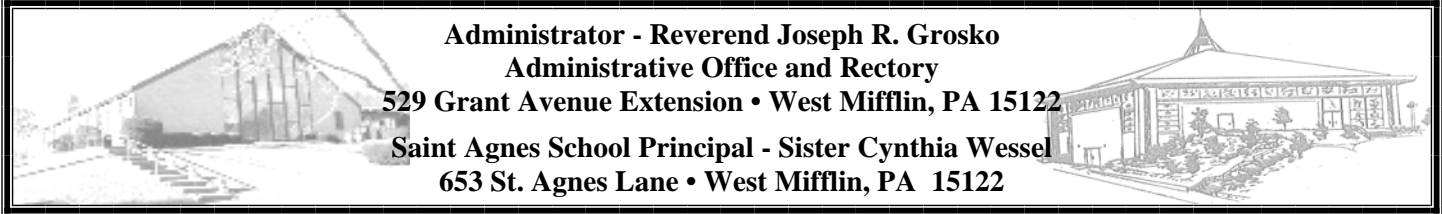


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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 16-TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in ORD TIME

6:00p(Sat) **Ralph & Rose Biagiarelli-Wedding Anniversary**
 (Roseann and Phyllis)

8:00a - **Mark Vash** (Tom and Patty Klocko)

11:00a - **Paula Anne Smith** (Joann and Fred Smith & Family)

MONDAY - SEP 17 - ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Jean Abels** (Lois Mohrbach)

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 19 - ST. JANUARIUS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THU-SEP 20-ST. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & PAUL CHONG HA-SANG

6:45a - **Ray Milko** (Gary and Simone Miller)

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 21 - ST. MATTHEW

8:15a - **Marguerite Oeler-Health** (Ladies of Charity)

SATURDAY - SEP 22 - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN-SEP 23-TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY in ORD TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Robert Kosko-Health** (Ladies of Charity)

8:00a - **Carol Andres** (Ladies of Charity)

11:00a - **Joseph Munda** (Wife)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-SEP 16-TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in ORD TIME

4:00p(Sat)-**Eleanor Rusnak** (Sisters)

9:30a - **Francis Kahler** (Eileen Vukovich)

MONDAY - SEP 17 - ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

8:00a - **Rita DeFelice-Health and Blessings** (Ann Cmar)

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 19 - ST. JANUARIUS

8:00a - **Marilyn Sepesy** (Holy Trinity Parish)

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8:00a - **Harvey Burdick** (Edward and Dolores Moran)

SUN-SEP 23-TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY in ORD TIME

4:00p(Sat)-**Virginia Halko** (GCU Lodge #117)

9:30a - **John Sabol** (Mary Sabol)

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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:5-9a*; **Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 116: 1-9*

Second Reading: *James 2:14-18*; **Gospel Reading:** *Mark 8:27-35*.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals to us *what the call to discipleship* entails. True disciples are to deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow Jesus without reserve or hesitation. Jesus' invitation to embrace and carry the cross is a clear statement that true discipleship involves challenging those in power in defense of gospel values. **When we are called upon to defend Christ, wherever that may be, whether a peaceful protest outside an abortion clinic, or making our voices heard on matters of economic or social justice in a political or religious court or anywhere, the true disciples of Jesus Christ are to walk boldly to the cross and all that it signifies--humiliation, indifference, and degradation, and ultimately, hope and resurrection.**

What issues prompt you to stand unreservedly for Jesus, regardless of what others might think?.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

*Tue, Sep 18th.....***Holy Trinity Avenue of Flags** will be lowered.

*Wed, Sep 19th.....***Holy Trinity Men's Club Rivers Casio Event**

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

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

*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** in the **Holy Trinity Social Hall** after the 9:30 am Mass.

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

DID YOU KNOW?????

Many Catholics forget that **the purpose of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is reconciliation, not punishment.**

God longs to forgive us and offers this chance to *directly experience his unending mercy and forgiveness.* The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is: "A restoration to integrity. Through it, we are freed from guilt." Please do take advantage of this **healing sacrament.**

RSVP CORNER: Responding So Vocations Prosper

POPE BENEDICT XVI is quoted as saying: "The discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, *if they know how to pray*, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call." **It is important for us all to teach our children to pray to our Lord daily so that they will always have recourse to God's graces and blessings thereby discerning His will for them.**

RESPONSE: Consider having a daily family prayer time after dinner by reciting the rosary and other devotionals so that your children will become familiar with praying together as a family.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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., **Tuesday, September 18th.**

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

Lunch with Father Scott Seethaler

Everyone is invited to attend "**Lunch with Father Scott Seethaler**" to **benefit the Anna Seethaler Hospital (TASH)** on **Sunday, September 23rd**, at **South Hills Country Club.** Doors open at 11 am, and lunch is at 1 pm. Tickets are \$30. Call Beth Svirbel at 412-885-4410 to make your reservation. Please make checks payable to TASH c/o Beth Svirbel, 3846 Edge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

Catechetical Sunday, September 16th



Parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will observe **Catechetical Week**, a week-long celebration beginning with **Catechetical Sunday** on **September 16th**. The theme for this year, **Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization**, highlights the *important mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ--to transform others in Christ's love*.

All children attending public schools, particularly from the 1st-8th Grade are expected to be registered in the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program (CCD)**. Our parishes can make a choice to register either at **Holy Spirit Church in West Mifflin** or **St. Rita Church in Whitaker**. Registration can be at the individual locations as indicated below, or at St. Agnes Social Hall after the weekend 8 and 11 am Masses, or by calling **Sister Cynthia at 412-466-6238**.

>>>At **St. Rita's**, classes for **K-8th Grade** are held on **Sundays after the 9:30 am Mass from 10:30-11:30 am**. The fee per family is \$35. Registration can take place at St. Rita's before the first class on Sunday, September 16th. >>>At **Holy Spirit**, classes for **1st-4th Grade** are held on **Sundays from 9:30-10:45 am**; classes for **5th-8th Grade** are held on **Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm**. The first classes are September 16th and 18th, respectively. The registration fee is \$15 per child. Registration can be by calling **Mrs. Cocco at 412-346-0475**. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.



A **St. Agnes Parish Assembly and Potluck Luncheon** will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, in the St. Agnes Social Hall from 11 am to 12:30 pm. The Diocese commits us to have an annual gathering of our faith community of St. Agnes. **The assembly will provide an important opportunity to discuss needs and accomplishments within the parish, ask questions, dialogue, and participate in joyful fellowship.** All parishioners are more than welcome to attend. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship -- Catholics Care. Therefore, Catholics Vote.

- ***Issues that directly affect human lives--such as abortion and euthanasia--are fundamental and demand serious consideration.***
- ***Our Constitution heralds religious liberty in the First Amendment, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain this right.***
- ***There is a move in the nation to redefine marriage. The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a flourishing society.***



HELP SAVE LIVES!...St. Agnes and Holy Trinity parishes are participating in the Fall 40 Days for Life

Campaign this year! *What is 40 Days for Life?* "40 Days" is a worldwide peaceful prayer vigil outside of abortion clinics to pray to end abortion. The campaign tracks biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, and the entire world! 40 Days for Life calls us to act to stop abortion **in Pittsburgh**. The **St. Agnes and Holy Trinity vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion center in Pittsburgh, is scheduled for Sunday, October 14th, from 7-11 am. Please commit to pray for one-hour during our 4-hour "shift."** A 40 Days for Life Vigil Shift Manager orients all participants. You do not have to talk with anyone. You will be making a **spiritual intercession** for life. The vigil does not involve pictures of aborted children, and abortions do not take place on Sundays. Please **clip and drop the coupon below in the Sunday offering basket**. Phone Nancy Lapinski, 412-466-1361, for more info.

Yes, I am interested in participating in the **St. Agnes and Holy Trinity peaceful prayer vigil** on Sunday morning, **October 14th**, outside the Planned Parenthood facility, 933 Liberty Ave., downtown Pittsburgh. My commitment is for one hour between 7 and 11 am.

Name _____ Hour _____ Phone _____



St. Agnes School News and Notes



- Our Enjoy Books and Kids' Stuff Books are on sale. **Enjoy Books are \$30**, and **Kids' Stuff Books are \$25**.
- **Football Mania is on! Thank you to all who bought a ticket! Note: Tickets are still available!** We will publish the names of winners weekly. **The first week's winner is St. Agnes School, \$25.**
- We have 138 students in K-8, and 19 students in preschool for a **total enrollment of 157**.
- **Attention: Chocolate Lovers!** Candy bars will be on sale before and after all Masses until all bars are sold. The cost is \$1 per bar.
- **In First-in-Math, Jillian Palko now places 19th in the nation! Four students are still placing within the first 100 places in the State! They are: Jillian in 6th place, Mackenzie Oravec in 31st place, Vinny Capozzollo in 48th place, and Ryan Gedman in 58th place. In the Diocese, we have 22 students placing within the first 100 places! We will keep you posted on our progress. Thank you for your donations!**

~~ A New Ministry at St. Agnes ~~

—Adult Altar Servers for Funerals Ministry—

We are seeking men and women who are available during the day to become **Adult Altar Servers for Funerals**. In the past, we have always used our Student Altar Servers. However, the students are missing many skills and concepts in very important subjects by being out of class.

We now have two men who accepted the invitation to serve, and *we could use more adults so that we can alternate and call on others to serve at our parish funerals.*

Please see Sister Cynthia to volunteer. *This is a Corporal Work of Mercy -- to bury the dead.*

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

to the family and friends of

MARY PAVLIK

who was buried from *Holy Trinity Church.*

May all our beloved deceased be embraced



Flowers in Honor of the Blessed Mother

Holy Trinity: In memory of
ELEANOR RUSNAK (Sisters)

St. Agnes: In memory of
BEVERLY LIST (Daughter, Karen)



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, Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac,
Henry Kovalcin, Diane Kovalsky, Louis Kruszewski,
Agnes Magdic, Ethel Maydak, Larry Maydak,
Justine Mantich, Ethel Palyo, 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,**

Speakers to Address Our Parishes

***Today: Father William Wangler on the Christian
Foundation for Children and Aging***

***Next Weekend: Sister Mary Parks, Director of
Sisters' Place, on compassionate concern for
homeless women.***

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — September 9, 2012

\$ 6,449.00 - - Sunday Offering and Bishop's Education Fund

\$ 700.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 \$ 24,998.00

Amount Collected PSP \$ 18,098.00

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 — September 9, 2012

\$ 2,180.00 - - Sunday Offering and Bishop's Education Fund

\$ 117.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012\$ 24,248.00

Amount Collected PSP\$ 17,278.00

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