley (Fred & Joann Smith)
8:00 -- Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes
11:00 -- Robert J. Andres (Egnitz and Baer Families)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - DEC 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MONDAY - DEC 19 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 -- Mario Lavella (Daughter, Rita Lavella)

TUES - DECEMBER 20 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

WEDNESDAY - DEC 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS

8:00 -- Stephen and Margaret Gaydos (Family)

THURSDAY - DEC 22 - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 23 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY

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

SAT - DECEMBER 24 - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

8:00 -- Margaret Wooddell (Christian Mother Guild)
4:00p (Christmas Eve) -- Ann Matthias (Jim Matthias)

SUNDAY-DECEMBER 25 -NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:30 -- Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity

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 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Uncertainty is part of the human experience. *How can any of us be certain that we are embracing the particular vocation to which God is calling us—the life of a college student, the ordained or vowed life, the married or single life, a particular occupation in the marketplace? If we are not sure that any of these vocations—or even the tasks that confront us in the course of daily living—are part of God’s plan in our lives, we should have no reason to fear, because we see in today’s Gospel that Mary faced this same uncertainty.* Like us, Mary questioned and wondered what Gabriel’s announcement to her really meant. Yet, after the angel told her about what God was asking of her, *Mary freely surrendered her total being, placing her life at the service of*

God’s plan without reservation. Her fiat, her yes, opened the way for the completion of that plan—the conception and birth of her Son and our salvation, Jesus—the event that transformed our world.

—SECOND COLLECTION, DECEMBER 24TH/25TH, *CHRISTMAS CHARITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH*

—MASS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD AT 8:15 A.M., WILL BE CELEBRATED IN *ST. AGNES CONVENT CHAPEL.*

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

TODAY, December 18th...TRADITIONAL “VILIIJA” 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

Sunday, January 8th...EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Monday, January 9th...BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Wed, February 22nd...ASH WEDNESDAY

SANCTUARY CANDLE - HOLY TRINITY IN MEMORY OF BARB CARROLL (ELAINE BOST)

ADVENT PRAYER (BEFORE MAILING YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS)

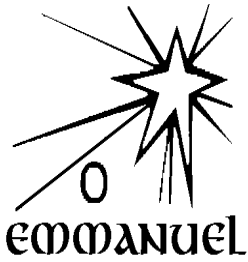
*Blest are you, Lord, our God and Father! You have graced our lives with friends and relatives near and far.
May these Christmas Cards arrive at their destinations as signs of affection, as tokens of peace.
Send your Son to reign in glory among us. He will lead your people to a glad reunion in your holy city,
Where we will sing your praise, for ever and ever. Amen*

EVER GRATEFUL....for the many who are **faithful in their stewardship** by sending their offerings through the mail for the support of our parishes. Also, for those *shut-ins, sick, or those who desire to have a priest visit them to receive of the Lord*, I will be available to receive their requests. **(Call Father Grosko at 412-466-6545)**

The Opening Prayer (the Collect) in anticipation of the Eucharistic Celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25th, from the Third Roman Missal:

*O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary
Bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation,*

*Grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, Who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH...*ST. AGNES*, 4:00 p.m. and Midnight
... *HOLY TRINITY*, 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH.....*ST. AGNES*, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
.....*HOLY TRINITY*, 9:30 a.m.

(The 11:00 a.m. Mass is the last mass for the Feast of the Nativity)

CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END GIVING

As this most blessed season of Christmas approaches and we look back on the past year, it is most appropriate to pause and **consider the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and our loved ones throughout the year.** In particular, we ask that you be as generous as you can in the **Special Collection for CHILDREN AND YOUTH** that is taken up at all masses of Christmas. The **image of the Christ Child should motivate us** now, as adults, to respect the presence of Christ in others, and most notable in our children and the youth. As in the past, the proceeds of **this collection will be credited toward St. Agnes Parish Share assessment.** Presently, our goal has not been reached, but we are prayerfully grateful for the many who helped in this Parish Share Campaign. **If excess funds are received, they will be non-taxable and will help our financial viability.** Continue your **strong stewardship in the Parish** so that we can meet the payment of the endless bills that come to the Parish, particularly, in these winter months. **Remember God is never outdone in His generosity. Yes, the Lord loves the cheerful givers!!**

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. AGNES

During the children's school vacation (December 26th-30th), the Daily Masses at St. Agnes are scheduled for 7:00 a.m. starting on Tuesday, December 27th. St. Agnes School classes resume Monday, January 2nd, 2012.

You are the Church in Your Home You forgive and seek reconciliation.

When you do so, family members come to believe that, no matter what, they are still loved by you and by God.

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. —The Reconciliation Schedule is given below.**



— PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS —

RECONCILIATION 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 —

OCTIVE OF CHRISTMAS: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD:

Saturday, December 31st, 2011

4:00 p.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)
(Only scheduled anticipated Mass)

Sunday, January 1st, 2012

8:00 a.m. Mass and 11:00 a.m. (St. Agnes)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)

A Sure Way To A Happy Day

*HAPPINESS is something
we create in our mind.*

*It's not something
you search for
and so seldom find —
it's just waking up
and beginning the day
by counting our blessings
and kneeling to pray —*

*It's giving up thoughts
that breed discontent
and accepting what comes
as a "gift heaven-sent" —*

*It's giving up wishing
for things we have not
and making the best of
whatever we've got —*

*It's knowing that life
is determined for us,
and pursuing our tasks
without fret, fume or fuss —*

*For it's by completing
what God gives us to do
that we find real contentment
and happiness, too.*

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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 11, 2011

\$ 7,813.00 -- Sunday Offertory/Immaculate Conception

\$ 440.00 -- Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2011 \$ 23,033.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 19,647.00

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 — December 11, 2011

\$ 2,748.00 -- Sunday Offertory/Immaculate Conception

\$ 370.00 -- Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2011\$ 23,407.00

Amount Collected PSP\$ 14,556.00

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES ARE
BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE ONGOING PROJECTS