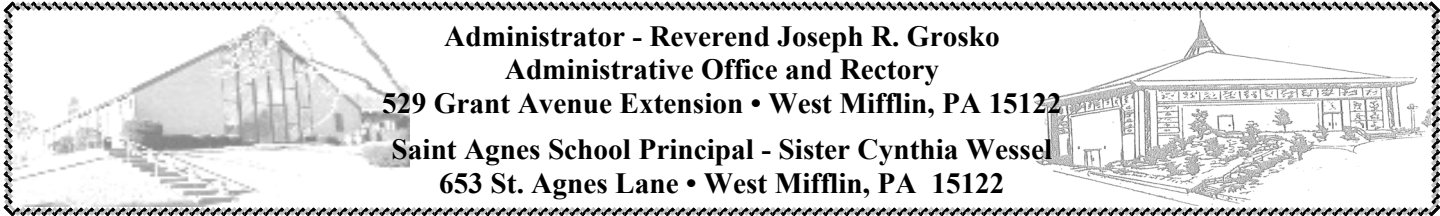


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



Administrator - Reverend Joseph R. Grosko
Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122

Saint Agnes School Principal - Sister Cynthia Wessel
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Mission Statement of Saint Agnes Parish

622 St. Agnes Lane • West Mifflin, PA 15122

Saint Agnes Parish established in West Mifflin, PA in 1867, is a viable Catholic community that witnesses the message of Jesus through the talents of its members who are nurtured by the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to invite people to know and become one with Jesus Christ reaching out in service to all.

Mission Statement of Holy Trinity Parish

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Holy Trinity Parish is a Faith Community gathered in celebration of the Eucharist, strengthened by the Word of God, reaching out to all generations and inspired by the Holy Spirit to promote holy, authentic and faithful Catholic living.

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-SEP 2-TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORD TIME

6:00p(Sat) **John J. Kukta** (Joe and Loretta Sabol)
 8:00a - **Marilyn (Koehler) Kepes** (Marguerite and Tom Oeler)
 11:00a - **Victor Merritt** (Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Molnar)

MON-SEP 3 - LABOR DAY - ST. GREGORY the GREAT

9:30a - **Michael Slezak** - (Irene Slezak)

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 4 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Finnegan Family** (Sue Finnegan)

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 5 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Mark Vash** (Nardi Molinaro)

FIRST FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Jean Abels** (Eileen Cochrane and Family)

SAT-SEP 8-NATIVITY of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN-SEP 9-TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORD TIME

6:00p(Sat) **40th Anniversary - Dave and Kitty Hornyak**
 8:00a - **Emilia Koreny** (Ladies of Charity)
 11:00a - **Ray Milko** (Dennis Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-SEP 2-TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORD TIME

4:00p(Sat)-**John & Margaret Hostovich** (John & Dottie Hostovich)
 9:30a - **Richard Mikulla** (Jim and Bev Stavor)

MON-SEP 3 - LABOR DAY - ST. GREGORY the GREAT

8:00a - **Sebest and Schulte Families** (Margaret Schulte)

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 4 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 5 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Betty Horgas** (Welma Rasco)

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FIRST FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John J. Sabol** (Mary Elizabeth Polatas)

SAT-SEP 8-NATIVITY of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00a - **Richard Wasko** (Bea Miller)

SUN-SEP 9-TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORD TIME

4:00p(Sat)-**Michael Laychak** (Cecelia Minella)
 9:30a - **Mary Pollack & Daughter Mary Dudash** (Ann Szucs)

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 Saint Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com
 Holy Trinity Website.....www.holytrinitywm.com
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**NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS
 AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

HOLY DAY MASSES: As scheduled.

RECONCILIATION: St. Agnes: Saturdays at 5:30 pm; Holy Trinity: Saturdays at 3:30 pm (or by appointment)

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.

**EPHESIANS IV — PRAYER & PRAISE — ALL WELCOME
 ON 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS, 7:30 PM, ST. AGNES CHURCH**

**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE
 1-888-808-1235**



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8*; Moses tells the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 15:2-3,3-4,4-5*; Those who do justice will find favor with God.

Second Reading: *James 1:17-18,21b-22,27*; James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23*; Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it crystal clear that a person has a greater opportunity to be unclean in one's heart through evil actions than one does from some external action that would constitute a ritual impurity. The Pharisees went so far overboard in their insistence on the uncompromising observance of Jewish law that it became a burden for the common people. Jesus challenges the prescriptions of the law by challenging the Pharisees with the same scriptures they use to justify their indifference and religious superiority. Ritual impurity has nothing to do with the state of one's intentions or what's in a person's heart. Ritual cleansing does not free a person from sin, nor does it make one's heart clean. Jesus replaces ritual "formulations" with an invitation to love.

What can you do this week to purify your heart in order to accept and live God's invitation to love?

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —

Mon, Sep 3rd.....**Labor Day.** Mass and Novena at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity; Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Agnes.

Sun, Sep 9th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner.**

Wed, Sep 9th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Rivers Casino Event.**

Tue, Sep 11th.....**Holy Hour for Vocations** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes.

Wed, Sep 12th.....**Holy Trinity Avenue of Flags** will be lowered.

Wed, Sep 12th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Thur, Sep 13th.....**55+ Club Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Social Hall.

Sat, Sep 22nd.....**Holy Trinity Cheregi Sale** at 2:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Social Hall.

Sat, Sep 22nd.....**St. Agnes Parish Assembly and Potluck Luncheon** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sun, Sep 30th.....**Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit at St. Agnes**
at the 11:00 am **Mass and Reception** following the Mass.

Sun, Sep 30th.....**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** at Holy Trinity.

Sat, Oct 13th..... **Rite of Intention Mass** for Confirmation Students, 6:00 pm at St. Agnes.

~**CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION for CHILDREN and AGING...**On the weekend of September 15th and 16th, Father William Wangler will speak on this issue to give us a deeper awareness of the needs of this group.

HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER - will be on **Sunday,**

September 9th from 1:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m. in **Holy Trinity Social Hall**; **\$9.00** for *adults* and **\$4.00** for *children*. **DESSERTS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS DINNER. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DELICIOUS DESSERTS EITHER ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH OR 9TH.**

HOLY TRINITY AVENUE OF FLAGS - will be lowered. **Volunteers are needed** to lend a hand in taking down the flags. *Please come to Holy Trinity Social Hall at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 12th.*

HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB MEETING - will take place on **Wednesday, September 12th,** at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Social Hall.

RIVERS CASINO EVENT - **Holy Trinity Men's Club** is sponsoring a trip to the *Rivers Casino* on **Wednesday, September 19th.** Cost is \$25 per person. **7:30 a.m.** - Enjoy coffee/donuts before departure! **9:00 a.m.** - Depart for the *Rivers Casino*. **4:00 p.m.**- Depart for home. *Please call George Miteff for reservations at 412-466-5062.* The deadline for reservations is September 10th.

HOLY TRINITY CHEREGI SALE - **Saturday, September 22nd.** Sale starts at 2:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Social Hall. Cheregi are \$7.00/dozen. Limit 3 dozen/person. The sale supports St. Agnes School.



Although tomorrow is a **civil holiday**, it is also a day on which we **pray in a special way for God's blessings on our human labor**. It is obvious that God considers all human work, physical and mental, as elevating. In fact, **He entrusted the care of His own Son to a manual laborer**, a carpenter, **St. Joseph**. Neither Jesus nor Joseph were afraid to "get their hands dirty" to make a living or to help others.

We, as well, should **never consider any work as demeaning or beneath us**. Jesus commanded us to "**love one another**," and sometimes this will require us to roll up our sleeves and **pitch in** with manual work—at **home**, in the **neighborhood**, and in our **parish**. May the **example of both Jesus and Joseph** remind us that all labor, if it is done in the right spirit and with the right intention, will help us attain our eternal salvation.

Come and pray with us for God's Blessings tomorrow
at the **8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity and the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes**.
May the blessings of this Labor Day be with you throughout the day.

~~~~ **New Mass Schedule Has Begun** ~~~~

Daily Mass schedule for **ST. AGNES** is at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:15 a.m. on Fridays. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, the Masses will be at **HOLY TRINITY** at 8:00 a.m.  
*On Mondays at Holy Trinity, the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows the Mass.*

***Our Lady of Sorrows, Friday, September 14th***

Holy Trinity Faith Community will be celebrating the feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia**, with a **special Slovak-English Mass on Friday, September 14th**. A prelude of **Slovak hymns** will begin at **7:00 p.m.** preceding the Mass. A **reception will follow** in the Holy Trinity Social Hall after the Mass. All are welcome to share in this Eucharistic ethnic celebration. For further information, contact **Sister Irene A. Benyak, 412-751-1673, Len Potemra, 412-672-6265, or the parish office, 412-466-6545**.



***HEARTFELT SYMPATHY***.....to family and friends of **CAROL ANDRES**,

*St. Agnes parishioner. May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect.*

***First Friday...***On **September 7th**, the parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity celebrate the First Friday of September. **Solemn Holy Hour—reflections, prayers, and the closing Solemn Benediction—will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass at HOLY TRINITY**.

Also scheduled is the **8:15 a.m. Mass for the school students of St. Agnes**. *Help us to become more Eucharistic parishes by your presence on the First Friday of each month for the Holy Hour.*

~~~~ **A PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR** ~~~~

*Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty.
Help us to know what is pleasing to You and to understand
what is right and good in Your sight.*

*Give us the spirit of learning that we may please You
by our thoughts and love You in Your creation.*

Give all teachers Your constant encouragement and guide them in their good work.

Keep all students and teachers safe and secure while at school.

Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of Your truth to all whose lives we touch.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen



St. Agnes School News

St. Agnes School began on August 23rd with half days. Our enrollment for this year as of August 25th is 138 students in grades K through 8. This is an increase of 13 students since June 2012. In Pre-school, we have 4, 3-year olds and 15, 4-year olds. So, our total enrollment is 157. For the last two weeks, it was like a revolving door for enrollment, and we were happy to work through it!

The response for Adopt-a-Student has been great. *It is never too late to adopt a student!*

On August 24th in First-in-Math, Jullian Palko was in 1st place in the nation! Three of our other students, Vinny Capozzolo, MacKenzie Oravec, and Rachel Kanzes, placed in the top 100 in the nation! *So thank you to those who made a donation to this program. We still could use some donations to offset what we paid!*

An *Advisory Council* has been formed to assist the principal. This Council consists of parishioners, community members, and parents. Representing the parish are Jack Walters and Tony Wills. This committee will meet quarterly and help the principal along the lines of finances, the ETIC programs, and other programs.

We look forward to another great year!
Thank you and God bless you for all of your support and prayers. You are remembered in our prayers every day and at every school Mass.

Football Mania Sweepstakes tickets benefiting our school are available! Tickets are \$20 for 17 weeks of the regular football season.
See Sister Cynthia after Masses!

A 45+ CLUB WELCOMING INVITATION -
to St. Agnes and Holy Trinity Parishes to join in the gathering on Thursday, September 13th, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Agnes Social Hall for an afternoon of fellowship, lunch, and games. Please call Ed Ferchak at 412-462-0904 for a boxed lunch.

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

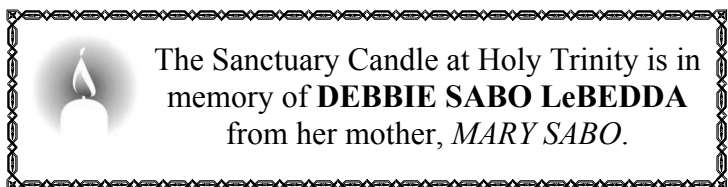
Weekly, the bulletin lists our sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized. *If you wish to add or alter this listing, please call the Parish Offices, so that we can have our special listing updated.* Your cooperation, visits, and daily prayers are deeply appreciated.

Holy Trinity

**Maria Alzo, Patricia Brevko, Anna Cmar,
Marie Cmar, Helen Gambal, Eleanor Haselhoff,
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Mary Kertis, Joseph Kirch,
Agnes Kovac, Henry Kovalcin, Diane Kovalsky,
Louis Kruszewski, Agnes Magdic, Ethel Maydak,
Larry Maydak, Justine Mantich, Ethel Palyo, Mary
Pavlik, Ann Sabo, Mary Sabol, Ray Shahan,
Margaret Shimko, Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil,
Robert Zeok**

St. Agnes

**Josephine Andres, Marie Beney,
Alberta Buchleitner, Nettie Conley, Patricia DeLuca,
Florence Dugan, Irene Fontanese, Steve Grochalski,
John Gruber, Martha Gruber, Mary Elizabeth
Hudick, Richard Jordan, Mary Kosko, Robert
Kosko, Dorothy Kostovny, Marguerite Oeler,
Laura Pasternak, Dorothy Petrak, Clara Riley,
Brian Saunders, Rudy Saunders, Glenn Steimer,
Marie Steiner, Roseann Thomas, Paul Thomas**



Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — August 26, 2012

\$ 3,970.00 - - Sunday & Catholic Communication Offerings

\$ 1,135.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 \$ 24,998.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 15,758.00

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 — August 26, 2012

\$ 2,115.00 - - Sunday Offerings

\$ 334.00 - - Catholic Communication Offerings

PSP Assessment-2012\$ 24,248.00

Amount Collected PSP\$ 15,570.00

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