

# Saint Agnes Church



# & Holy Trinity Church

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

## ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

### SUN - JANUARY 15 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6:00p (Sat) -- Emilia Koreny (Irene Slezak)  
8:00 -- Ray Milko (Joe and Donna Milko)  
11:00 -- Prusak Family (Pat and Tom Prusak and Family)

### MONDAY - JANUARY 16 - WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

### TUESDAY - JANUARY 17 - ST. ANTHONY

6:45 -- Robert K. Barnes (Parents, Bob and Rita)

### WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

### THURSDAY - JANUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

6:45 -- Robert J. Andres (Nancy Andres)

### FRIDAY - JANUARY 20 - SS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:15 -- Donald Ulrich (Sisters at St. Agnes)

### SATURDAY - JANUARY 21 - IN HONOR OF BVM

(8:00 -- Mass at Holy Trinity)

### SUN - JANUARY 22 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6:00p (Sat) -- Gal (Rusty) Stinner (Sue and Jim Bevan)  
8:00 -- Josephine Terrick (Devey and Koehler Families)  
11:00 -- Victor Merritt (Joe Henchir and Rose)

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

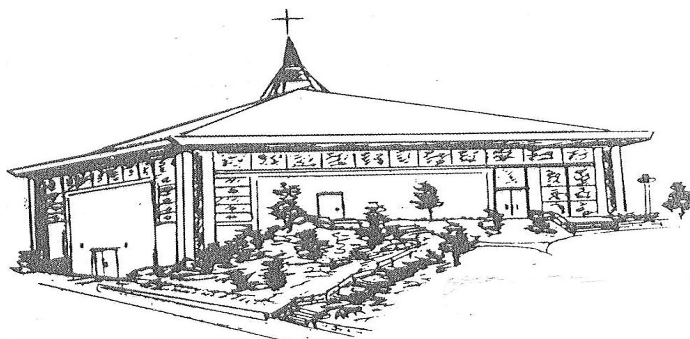
Sister Cynthia Wessel .....412-466-6238

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Rectory - St. Agnes ..... 412-466-6545  
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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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## HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

### SUN - JANUARY 15 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

4:00p (Sat) -- Anne Kushman (Helen Revak)  
9:30 -- Robert Schorr (Nuss Family )

### MONDAY - JANUARY 16 - WEEKDAY

8:00 -- John Sabol - month's mind (Wife, Mary Sabol)

### TUESDAY - JANUARY 17 - ST. ANTHONY

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

### WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

8:00 -- Arthur Bednar (M/M Mark Bednar)

### THURSDAY - JANUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

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

### FRIDAY - JANUARY 20 - SS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

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

### SATURDAY - JANUARY 21 - IN HONOR OF BVM

8:00 -- Jasek and Kopay Families (Virginia Jasek)

### SUN - JANUARY 22 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

4:00p (Sat) -- Mary Gasparovic (Edward & Carol Hlad)  
9:30 -- Genevieve Obringer (John and Rita Kocsis)

**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.

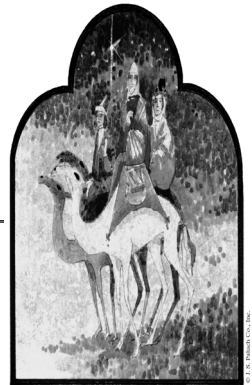
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register at Rectory.

January 15, 2012

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's first reading, from **the book of Samuel, underscores in the clearest terms the importance of listening to the voice of the Lord.** Eli understood that the voice the child Samuel heard might just be the voice of God. Eli told Samuel that should the Lord call him again, his reply should be simply, **"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."** Eli did not dismiss or trivialize Samuel's experience, but encouraged him to be open to the voice of the Lord with patience; then he would discover God's will in due time. The heart of the story is Samuel's acquiescence: **"I am listening, Lord. Whatever you ask, I will do."** *Samuel said this with no predetermined plan or course of action, no glimpse into the future. He was simply invited and with humble submission said yes to God. God calls us into intimate relationship of our own free will. In what ways will we listen and respond to this call?*



Magi from the east arrived

## SECOND COLLECTION, JANUARY 14TH AND 15TH, ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL PROGRAMS/DEPAUL SCHOOL FOR HEARING AND SPEECH

### — MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

- TODAY, January 15th...HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST*  
9:00 - 12:00 noon. Adults, \$5.00; Children, \$2.00
- January 15th ....ST. AGNES FAMILY BINGO, Social Hall, free admission,*  
25 cents per card. Doors open following 11:00 a.m. Mass.
- Wed, January 18th...FISH FRY MEETING, St. Agnes Social Hall, 7:00 p.m.*  
Donations of new items are needed for the Chinese Auction Baskets.  
Drop-offs can be made at Holy Trinity or St. Agnes Church.
- Sunday, January 29th....ST. AGNES PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 9:15- 12:00 noon, Social Hall.*
- Tuesday, February 14th...SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS, VALENTINE'S DAY*
- Sat, February 18th...NIGHT AT THE RACES, St. Agnes Social Hall. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.*  
*February 18th...HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB MEETING*

\*\*\* MARCH FOR LIFE INFORMATION AND BUS SCHEDULES, CALL MARY LOU GARTNER, 412-793-0807 \*\*\*

***Upcoming Diocesan Distribution Edition of the Pittsburgh Catholic...***The February 17th issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* will be mailed to every registered household in the Diocese. There is a Diocesan distribution of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* twice each year—before Advent and before Lent. In this issue you will find interesting stories and reports that provide adult faith formation at its best, as well as diocesan, national and international news viewed from the perspective of our faith. The *Pittsburgh Catholic* at Holy Trinity is regularly distributed through the weekend mail. For St. Agnes, your copy of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* with the bulletin is distributed in the lobby on your departure after the weekend Masses. If the Holy Trinity parishioners are not receiving the *Pittsburgh Catholic* through the mail, please call the Parish Center. **Be informed with the *Pittsburgh Catholic*.**

## SANCTUARY CANDLE—FOR AN INCREASE OF PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

The Opening Prayer (the Collect) in anticipation of the Eucharistic Celebration on the **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 22nd**, from the Third Roman Missal:

***Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.***

***Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen***

## *Feast of St. Agnes, Our Patroness, Saturday, January 21st*

Scholars have concluded that Agnes, a child of only 12 or 13 years, was killed during the persecution of Diocletian (304-306). According to Pope Damasus I (366-384), the parents of Agnes were the first to tell her story. A young Roman Prefect was infatuated with Agnes. But she refused marriage because of her dedication to Christ. She made it known that she was a Christian and preferred death over any violation of her consecrated virginity.



Agnes is portrayed in a mosaic above the main altar of the Church of St. Agnes, outside of Rome, as a Byzantine princess, robed, crowned and bejeweled, with the symbols of her martyrdom, the flames and sword, beside her feet. And all through the Church there is the other symbol of her martyrdom and sacrifice, the lamb (*Agnus*, in Latin). What a beautiful patron and model we have for our times and our young people!

*Those were difficult times when St. Agnes lived. But today we also live in difficult times. There is no overt persecution—but what we have, in fact, is even worse—a disguised and subtle paganism around us, inviting us to give up our Catholic beliefs and practices. And unfortunately, there are many who are weak, and not closely united to Christ, who give up their Faith, following the “crowd”. So we all need the example, the courage, and the prayers of SAINT AGNES to help us see that virginity, chastity, and purity are not “out-dated”—that our Catholic beliefs and practices are still worth our struggle and sacrifices—and are even worth dying for.*

**SAINT AGNES, OUR PARISH PATRONESS—BE OUR INSPIRATION AND HELP—PRAY FOR US!**

**PLEASE NOTE: ON SATURDAY, FEAST OF ST. AGNES, THE MASS WILL BE SCHEDULED AT 8:00 A.M. AT HOLY TRINITY AND NO SCHEDULED MASS AT ST. AGNES.**

**St. Agnes School Parent Meeting for 2nd graders making their First Communion here at St. Agnes is on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 .m. in the Social Hall.**

***ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL PROGRAMS/DEPAUL SCHOOL FOR HEARING AND SPEECH...***The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: ***St. Anthony School Programs*** and ***DePaul School for Hearing and Speech*** (formerly known as the DePaul Institute).

**A SPECIAL COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE TAKEN THIS WEEKEND OF JANUARY 14TH-15TH, 2012 AT ALL MASSES IN EACH PARISH.**

*St. Anthony School Programs provides Catholic special education to children with development delays and autism in 10 schools within the Diocese and one college-age program located on the campus of Duquesne University. DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches deaf or hard of hearing children how to listen, learn and speak, so that these children may fully participate in our hearing and speaking world.*

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**Christians throughout Pittsburgh are invited** to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort that runs during Lent, from **February 22nd through April 1st**. This ecumenical 40 day campaign to end abortion, which consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil...**will kick-off on Sunday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m.** in the beautiful sanctuary of **First Presbyterian Church**, located at 320 Sixth Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh. ***Come! Join with other Christians for a meaningful time of praise and worship.*** The event will close with a candlelit procession to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic for prayer and hymns. *Bring your spouse, your family, your pastor and your friends!* For more information or to volunteer, call **Nikki Bruni, 412-926-9413**.

***PRAYERFUL THANKS.....***Ever appreciative of the wonderful volunteer efforts of our parishioners in the decorative displays of the **Nativity Scene at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**. They indeed also accepted the task of putting away the decorations for another year now. This year's Nativity displays were more beautiful than ever and not surprising that many compliments expressed the dedicated and creative efforts of our volunteers. As they told me, Father, please no names need to be mentioned, just say a prayer in thanks for our efforts. *We as parish are ever more grateful for their time, effort, and faithful concern.*

## *Love Yourself!!!*

No matter what, love yourself. Love yourself, even if it feels like the world around you is irked with you. Even if it feels like those you've counted on most have gone away. Even if you wonder if God has abandoned you. When it feels like the journey has stopped, the magic is gone and you've been left sitting on the curb, love yourself. When you are confused or angry about how things are going or how they've gone, love yourself. No matter what happens or where you are love yourself. No matter if you aren't certain where you are going or if there's anyplace left to go, love yourself.

*This situation will change, this time will pass, and the magic will return. So will joy and faith. You will feel connected again—to yourself, God, the universe and life. But the first thing to do is love yourself and all the good will follow.*

*Melodie Beattie*

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### **PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

*Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love  
you provide ministers for your Church.*

*We pray for those whom you call to serve the  
Church of Pittsburgh as priests.*

*Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them  
courage and vision to serve your people.*

*May their lives and service call your people to  
respond to the presence of your Spirit among us  
that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the  
Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

*O God, Father of all Mercies,  
Provider of a bountiful harvest, send Your graces  
upon those You have called  
to gather the fruits of Your labor;  
preserve and strengthen them in their  
lifelong service of You.*

*Open the hearts of Your children  
that they may discern Your Holy Will;  
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender  
themselves to serving others  
in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.*

## 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,  
Agnes Magdic, Ethel & Larry Maydak,  
Justine Mantich, Ethel Palyo,  
Mary Pavlik, Ann Sabo,  
Ray Shahen, 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) Kepes, 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 — January 8, 2012

\$ 5,626.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 601.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2011 ..... \$ 23,033.00

Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 20,738.00

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 — January 8, 2012

\$ 2,274.00 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 484.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2011 .....\$ 23,407.00

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 18,182.00

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