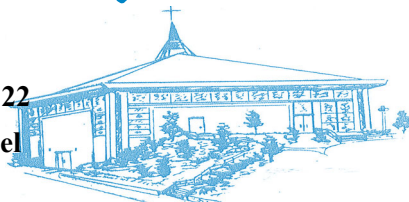


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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.

### ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN-NOV 11-THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORD TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Richard Soisson** (Maureen S. Kollar)  
 8:00a - **Veterans** (St. Michael's Catholic War Veterans)  
 11:00a - **Margaret and Paul Smith** (Fred and Joann Smith)

#### MONDAY - NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### TUESDAY - NOV 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

6:45a - **Sister Jane Marie** (Sisters of the Holy Spirit)

#### WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### THURSDAY - NOV 15 - ST. ALBERT the GREAT

6:45a - **Living and Deceased Members of the Parish**

#### FRI-NOV 16-ST. MARGARET of SCOTLAND; ST. GERTRUDE

8:15a - **Eleanor Havilla** (Irene Slezak)

#### SATURDAY - NOV 17 - ST. ELIZABETH of HUNGARY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### SUN-NOV 18-THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORD TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **George Lesko** (George and Betty Burgman)  
 8:00a - **M/M Joseph Deroy** (Tom and Patty Klocko)  
 11:00a - **Robert J. Andres-Birthday** (Nancy Andres)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN-NOV 11-THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORD TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Mary Mital** (Ron and Mary Mital)  
 9:30a - **Harvey Burdick** (Dolly and Ken Burdick)

#### MONDAY - NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT

8:00a - **Margaret Shimko** (Denise and Gary Blancik)

#### TUESDAY - NOV 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

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

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8:00a - **Paul, George & John Pollock-Brothers** (Ann Szucs)

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4:00p(Sat) - **Debby Sabo Lebedda** (Larry Kumpf)  
 9:30a - **Mary Jean Maresch** (Diana Maresch)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *1 Kings 17:10-16* Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blest with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 146:7-10* A prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 9:24-28* Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 12:38-44* Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

In the opening dialogue of today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that it is wrong to neglect the support of one's parents by donating to the temple. It would be doubly wrong for a poor person to give everything they had to the temple, thereby increasing one's poverty. Jesus laments the woman who gives her last two coins--her entire subsistence--to the temple. The religious leaders taught her the importance of sacrificial giving and she obeyed. When she was in a position to be taking help from the temple, the religious leaders did not keep her from giving all she had. The donations given to the temple were to assist the poor and those in need, not to feed the greed of those in charge. Money was spent on long robes and banquets, which is how the widow's estate was devoured. Sacrificial giving entails more than just our financial contributions, for God's grace and mercy can never be bought or sold as a commodity. Sacrificial giving entails offering our lives to God through our prayer and concern for others.



*Aside from weekly Mass and the collection, can you give one hour each day for God?*

### ~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

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

*Sat/Sun, Nov 17/18th*.. **COLLECTION for the RETIREMENT FUND for OUR RELIGIOUS**

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


CORRECTION: The **HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be **Sat., December 1st**, from 5-9 pm in Holy Trinity Social Hall. Deadline for reservations is **Sat., November 24th**. RSVP required.

\* **Sarris Candy Bars** are on sale in the Social Hall after Mass. All bars are **\$1.00**.

\* **Enjoy Books** are on sale for **\$30.00**, and **Kids Stuff Books** are on sale for **\$25**.

\* **Serra High School \$10,000 Raffle Tickets** are available after Masses, through the School Office, or the Office at Holy Trinity. St. Agnes School receives \$5.00 for each ticket sold.

### **CONGRATULATIONS to HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS!**

- Drawing that was based upon the 7 pm Daily Lottery Number on November 4th to benefit the Flag Fund:   
**Nancy Cibula** sold by **Bea Miller**
- 50/50 Raffle at the Roast Beef Dinner: **Carol Bomba**
- Turkey Raffle at the Roast Beef Dinner: **Debby Long, Gene Kostel, McCombs, Alice Svirbel, and Dom Torretti**

### **SLOVAK CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER (VILIJA)**

The Slovak Cultural Committee of McKeesport and West Mifflin will be celebrating their annual

Christmas Eve Dinner (Vilija) on Sunday, December 16th, at 2 pm in Holy Trinity Social Hall.

Hors d'oeuvres and traditional foods will be served. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

Reserved seating is limited to 100.

Reservations may be made by calling Sister Irene A. Benyak, SCN at 412-751-1673. Tickets are available at Holy Trinity Rectory.



**Heartfelt Sympathy** to the family and friends of **ROBERT ZEOK** of Holy Trinity.  
*May his soul and the souls of all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father.*

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC** is having **OPEN HOUSE** today, Sun., November 11th, from noon - 2:30 pm for students and their families. All are welcome to come and experience the school first hand. NOTE: Placement tests for 8th grade boys who wish to attend Central Catholic will be administered on Sat., December 15th.



### *Attendance at All Sunday Masses Tabulated in October*

In all parishes of our Diocese during the month of October, we count the number of individuals who attend our weekend Masses to see what percentage are coming to Church. The count made by our ushers shows the following average attendance at each of our Masses taken over four Sundays, October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th: the weekly attendance at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity combined is 572. The percent of parishioners attending Sunday Mass during October for both parishes combined is 59%.

This means that **41% of our parishioners are not attending Mass regularly.** Please invite them to come with you to Mass on Sundays. And in particular, *we ask the parents to come as a family and to give sterling example for our children.* There is more than sufficient room for more people to be present at our weekend Masses at both parishes. *Wouldn't it be great if all our Eucharistic celebrations were filled to capacity and everyone would be filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus?*

#### **YEAR of FAITH OPPORTUNITIES**

During this Year of Faith, we will be offering many opportunities to grow in our own faith, and we should take full advantage of the menu of options that will serve us. During this Year let us:

- Deepen our love for the Sacred Scriptures.
- Draw nearer to Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Read spiritual readings, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."
- Renew our marriage and our family life by making them the Sacramental signs they are meant to be.
- Care more deeply for the poor and the homeless.
- Pray more regularly, so that our communications with God can be more profound.
- Go out beyond our comfort zones to share the Gospel of Jesus with our families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.
- Be open to new and surprising ways God may be calling each person to respond to him and to serve his beloved people.



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

**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 at the foot of 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.

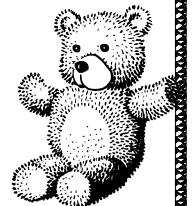
Food pantries have been hit hard this year. **The offertory collection at the Thanksgiving Day Masses will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help families in need.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will keep you in their prayers of thanksgiving.

St. Agnes School will hold a **"GENTLY USED TOY SALE"** on **Sat., Dec. 1st, from 8 am - 1 pm and on Sun., Dec. 2nd, from 12 - 3 pm.** **Toys, video games, board games (only if boxes are in good condition and all pieces are included), and family movies on DVD (no videos)** are needed. Since this is preceding Christmas and everyone can use extra cash at this time of the year, we will split with you the profit on your items the week after the sale (50/50).

All items **MUST BE CLEANED, TAGGED and PRICED** by you. Let us know how many items you have, and we will supply 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 **Thurs., Nov. 29th, from 2:30 - 8 pm** and leave them by the windows--not near the tables or stage. Please tape the tag on the items by the yarn that will be on the tag.



**At the same time, we will be hosting a homemade soup sale (TAKE OUT ONLY)** for the benefit of 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.** Please contact Sister Cynthia to help.



### ***Moral of the Story***

I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp—  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

"And why is everyone so quiet,  
So somber—give me a clue."

"Hush, child," He said, "they're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you."

JUDGE NOT!! Remember...Just going to church  
doesn't make you a Christian any more than  
standing in your garage makes you a car.

Every SAINT has a PAST.  
Every SINNER has a FUTURE!

### **Prayer for Deceased Veterans**

O God, by whose mercy  
the faithful departed find rest,  
look kindly on your departed veterans  
who gave their lives  
in the service of their country.  
Grant that through the passion, death,  
and resurrection of your Son  
they may share in the joy  
of your heavenly kingdom  
and rejoice in you  
with your saints forever.  
We ask this through Christ,  
our Lord. Amen.



Veterans Day

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## 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, Ethel Palyo,  
Ann Sabo, Mary Sabol, Ray Shahen,  
Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil

### 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, Glenn Steimer,  
Marie Steiner, Roseann Thomas, Paul Thomas

### CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Please take an angel from the Angel Tree to benefit *Sisters Place*, a supportive housing community committed to assisting single parent families who are homeless in Southwestern PA. The mission is to assist families toward self-sufficiency.

## Weekly Collections

### ST. AGNES — November 4, 2012

\$ 7,111.00 - - Sunday, Holy Day, and All Souls Offerings

\$ 1,200.00 - - Parish Share Campaign

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

Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 20,944.00

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 — November 4, 2012

\$ 3,370.00 - - Sunday, Holy Day, and All Souls Offering

\$ 1,491 .00 - - Parish Share Campaign

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

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 21,145.00

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