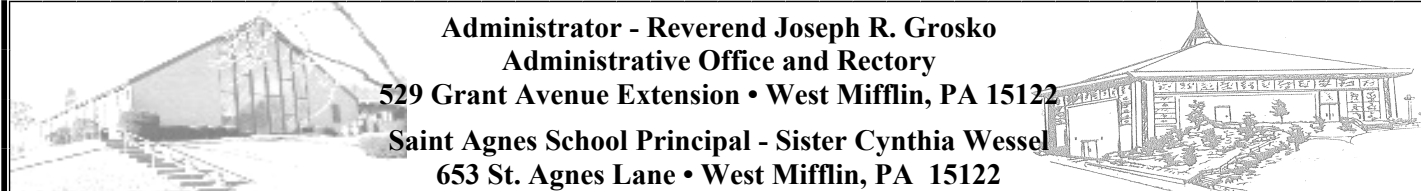


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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 30-TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY in ORD TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Special Intention - John & Helen Cielieska**
 8:00a - **William Cain** (Wife & Family)
 11:00a - **Sisters of the Holy Spirit-75 Years** (St. Agnes Parish)

MON - OCT 1 - ST. THERESE of the CHILD JESUS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - OCT 2 - The HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

6:45a - **Mark Vash** (Tom and Patty Klocko)

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 3 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 4 - ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI

6:45a - **Margaret Monich** - (Patti)

FIRST FRIDAY - OCTOBER 5 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Loretta Zdrale** (Pat Karpac)
 4:00p - **Nuptial Mass - Kenneth J. Johnson and Bethany C. Rounds**

SAT-OCT 6-ST. BRUNO; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

3:00p-Nuptial Mass-Samuel J. Smerkol, Jr. and Kathryn C. Barum

SUN-OCT 7-TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORD TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Jack Cielieska** - (Family)
 8:00a - **Deceased Members of Stanicar Family** (Family)
 11:00a - **Victor Merritt** (Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fink)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-SEP 30-TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY in ORD TIME

4:00p(Sat)-**Al Melnichak & Grace Marie Melnichak**
 (Wife & Family)
 9:30a - **Michael Bracco** (Wife, Dorothy)

MON - OCT 1 - ST. THERESE of the CHILD JESUS

8:00a - **John Grosko** (Family)

TUESDAY - OCT 2 - The HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 3 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Betty Horgas** (Irene and Bern McManus)

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 4 - ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FIRST FRIDAY - OCTOBER 5 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Joseph Dudas** (Helen Dudas)

SAT-OCT 6-ST. BRUNO; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

8:00a - **Stephen Szramowski** (Holy Trinity Parish)

SUN-OCT 7-TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORD TIME

4:00p(Sat)-**Michael Potemra** (Len Potemra)
 9:30a - **Edward Polatas** (Mary Elizabeth and Alexandra)

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29; **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

In today's Gospel, we once again see Jesus standing up against the ritual purity laws of his day. He insists that anyone who causes a "little one" to stumble and fall had best cut off his hand and throw it in the fire. To be certain, this is a horrifying thought: losing one's hand and throwing it into the fire. Yet, the imagery Jesus is presenting to us is that it would be better for us to die than to be the cause of someone else's sin. It is not physical wholeness that makes one acceptable to God; it is what comes from one's heart. That which comes from a person's heart is ordered to be a source of life, not death. Jesus continues to insist that any boundaries of exclusion be demolished, and that good outsiders be welcomed and marginal insiders expelled, always with the unmeasured possibility of forgiveness and restoration within the community.

In what ways do you live and act like Jesus in accepting those who live on the edge of our society?

~~~**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**~~~

Today..... **Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit at St. Agnes** at the 11 am **Mass** and **Reception** following the Mass.

Today..... **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** in the **Holy Trinity Social Hall** after the 9:30 am Mass.

Fri, Oct 5..... **First Friday Mass & Benediction at Holy Trinity**, 8 am; **Mass at St. Agnes**, 8:15 am.

Thur, Oct 11th..... **45+ Club Meeting** in **St. Agnes Social Hall** at 1 pm.

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

Sun, Oct 14th..... **Spaghetti Dinner**, 12 noon - 5 pm, **St. Agnes Social Hall**.

Sat/Sun, Oct 13/14th...**Book Fair** after all Masses at St. Agnes and during the Spaghetti Dinner.

**ADULT EDUCATIONAL VIDEO SERIES on CATHOLICISM**...On **Tuesdays in October**; i.e., 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, we will host **Fr. Robert Barron's video series, "Catholicism,"** from 7-8:30 pm in St. Agnes School Learning Center. No registration is required. In breathtaking cinematography, this video series illustrates the beauty of the Church in multimedia. As we begin the Year of Faith Evangelization, the series is a special opportunity to discuss our faith and have a deeper understanding of the Church's doctrinal teachings.

***ANOINTING OF THE SICK FOR ST. AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY***

On **Saturday, October 20th, 11:00 am**, at **Holy Trinity**, we will celebrate **Mass** and the **Communal Anointing of the Sick**. People who may receive the Sacrament are *those who may be consoled by it, those who are seriously ill, those about to have surgery, elderly people in weakened condition even if not seriously ill, and children who are seriously ill and have reached the age of reason and can be comforted by this Sacrament.* **This Sacrament provides the sick person with the grace of the Holy Spirit by which the whole person is brought to health, trust in God is encouraged, and strength is given.** *Do take advantage of this opportunity.*

**Join us for the 2012 Peru Mission Dinner** - Celebrate with us the 47th Peru Mission Dinner, **Wednesday, October 24th**, at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel. **A reception and student presentations begin at 6 pm; dinner at 7 pm.** This is a major fundraising event for the "bridge of love, hope, and faith" between the people of Pittsburgh and the people of Chimbote. All proceeds help sustain a maternity hospital, clinic, and orphanage in Chimbote, Peru. For more information, consult [www.diopitt.org/chimbote-foundation](http://www.diopitt.org/chimbote-foundation).



**FLOWERS on the ALTAR and the SANCTUARY CANDLE at HOLY TRINITY**

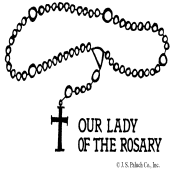
are in memory of **Debby Sabo Lebedda** from her family.

**FLOWERS in HONOR of the BLESSED MOTHER at HOLY TRINITY**

are in memory of **Michael Bracco** from his wife, Dorothy.



**Heartfelt thanks** to those who worked so hard to make the **cheregi** for the **Holy Trinity Cheregi Sale** which supports St. Agnes School. The next sale is October 27th at 1 pm. \$7/dozen. Limit: 2 dozen/person.



### October—Month of Mary’s Rosary and Respect Life

The entire month of October is designated by the Church as a month to honor Mary, the Mother of God, under her title “**Our Lady of the Rosary**,” which is celebrated on October 7th. The **Rosary** is a highly recommended devotion and one which our Blessed Mother herself has requested in her many appearances. **Come and join in praying the Rosary before St. Agnes weekend Masses and daily at Holy Trinity.** We have all heard it said, “**The family that prays together, stays together.**”

Also, the entire of month of October is dedicated as **Respect Life Month**. *This is the annual reminder to become informed and to form convictions that all human life, from conception to natural death and in all physical conditions, is sacred.*

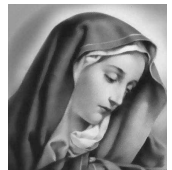
#### REFLECTION—RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Unfortunately in our culture, we (are held) fast in a grip of deadly attitudes about human life, about the human person, especially in the moments of his or her beautiful but fragile beginnings and in the vulnerable times of old age and illness. There are some in our culture and in our country...who think that human civil institutions or some given human subject bestow the right to life. No! Not any of us can bestow the right to life. *We can only recognize the right to life, uphold and defend it, and cherish its beauty.*

*A homiletic statement by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston.*

#### BENEDICTION and PRAYER SERVICE in HONOR of the MOST HOLY ROSARY

Since the feast of the Most Holy Rosary falls on Sunday, October 7th, and is superseded by the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time and also since the outdoor Rosary in the cemetery has been cancelled, we plan to celebrate with benediction and a prayer service in honor of the Most Holy Rosary on Thursday, October 11th, at 7 pm at Holy Trinity Church. A social will follow. This prayer service and benediction gives us the opportunity of highlighting our devotion and seeking always the intercession of Our Blessed Lady. Your presence will give witness to our love for the Blessed Virgin Mary.



We are called and strongly recommended to pray the Rosary daily; the four mysteries of the Rosary are the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous.

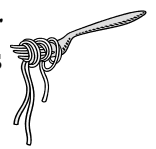


**Attention! October Count Begins...** Please make a strong effort to **attend Mass HERE** at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity during the **month of October**. Each October throughout the Diocese a count is taken at each and every Mass celebrated for the Sunday Obligation. It is very important that we **show good attendance** at this time! *Let’s bring those numbers up and keep them there for the future! The Eucharist always gathers the parish in unity, peace, and forgiveness.*

The **St. Agnes Parish Assembly** was held on **September 22nd**. *We had a productive meeting along with lots of delicious food for lunch. We thank all who took interest in St. Agnes Parish and attended. We will publish a report within the next few weeks.*



**Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner** will be **Sunday, October 14th**, in **St. Agnes Social Hall** from **12 noon to 5 pm**. *Tickets are available after Mass in the Social Hall beginning the weekend of October 6th and 7th. If possible, please buy in advance so we have a general count. Thanks! The price for adults is \$9.00; for children 4-11, \$5.00; and for children under 3, FREE.* Your presence helps St. Agnes School. Please enjoy a break from cooking while also benefiting our school.



**Candy Bars** are available for sale. Attention, chocolate lovers! The price is **\$1.00 each**.

**Enjoy Books** are on sale for **\$30** and **Kids Stuff Books** for **\$25**.

**Book Fair** after all Masses **October 13th and 14th** and during the Spaghetti Dinner on October 14th.

**Gift Cards** are always available.

**Football Mania** The Week 2 Winner is Christine Boyd - \$400; the Week 3 Winner is Mark Ruby - \$25.

## **SERRA HIGH SCHOOL \$10,000 RAFFLE**

Again, Serra High School will have an annual raffle in which winners will be selected from the 27th of December to the 31st of December according to the four-digit evening lottery numbers of those days. **On the evening of the 31st of December, the winner will receive \$10,000. Otherwise, \$1,000** will be given on the 27th and continuing to the evening of the 30th. *The donation for the ticket is \$10 of which \$5 is given to St. Agnes School.* Your support in purchasing these raffle tickets is most appreciated and will be a blessing and benefit for St. Agnes School. *The raffle tickets are available after the weekend Masses in the St. Agnes Social Hall. —Or the tickets may be purchased through St. Agnes School Office or the office at Holy Trinity.*

## **THE CENTRALITY of OUR FAITH**

The American Bishops' Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization recently wrote a document "Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization." **It gives alarming statistics that only 23% of US Catholics attend Mass each week which means 77% are absent from the Eucharistic feast.**

*But these are not strangers. They are our parents, siblings, spouses, children, and friends. The document states that the 'exodus' from the Mass is not related to controversial issues but rather to a gradual slipping away of the faith.* It mentions that Catholics stop attending Mass because they:

1. Have busy schedules, or lack of time
2. Have family responsibilities
3. Have health problems or disabilities
4. Have conflicts with work
5. Do not believe missing Mass is a sin

## ***Blessing of Animals and Your Favorite Pets***

**The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Wednesday, October 3rd**, has traditionally been an opportunity for the blessing of animals and, thus, we will do so. **On Sunday, October 7th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes**, weather permitting, we will bless your animals and pets in the **upper parking lot of St. Agnes Church**. *We do encourage the children of the parishes, with their pets, to come for this special blessing.* Father will be available for the continued blessing of animals until 1:00 pm in the afternoon. It will be a great opportunity to attend as the 11:00 Mass as a family, and then come for the blessing of St. Francis. *You will have the opportunity of going home and returning for the blessing.*

## 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,**

### *Heartfelt and Prayerful Thanks*

The flags in the cemetery have been lowered through the excellent work of the Men's Club and Auxiliary Ladies who provided a delicious lunch for all of the workers. We are also grateful to the Serra High School students who gave of their time and energy.

## Weekly Collections

### ST. AGNES — September 23, 2012

\$ 2,782.00 - - Sunday Offering

\$ 85.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 ..... \$ 24,998.00

Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 18,378.00

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 23, 2012

\$ 1,820.00 - - Sunday Offering and Bishop's Education Fund

\$ 120.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 .....\$ 24,248.00

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 17,563.00

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