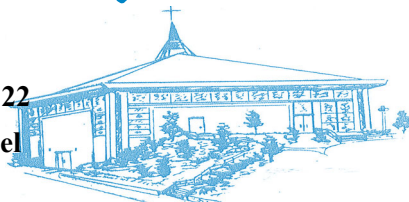


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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

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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-NOV 18-THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORD TIME

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

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 19 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 20 - WEEKDAY

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

WED-NOV 21-PRESENTATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR-NOV 22-ST. CECILIA; THANKSGIVING DAY

9:30a - **Deceased Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society**

FRIDAY-NOV 23-ST. CLEMENT; ST. COLUMBAN

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SAT-NOV 24-ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN-NOV 25-FEAST of CHRIST the KING of the UNIVERSE

6:00p(Sat) - **Leo and Susanne Snyder** (Aimee Tokarski)
 8:00a - **Eleanor Havrilla** (Jack and Fran Walters)
 11:00a - **Thomas Oeler 90th Birthday** (Tom & Peg Smith & Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 19 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Stephen Gaydos** (Grandchildren)

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FRIDAY-NOV 23-ST. CLEMENT; ST. COLUMBAN

8:00a - **In Thanksgiving** (Stypula Family)

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SUN-NOV 25-FEAST of CHRIST the KING of the UNIVERSE

4:00p(Sat) - **Ann Matthias** (Jim Matthias)
 9:30a - **Edward Gamret** (Wife, Margaret)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Saint Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

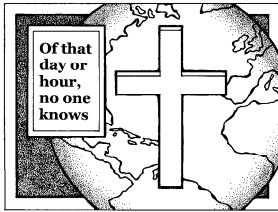
First Reading: *Daniel 12:1-3* Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 16:5,8-11* God protects us and shows us the path of life.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:11-14,18* Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated perfect forever.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 13:24-32* Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

As the end of the liturgical year draws near, the Church reflects on the "last things:" heaven, hell, death, and judgment. We focus on the end of creation and the end of history. We also begin each new liturgical year with the same reflection. Thus, today's liturgy and that of next Sunday invite us to consider the mystery of eternity by reflecting on what we celebrate in faith. Today's Gospel reminds us that the Son of Man, Jesus, will return to gather all people to himself. He will not come in judgment; rather, he will come to gather his elect. In his Gospel account for today's Mass, Mark insists that the time is drawing near, and yet, he warns that the time between now and the Lord's return is not be wasted. There is no room for excuses or procrastination among the true followers of Jesus.



In what concrete ways will you use this time to prepare well for the Lord's return in glory?

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Today.....**COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR OUR RELIGIOUS**

Thur, Nov 22nd..... **Thanksgiving Day Masses:** Holy Trinity 8:00 am; St. Agnes 9:30 am.

Sun, Nov 25th.....**FEAST of CHRIST, the KING of the UNIVERSE**

Mon, Nov 26th.....**HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB MEETING, 7:00 pm; Holy Trinity Social Hall**

Sun, Dec 2nd.....**First Sunday of Advent**

Thur, Dec 6th.....**Day of Recollection with Father Litavec, begins at 9:00 am, Holy Trinity**

Mon, Mar 18th.....**THE MEETING OF THE VICARIATE 2 WITH THE PRIESTS AND BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK
ALSO, THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE CONFERRED BY THE BISHOP.**



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.

Next Sunday, Feast of CHRIST THE KING of the UNIVERSE

In the Old Testament, God promised King David that from his lineage would come the promised Messiah, the Savior, who would also be a king. And so 2,000 years ago the Jewish leaders were expecting a political king who would free them from the Romans.



As we celebrate this feast not only in our Liturgy, but also by adoration of Jesus Christ our King in the Blessed Sacrament—His Real Presence among us—plan to make an effort to *come and spend an hour with your Divine King!* Your presence can be a beautiful expression of your love for Christ, our King, Savior, and Lord. Hopefully, our love for Christ in the Eucharist will encourage us whenever given the opportunity to place ourselves in the presence of the Lord—perhaps by coming earlier for our Eucharistic celebrations or by staying a little longer after our weekend Masses.

ANGEL TREE to BENEFIT SISTERS PLACE



Our Angel Tree is in place at the back of church at St. Agnes until December 9th. The gifts will be taken to *Sisters Place* in Clairton. *Sisters Place* is a supportive housing community committed to assisting single parent families who are homeless. **The mission is to assist families toward self-sufficiency by providing housing and supportive services.** Nine housing units will be occupied soon with new residents in need of the household items requested for the tree. Gift cards to Giant Eagle or Wal-Mart are also much appreciated. *Heartfelt thanks* to Peg Smith for her beautiful ministry in preparing the tree and ornaments, to the "Catholicism" class for their joyful participation in assembling the ornaments, and to Joyce and Todd Collier for their kindness in collecting and storing the donations until delivery.



Thanksgiving Day—Mass at Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m. and St. Agnes 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving today finds our nation troubled and afraid, grieving with those who have suffered devastating losses and wondering what the future will bring. Our history, however, is full of adversity. Yet throughout it all, God has been faithful. In response, in times of crisis we, as a people, have never failed to pause, especially on Thanksgiving Day, to reaffirm our faith and thank God, who in our darkest hours has continued to bless, strengthen and sustain us.

“Almighty God, Father of all Mercies, we, your unworthy servants give you most heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and all men. We thank you for our creation, life, and all blessings we receive. Above all, we thank you for your infinite love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.”



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive

Canned goods and dry goods; especially coffee, cereal, paper products, protein, tuna, and peanut butter will be collected during the **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 the 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 food bank and food pantries have been hit hard this year. *The St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciates your efforts to help your neighbors at this time of sharing and thanksgiving. The offertory collection on Thanksgiving will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help families in need.*

SLOVAK CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER (VILIJA)

The Slovak Cultural Committee of McKeesport and West Mifflin will be celebrating their annual Christmas Eve Dinner (Vilija) on **Sun., 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 12 and under. Reserved seating is limited to 100. Reservations may be made by calling Sister Irene A. Benyak, SCN at 412-751-1673. Payment is required by **December 11th**. Checks may be made payable to Sister Irene A. Benyak, SCN. Tickets are also available at Holy Trinity Rectory.



Advent Day of Recollection, Thursday, December 6th

Father Edward Litavec, our beloved preacher, will give a Day of Recollection for the parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity. His theme will be **“Advent Preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord.”** The day will begin at **Holy Trinity Church at 9:00 am** with an *opening conference* and then the *opportunity for confession* and the *celebration of the Eucharist*. A *luncheon* will conclude the Day of Recollection with a *question and answer forum*. **Let us give ourselves some spiritual time in the mist of the rush of the holidays and better prepare ourselves for the Birth of Christ by your attendance.**

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. 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. Each tag will have a number that will serve as 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.**



DISCERNMENT PROCESS TO BEGIN

Two St. Agnes Pastoral Council members are due to be replaced this February as their terms are up: **Peg Smith** and **Marcy Earl** have served on the Parish Council, the Interim Council, and then served through the formation and initial years of the current Pastoral Council. With **prayerful gratitude to Peg and Marcy**, the Parish is shortly going to ask for suggestions for their replacements.

The Pastoral Council is a **visioning and planning** body of parishioners who foster **full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the Church as lived out in St. Agnes Parish**. In consultation with the Pastor, the Parish Pastoral Council actively **listens** to and **identifies the needs and concerns of the people** and **reviews the Parish Pastoral Plan to respond to these needs**. The Council also seeks to implement the plan by **seeking the involvement of parishioners**.

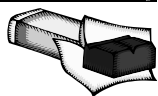
Members of the Council should have the following characteristics:

- Desire for **spiritual growth** in themselves and in the parish
- Enthusiasm about the future directions of our parish
- Willingness to **listen**, to **speak honestly**, and to **work toward consensus**
- The ability to **inspire** and **empower others** and to delegate
- **Flexibility** and **openness** with people and ideas

Council members are not experts. They are people who are **committed to the parish** and want to **see the parish live and thrive** in the future. The people on the council are chosen based on the gifts they have to offer. They are **not** the “do-ers” of the parish. They are members of the parish who are **able to look at how all the pieces of the whole parish work together to fulfill the mission of the Church**.

A form will be distributed to invite parishioners to submit names for candidates by **December 9, 2012**. The candidates will be invited to a **Discernment Retreat Day** later in January to reflect, pray, and discern whether or not they feel called to this ministry of service and leadership.

**On Sale in St. Agnes Social Hall
after Masses:**



- * **Sarris Candy Bars: \$1.00.**
- * **Enjoy Books: \$30.00; Kids Stuff Books: \$25.00.**
- * **Serra High School \$10,000 Raffle Tickets: \$10.00.** St. Agnes School receives \$5.00 for each ticket sold.

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, 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, Marie Steiner,
Roseann Thomas, Paul Thomas

Have you been thinking about becoming a lector, but feel a little unsure? Intern with a current lector to proclaim God's Word. Please phone Nancy Lapinski at 412-466-1361 to team with another lector in this ministry. **High School and College Students are most welcome.**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES — November 11, 2012

\$ 5,325 - Sunday Offering; \$934 - Hurricane Sandy Relief

\$ 305 - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 \$ 24,998

Amount Collected PSP \$ 21,249

Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167

REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM CAMPAIGN

~~ REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH
AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL ~~

HOLY TRINITY — November 11, 2012

\$ 1,875 - Sunday Offering; \$1,154 - Hurricane Sandy Relief

\$ 237 - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012\$ 24,248

Amount Collected PSP\$ 21,382

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