

# 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**  
**653 St. Agnes Lane • West Mifflin, PA 15122**

## 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

**529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122**  
 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.

<u>ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS</u>	<u>HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS</u>
<b>SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 4 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>	
6:00p(Sat) - <b>Rose Biagiarelli - Anniversary</b> (Children)	4:00p(Sat) - <b>John F. Jozefov</b> (Family)
8:00a - <b>Anthony Mannella</b> (Parents, Grandparents, Family)	9:30a <b>Edward Cmar</b> (Mike and Ann Marie Scahill)
11:00a - <b>Victor Merritt</b> (Wife and Family)	
<b>MONDAY - NOVEMBER 5 - WEEKDAY</b>	
<i>(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)</i>	8:00a - <b>Mary Skovranko</b> (Evelyn and Joseph Tkach)
<b>TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY</b>	
6:45a - <b>Living and Deceased Members of the Parish</b>	<i>(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY</b>	
<i>(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)</i>	8:00a - <b>Betty Horgas</b> (Belavic Family)
<b>THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 8 - WEEKDAY</b>	
6:45a - <b>Jean Abels</b> (William Abels and Family)	<i>(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)</i>
<b>FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 9 - DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA</b>	
8:15a - <b>Henry Kudla</b> (Jack and Fran Walters)	<i>(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)</i>
<b>SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 10 - ST. LEO the GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church</b>	
<i>(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)</i>	8:00a - <b>John Svirbel</b> (Wife, Alice)
<b>SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 11 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</b>	
6:00p(Sat) - <b>Richard Soisson</b> (Maureen S. Kollar)	4:00p(Sat) - <b>Mary Mital</b> (Ron and Mary Mital)
8:00a - <b>Veterans</b> (St. Michael's Catholic War Veterans)	9:30a - <b>Harvey Burdick</b> (Dolly and Ken Burdick)
11:00a - <b>Margaret and Paul Smith</b> (Fred and Joann Smith)	

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Administrative Office and Rectory.....412-466-6545
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- Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695
- Saint Agnes Convent ..... 412-466-3554
- Saint Agnes Website..... [www.stagneswm.com](http://www.stagneswm.com)
- Holy Trinity Website.....[www.holytrinitywm.com](http://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**

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 4, 2012**

**First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 6:2-6* Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 18:2-4,47,51* A prayer of praise to God our strength.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 7:23-28* Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 12:28b-34* Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

In all of the commandments that God has given us, the only two that matter most to Jesus are to love God before all else and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In today's Gospel, Jesus places an equal value on both the first law, which was considered to be a great law, and the second law, which was considered to be a lesser law. Jesus insists that love of neighbor flows from one's love of God and evidence of our love for God can be found in the way we love our neighbors. Our love for God is empty if we fail to love our neighbor. Loving with our whole heart means that our love should not be measured. We are to love with our entire capacity to love.

*How will you open your heart this week to love God and neighbor without limits?*

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

**Today**..... **Fellowship and Donut Sunday** after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Agnes

**Today**..... **Holy Trinity Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner**, 1 - 5 pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall

**Today**..... **Replenishment Blood Drive in Honor of Joe Milko**, St. Agnes Social Hall

**Tue, Nov 13th**..... **Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**, 7 pm, St. Agnes Church

**Thur, Nov 22nd**... **Thanksgiving Day** - Masses at Holy Trinity 8 am; St. Agnes 9:30 am.



On the first Sunday of the month at St. Agnes, we do not have anyone for the Fellowship and Donut ministry after the 11 am Mass. Will you volunteer? We are grateful to those willing to serve in this area of parish life. Come foster this opportunity to get to know each other!

***St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive***

Canned goods and dry goods; especially, cereal, coffee, paper products, protein, tuna, and peanut butter, will be collected during the **entire month of November**. Please bring your items to Holy Trinity or St. Agnes at your convenience and place **in the boxes in the back of church**. **Or, as traditionally done at St. Agnes, you may bring your items to the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30 am and place them on the altar along with the donations from the St. Agnes school children.** The Intersection in McKeesport will be the benefactor of your corporal works of mercy to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty.

Food pantries have been hit hard this year. Unemployment is on the rise, and the poverty level is the highest in decades. **The offertory collection at the Thanksgiving Day Masses will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help families in need.** We cannot do this without YOUR help. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will keep you in their prayers of thanksgiving.

**St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser -- KEEP CHRIST in CHRISTMAS magnets.** The donation is \$4. Available in Parish Office or after Mass. Great for evangelization, stocking stuffers, or gifts in Christmas cards.

**MANY THANKS** to those who worked to make cheregie and supported the sale. Your stewardship of time and talent is appreciated! Ever grateful for the many in the parish who make our faith community alive.

**HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - Tuesday, December 4th**, from 5 - 9 pm in Holy Trinity Social Hall. Deadline for reservations is **Saturday, November 24th**. RSVP required.

**Prayerful thanks** to **Peg Smith** for her ministry of **Adult Education** in our parishes. The remaining videos on "**Catholicism**," crafted and written by Fr. Robert Barron, will be shown beginning in **mid-January**. The four videos shown in October were well received. Eleven to 17 parishioners attended the beautiful classes.

**VICARIATE VISIT...On Monday, November 5th, Very Rev. Frederick Cain, Vicar of our Vicariate 2**, will be with **St. Agnes parish** throughout the day and will meet with the pastoral council and finance committee members. Also, **on Monday, November 12th**, he will be with **Holy Trinity parish** in the same way.

— CATHOLICS AND THE EUCHARIST —

Catholics need to examine their consciences prior to receiving Holy Communion. The U.S. Bishops have said, "...Like every Catholic generation before us, we must be guided by the words of St. Paul: 'Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord' (1 Corinthians 11:27). This means that all must examine their consciences as to their worthiness to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This examination includes fidelity to the moral teaching of the Church in personal and public life."

It is an ancient teaching of the Church that we ought not receive Holy Communion simply because we are present at Mass. Please respect one's Catholic integrity. If we are not "properly disposed," if we are not in communion with Christ and the Church, we should refrain from receiving Holy Communion. This teaching is applicable to the average Catholic as well as to the Catholic politician.



St. Agnes Parish welcomes **HALEY GERKIN** to our Faith Community, daughter of *JON and JANET GERKIN*, baptized on October 27th. Prayerful Congratulations!

**GENTLY USED TOY SALE and SOUP SALE**

St. Agnes School will be holding a "**GENTLY USED TOY SALE**" on **Saturday, December 1st, from 8 am to 1 pm** and on **Sunday, December 2nd, from 12 pm to 3 pm**. All items **MUST BE CLEANED, TAGGED and PRICED** by you. You let us know how many items you have, and we will give you that many tags. All tags will be numbered and that will be your identification number. You will price your own items (remember if priced too high they will not sell). Bring the items to the St. Agnes Social Hall on **Thursday, November 29th, from 2:30 pm to 8 pm** and leave them over by the windows -- not near the tables or stage. Remember your items need to be tagged with your identification number. We ask that you tape the tag on the items by the yarn that will be on the tag.

***We will accept toys, video games, board games (only if boxes are in good condition and all pieces are included), and family movies on DVD (no videos).*** What is in it for you? Since this is preceding Christmas and everyone can use extra cash at this time of the year, we will split (50/50) the profit made on your items with you for cash the week after the sale. We will use your identification tag to calculate your profit.

**At the same time, we will be hosting a homemade soup sale (TAKE OUT ONLY).** The profit made on the soups will be for St. Agnes Parish. The soups will be sold during the toy sale and after the Masses on December 1st and 2nd. **We need volunteers to sell the soup after the Masses at St. Agnes.** If you can sell the soups, please contact Sister Cynthia.

***A United Way Supporting Choice: Saint Agnes Angel Fund***

A great way to support *Saint Agnes Angel Fund* is to make a United Way Donor Option Contribution through your employer's payroll deduction plan. Our United Way **Contributor Choice No. is 1531914.**

Your donor contribution will be a means of enabling school parents in need of help with tuition payments. Fill out the form with **SAINT AGNES ANGEL FUND**, 653 St. Agnes Lane, West Mifflin, PA 15122, and designate the code number. **Call St. Agnes School, 412-466-6238, with any questions.**

***Envelopes in November for Special Collections***

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** - This annual collection will be taken up as the **second collection** at all the Masses at both parishes on **November 17th and 18th**. As we look on the history of the St. Agnes Parish and School, with the wonderful education and administration given by the ***Sisters of the Holy Spirit***, it surely beckons us **to respond to this annual appeal for the retired sisters** by being most **generous** and **expressing our prayerful gratitude** for their continued, ***dedicated commitment to Catholic Education.***

**PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN** - We have not reached our assigned Parish Share Goal, and if we are able to meet the goal before year's end, the additional funds will be credited to our financial savings and not taxed. **It is the second collection on the first Sunday of the month in both parishes, and your prayerful support is deeply appreciated.**

## PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches,  
we seek to better understand  
the issues and concerns that confront our country,  
and how the Gospel compels us  
to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness  
so that we might see each other  
as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity,  
especially those who are victims  
of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear  
the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,  
men and women oppressed because of race or creed,  
religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts  
that are open to hearing the voice of leaders  
who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment  
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,  
live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth  
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles  
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please note: To be an OFFICIALLY REGISTERED MEMBER of St. Agnes or Holy Trinity Church, **it is necessary that you are enrolled in our Parish Data System which means you will receive church envelopes.** *Enrollment enables us to meet your sacramental needs and hopefully fosters your active participation in the weekly Eucharist and parish life.*

**Simply placing loose cash in the church offertory is not sufficient to indicate you are a registered member because we do not know who the donor is.** *So if you desire to maintain enrollment in the parish, use the designated church envelope that is mailed to your home so we clearly know who you are and are better able to provide your pastoral care.* If you are not receiving church envelopes, please phone the parish office at 412-466-6545 to check and be sure that you are registered.

FOR SALE in St. Agnes Social after Masses  
and through the School or Parish Offices:

- Sarris Candy Bars: \$1.00.
- Enjoy Books: \$30.00; Kids Stuff Books: \$25.
- Serra High School \$10,000 Raffle Tickets: \$10;  
(\$5 of the sale price goes to St. Agnes School.)
- Winner of Week 8 for the Football Mania: #2105-  
Rhonda Funas: \$25; #4286-William Mazon: \$25.

## 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

Patricia Brevko, Anna Cmar,  
Marie Cmar, Helen Gambal, Eleanor Haselhoff,  
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac,  
Diane Kovalsky, Agnes Magdic, Ethel Maydak,  
Larry Maydak, Justine Mantich, Anne Melnichak,  
Ethel Palyo, Ann Sabo, Mary Sabol,  
Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil, Robert Zeok

### St. Agnes

Josephine Andres, Marie Beney,  
Alberta Buchleitner, Francis J. Capaleo,  
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, Joe Milko, Marguerite Oeler,  
Laura Pasternak, Dorothy Petrak, Clara Riley,  
Brian Saunders, Rudy Saunders, Marie Steiner,  
Roseann Thomas, Paul Thomas

PLEASE REMEMBER  
the POOR SOULS in PURGATORY,  
ESPECIALLY DURING THIS  
MONTH of NOVEMBER.

The Book of Remembrance is available in the back  
of both St. Agnes and Holy Trinity Churches.

## Weekly Collections

### ST. AGNES — October 28, 2012

\$ 3,443.00 - - Sunday Offering

\$ 35.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

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

Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 19,744.00

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 — October 28, 2012

\$ 1,923.00 - - Sunday Offering

\$ 70.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

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

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 19,654.00

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