

Saint Agnes Church



& Holy Trinity Church

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

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - JANUARY 1 - BVM MOTHER OF GOD

(4:00 - *anticipated Mass at Holy Trinity*)

8:00 - - Living and Deceased Member of St. Agnes

11:00 - - Victor Merritt (Fran and Jack Walters)

MONDAY - JANUARY 2 - SS. BASIL THE GREAT

(8:00 - - *Mass at Holy Trinity*)

TUES - JANUARY 3 - MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

6:45 - Mark Vash (Mallah Family)

WED - JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

(8:00 - - *Mass at Holy Trinity*)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN

6:45 - - Ruth Oxford (Ladies of Charity)

FIRST FRIDAY - JAN 6 - ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

8:15 - *Own Intention* - Ann Pavlan (Ladies of Charity)

FIRST SATURDAY - JANUARY 7 - ST. RAYMOND

(8:00 - - *Mass at Holy Trinity*)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 8 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6:00p (Sat) - - Noramae DiPaolo (Jim and Suzann Bevan)

8:00 - - Nancy Jackson (Edward & Joyce Skweres)

11:00 - - Victor Merritt (M/M Paul Merritt and Family)

ADMINISTRATOR, Rev. Joseph R. Grosko

PRINCIPAL, ST. AGNES SCHOOL

Sister Cynthia Wessel412-466-6238

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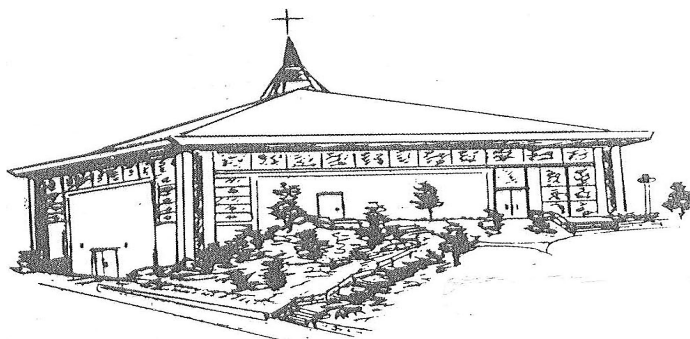
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NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

EPHESIANS IV — PRAYER & PRAISE
ON FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS
AT 7:30 PM IN ST. AGNES CHURCH
EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME



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SUNDAY - JANUARY 1 - BVM MOTHER OF GOD

4:00p (antic) - - Francis Kahler (Albert & Marion Jakub)

9:30 - - Anne Kushman (Donna Dudas)

MONDAY - JANUARY 2 - SS. BASIL THE GREAT

8:00 - - Margaret and Al Volte (Marge Meighan)

TUES - JANUARY 3 - MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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

WED - JANUARY 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:00 - - Ann Yonek (Christian Mother Guild)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN

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

FIRST FRIDAY - JAN 6 - ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

8:00 - - Margaret Wooddell (Sedlak Family)

FIRST SATURDAY - JANUARY 7 - ST. RAYMOND

8:00 - - Ed and Martha Paylo (Saturday Social Group)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 8 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00p (Sat) - - Betty Horgas (Edward Horgas)

9:30 - - Mary Gasparovic (M/M Joseph Hlad)

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.

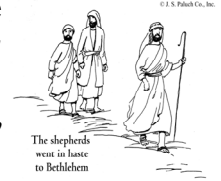
January 1, 2012

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Throughout these days of the Octave of Christmas, we have been contemplating the good news of the birth of Jesus and the beginning of our salvation. *Today's Gospel presents the journey of the shepherds to Bethlehem, where they find Jesus lying in the manger between Mary and Joseph, and make known to them the message they learned about Jesus from the angels.* Luke tells us that Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart," and that after their task was finished, the shepherds returned to their own home praising God.



Think of our own response when we hear good news from our family and friends. How can we imitate Mary's joy and share it with the world?

—SECOND COLLECTION, DECEMBER 31ST/JANUARY 1ST, PARISH SHARE PROGRAM —

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

- TODAY, *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*
- Sunday, *January 15th...H. TRIN. MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST*
- Tuesday, *February 14th...SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS, VALENTINE'S DAY*
- Wed, *February 22nd...ASH WEDNESDAY*
- Sunday, *April 8th...EASTER SUNDAY*

SANCTUARY CANDLE - LIVING MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY FAMILY

~~Prayer for the New Year~~

"Almighty God, with You there is no beginning and no end for You are the origin and goal of all creation. May this New Year which we dedicate to You bring us abundant prosperity and growth in holy living. May we bring the spirit of Christ to all our efforts and work with each other as brothers and sisters establishing true love and guiding creation to perfect fulfillment. Fill our hearts with the spirit of Your charity, that we may please You by our thoughts, and love You in our brothers and sisters. Bless our families with the gifts we need. Bless our parish with profound spiritual renewal. May Your Holy Spirit give us right judgment and the joy of His comfort and guidance. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen"

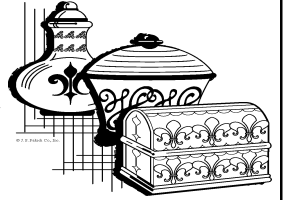


HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to family and friends of **JOHN SABOL** and **BERNICE KUZMA**, who were buried from *Holy Trinity Church* this past week. *May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven unto life everlasting.*

The Opening Prayer (the Collect) in anticipation of the Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of the **Epiphany of the Lord, January 8th**, from the Third Roman Missal:

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through 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

Feast of EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Sunday, January 8th



This feast is also popularly known as the **Feast of Three Kings**. In some countries it is a Holy Day of Obligation, always celebrated on January 6th. In our country it is celebrated this year, Sunday, the 8th of January.

St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel that after the birth of Jesus, three men arrived in Jerusalem, having been guided there from the East by a star, looking for the King of the Jews. Were they **Kings** or **Magi** or **Wise Men** or **Astrologers**? We really don't know. But somewhere in tradition they have been given the names **Casper**, **Melchoir** and **Balthasar**. They were probably men of importance, arriving with a great entourage of camels and servants. When did they come? It could have been up to two years after the birth of Jesus, because Herod, who wanted to be rid of this newborn king that he perceived as a threat, had all the baby boys in Bethlehem put to death who were two years old and younger.

The importance of these men is this: **They were non-Jewish and came with royal gifts for Christ. So God was telling us that Jesus was here to be accepted not only by the Jews, but by everyone as KING and GOD.** So from the very beginning, Jesus was showing and manifesting and revealing (and that's what the word "epiphany" means) that He came as the Savior of **all peoples**.

Now it is up to us to **continue His Epiphany** — it is our responsibility to **show Christ and to reveal Him to those around us by our words and example**. Perhaps we can make a resolution to do this a little better in this new year of **2012**.



~ **HAPPY AND BLESSED 2012 NEW YEAR** ~



Parish Share Campaign....The PSP Program will **conclude on the weekend of January 28/29.**

We have NOT reached our **assessed goal at St. Agnes of \$23,033** or at **Holy Trinity of \$23,407.** If we do not reach our goals then the *Diocese automatically takes it out of our savings which will happen at the parish of Holy Trinity.* For *St. Agnes, the necessary funds will be loaned by the Diocese to us with interest payments.* With your understanding and support we pray that you will help us meet our goals, rather than seeing our savings depleted and a loan given to St. Agnes with interest rate. **We pray that we will be able to meet the necessary goals and maintain financial stability at both our parishes.**

**THANK
YOU**

2011 Contributions

Just a reminder—any contributions received after December 31st, 2011 will be credited to the 2012 calendar year. *Ever grateful for your faithful and continuous support of the church.*



THE DREAM LIVES ON!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING MASS AND PROGRAM:

All are invited to the **Annual Dr. King Mass—Sunday, January 15th, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. (noon), St. Paul Cathedral with Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid.** A *light reception, program, and recognition of Dr. King student essay winners* will follow the Mass. Sponsored by St. Paul Cathedral Race and Reconciliation Dialogue Group.

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR LIFE:

Ninth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Blood Drive for Life** will be on **Monday, January 16th at 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.** at **St. Benedict the Moor Church.** Support this effort to save lives. Mark the date on your calendar and invite others to donate. **Call to pre-register and for more information: Diocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministries, 412-456-3170; Central Blood Bank, 412-209-7245.**

Happy New Year!

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*May the coming of the New Year
be graced-filled, hopeful,
and spiritually fulfilling.*

*May the families at both Holy Trinity
and St. Agnes gather weekly
in celebrating the precious gift
of Christ's Eucharist.*

*May St. Agnes School continue
on its mission of being
Christ-centered and ever reaching out
to the youth of the area.*

*May the youth celebrate their
wonderful presence in the Church in
showing compassionate love and unity
for one another.*

*Above all, may all of us know how we
are truly loved, saved by the
all-embracing Father in heaven.*

**A JOYOUS and HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**

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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!

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, Mary Kertis,
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, Marie Beney,
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 18 and 25, 2011

\$ 9,866.00 - - Sunday Offertory/Christmas/Charities

\$ 90.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2011 \$ 23,033.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 19,737.00

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 18 and 25, 2011

\$ 7,921.00 - - Sunday Offertory/Christmas/Charities

\$ 1,765.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2011\$ 23,407.00

Amount Collected PSP\$ 16,321.00

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