

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY - DEC 26 - ST. STEPHEN

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - DEC 27 - ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

7:00 - Robert J. Andres (Nancy Andres)

WEDNESDAY - DEC 28 - HOLY INNOCENTS

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - DEC 29 - ST. THOMAS BECKET

7:00 - - Elizabeth F. Schuchert (Floyd W. Schuchert, Jr.)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 30 - THE HOLY FAMILY

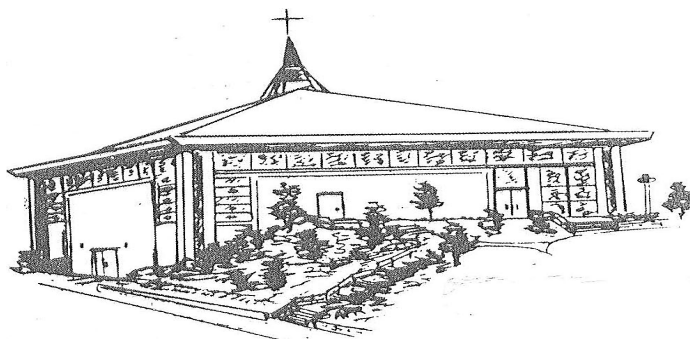
(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 31 - ST. SYLVESTER

(8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Masses at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 1 - BVM MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 - - Living and Deceased Member of St. Agnes
11:00 - - Victor Merritt (Fran and Jack Walters)



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HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY-DECEMBER 25 -NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY - DEC 26 - ST. STEPHEN

8:00 - - Eleanore Waugh - 5-year anniv (Richard Marley)

TUESDAY - DEC 27 - ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

(7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - DEC 28 - HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00 - - Margaret Wooddell-75th birth remembrance

THURSDAY - DEC 29 - ST. THOMAS BECKET

(7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 30 - THE HOLY FAMILY

8:00 - - Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 31 - ST. SYLVESTER

8:00 - - Betty Horgas (Christian Mother Guild)
4:00p (antic) - - Francis Kahler (Albert/Marion Jakub)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 1 - BVM MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 - - Anne Kushman (Donna Dudas)

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

Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

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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 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.

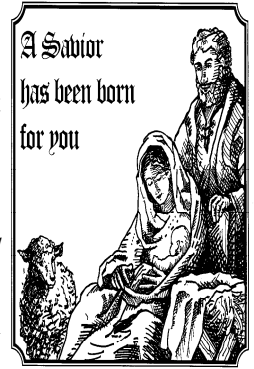
SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

December 25, 2011

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



*The mission of the Church in every age and time is to introduce the world to Jesus. The Mass of Christmas Day celebrates this introduction because it celebrates the great expression of joy and fulfillment that is the common thread in all of the Christmas scriptures. **The mystery of the birth of Christ is God revealed as human in human history, the “light of the human race” that “shines in the darkness.”** John reminds us in the prologue of his Gospel narrative that *we need to return to the beginning and recall that the Christmas story really begins with the creation of the world. God has always intended that the human race be the beneficiaries of the blessing of eternal happiness in heaven. How do you introduce those in your life to Jesus on a daily basis?**

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

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

- TODAY, *December 25th*...**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD/CHRISTMAS**
- Sunday, *January 1st*...**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
- Tuesday, *January 3rd*...**HOLY NAME OF JESUS**
- 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 RAYMOND SABO (MARY SABO)

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Friday, December 30th

The Feast of the Holy Family is relatively new on the Church’s liturgical calendar. At the end of the nineteenth century, the church established this feast in response to the **changes occurring in the conditions of family life** around the world. Today’s families can take comfort in the knowledge that the Holy Family had its share of hardships. There was **worry and deep concern** on the part of Mary and Joseph, who lost their young boy in the crowds as they returned from Jerusalem. Even for a few moments, we can understand the worry of the parents of Jesus. **Let us pray that all families will be strengthened, especially in time of hardship, distress, and division.**



Traveling Catholics...For nationwide Mass times and locations, call **Mass Times, 1-410-676-6000.**

Envelopes! Envelopes! If your child is **18 years of age or older** and wants to receive “teen” envelopes (which only includes the weekly and holy day envelopes), please contact the rectory at **412-466-6545.** Children under 18 years who are currently using the children’s envelopes, will continue to receive them.

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

The Opening Prayer (the Collect) in anticipation of the Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1st, 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 experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Sunday, January 1st

In the *Octave of Christmas*, on the **1st of January**, the church celebrates the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we begin the New Year there can be no better way than in giving *Honor and Remembrance to Mary* and also *asking the Lord for His strength and graces in the coming year of 2011*. It is my **prayerful and heartfelt wish** for the **entire faith communities of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**—*ever witnessing for our Lord by our presence*.

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

Saturday, December 31st, 2011

4:00 p.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)
(the only anticipated Mass is at Holy Trinity)



Sunday, January 1st, 2012

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

JANUARY 8TH, FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, JUST THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASSES OF SUNDAYS ONLY.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

During the children's school vacation, the Daily Masses of St. Agnes are scheduled for 7:00 a.m. The daily Mass schedule does continue at 6:45 a.m. beginning Tuesday, January 3rd, unless otherwise noti-

PRO-LIFE CORNER - There is a wonderful unity, a unity of conviction that *life is a gift from God and we must do everything to protect it.*

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Christmas Blessings

Heartfelt Greetings

With the **Parish Staffs** and the **Sisters**, we **prayerfully wish** that the **JOY and PEACE** of this **HOLY SEASON** grace and brighten all our days and, above all, in the coming **New Year**.
Joyous Christmas to all of our **Faith Community!!**

Father Joseph Grosko

Prayerful Thanks!! As we rejoice in the “wonderfulness” of these **Holy Days**, we need to express **heartfelt thanks and appreciation** of the many in the Parishes who helped to **beautify** the interior of the churches as well as, on the outside of the churches. **Endless effort, creativeness, and talent** are clearly displayed and all of us need to say our thanks and surely **say a prayer for those who work for the good of the Parishes throughout the year**. (“Please, someone said to me, no names, Father,” and so I have obliged.) But all of you have my **heartiest of thanks and daily prayers**.

Also, thanks for the many who contributed to our Christmas Flower Collection, maintained their PSP pledges and our Capital Campaign which needs your faithful support—and the cards that were sent to me and gifts for which I am most grateful.



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Peace on Earth



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Blessing the Manger

Steadfast God, keep us faithful in Your ways,
as You did for Joseph, good and upright man.
God among us, hear our prayer.

Mighty God, help us to be obedient to You,
as was Mary, highly favored, full of grace.
God among us, hear our prayer.

God of glory, send Your tidings of great joy,
sung by Your angels over Bethlehem.
God among us, hear our prayer.

God our Father, lead us to Christ Your Son,
as You led the lowly shepherds long ago.
God among us, hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, look on us in our lowliness;
let us see the wondrous birth, as did the beasts.
God among us, hear our prayer.

Creator God, dazzle us with heaven's light;
guide us from on high by the light of a star.
God among us, hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, fill us with Your grace;
bring us to worship Christ, as did the magi.
God among us, hear our prayer.

God of all love, bless this manger.
Hear this prayer offered to You in faith,
God among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Amen

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

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.

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/HOLY TRINITY

**DUE TO THE EARLY PUBLICATION
OF THIS BULLETIN, WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE
THE FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE WEEKLY OFFERINGS.**

REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM CAMPAIGN

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

Joining or Moving Out of the Parishes?

In maintaining our Parish Records and Census, we ask if you are joining our parish or moving out, **please call the Parish Office at 412-466-6545.**

If you are a member of the parishes and not receiving the monthly envelopes, please call the Parish Office.