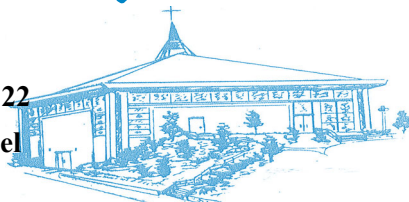


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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

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

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 30 - THE HOLY FAMILY
 6:00p(Sat) - Elizabeth F. Schuchert (Floyd W. Schuchert, Jr.)
 8:00a - Glenn Steimer (Mary Steimer Dale)
 11:00a - In Thanksgiving (Carmella Puchalski)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 31 - ST. SYLVESTER
 (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUE-JAN 1-SOLEMNNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD
 8:00a - Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
 11:00a - Roberta Karichko (Bev and Jim Stavor and Family)

WED - JANUARY 2 - STS. BASIL and GREGORY
 (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 3 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
 6:45a-Corinne & Gerard Schneider (Mike/Nancy Lapinski)

FIRST FRIDAY-JAN 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
 8:15a - Victor Merritt (M/M Charles Mineweaser)

FIRST SATURDAY - JAN 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN
 (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 6 - THE EPHIPANY of the LORD
 6:00p(Sat) - William Cain (Ladies of Charity)
 8:00a - Jean Abels (Patricia Roberts)
 11:00a - Noramae DiPaolo (Paul and Maura Thomas)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 30 - THE HOLY FAMILY
 4:00p(Sat) - Francis Kahler (Robert Taylor)
 9:30a - Richard Wasko (Kerry and Meg Michaels)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 31 - ST. SYLVESTER
 8:00a - Michael Laychak (Betty Clark)

TUE-JAN 1-SOLEMNNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD
 4:00p(Mon) - John J. Sabol (Al and Eleanor Horgas)
 9:30a - Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

WED - JANUARY 2 - STS. BASIL and GREGORY
 8:00a - Grace Tarczy (Janice Barum)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 3 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
 (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FIRST FRIDAY-JAN 4 - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
 8:00a - Margaret Wooddell (Grisnic Family)

FIRST SATURDAY - JAN 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN
 8:00a - Clem Jurica (Dolly Fusca)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 6 - THE EPHIPANY of the LORD
 4:00p(Sat) - Helen Hvasta (Ray & Ginny Hvasta & Family)
 9:30a - William and Helen Kelmickis (Grandkids)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695
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 Saint Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com
 Holy Trinity Website.....www.holytrinitywm.com
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 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Fax.....412-466-6968

**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**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10 Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52 The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.



Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the Savior of the world, was born into a family. He had a mother and a foster father, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was part of a community of faith, a member of a village. He grew up and matured and was taught about the God of His ancestors. Today's Gospel can be a comfort to every parent who has struggled through a child's adolescence. But it is more than a story capturing a moment of tension within the family. There was probably more than one time that Joseph said to Him, "Make sure you...", or Mary asked, "How many times do I have to tell you...?" Jesus grew up, as any human being does, passing from infancy to childhood to being a tween, then a teen. The Gospel reminds us that He "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." Jesus gradually became aware of His Father's call. This is what every parent raises their child to do; to listen for God's call in their lives. We are called to be a holy--not a perfect--family. *What does it mean to be a holy family today?*

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Thurs, Jan 3rd.....St. Agnes School resumes.

Sun, Jan 6th.....St. Agnes Pastoral Council Meeting after 11:00 am Mass

Sun, Jan 6th.....Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mon, Mar 18th.....Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Bishop Zubik

PRACTICAL WAYS TO EVANGELIZE - BUILDING CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Faith needs signs and symbols to give it flesh. *As part of the new evangelization, we need to bring some of those symbols back or find new ones to take their place. These signs and symbols could include:*

- Keeping works of religious art in the home or statues of Mary in the garden
- Wearing scapulars or crucifixes around our necks
- Simply listening to Catholic radio in the car; e.g., WAOB-FM 106.7
- Telling someone about EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network (Channel 265 on Comcast); e.g.,
 - **The Journey Home** This exciting call-in program *examines why so many people, including fallen away Catholics and individuals from other denominations are being drawn home to the Catholic Church.* Airs live on Mondays at 8 pm. Encores: Tue., 1 am & 9 am; Thurs., 2 pm; Sat., 11 pm.
 - **EWTN Live with Father Mitch Pacwa** interviews a variety of guests *seeking to teach and prepare us for evangelism.* Airs live on Wednesdays at 8 pm. Encores: Thurs., 1 am & 9 am; Sun., 4 am.
- **Doing things that set us apart:** *Not eating meat on Fridays, crossing ourselves when we drive past a Catholic Church, praying before every meal, even in public.*

The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus is celebrated on January 3rd as part of the continuing days of Christmas. In 2013, the Feast falls on a Thursday. *"At the name of Jesus, every knee must bend, in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord!"* (Phil. 2) The Mass scheduled for this day is at St. Agnes at 6:45 am. Let us honor the HOLY NAME OF JESUS in prayer and most of all, in our speech. Let our tongues reflect the dignity and beauty of our gift of speech to express our praise and love of God and one another.



Prayerful Congratulations to the family of Josephine Mae, the daughter of Martin and Jennifer Funa Maloney, baptized at St. Agnes, December 22nd.



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **ESTHER CHERNOTOWICH** and **ALEX MAJEWSKI**, who were buried from St. Agnes, and **GERALDINE MIHAILOFF**, wife of **George Mihailoff**, who was buried from Holy Trinity. *May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven.*

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God

In the *Octave of Christmas*, on the **1st of January**, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we begin the New Year, there can be no better way than giving *Honor and Remembrance to Mary* and *asking the Lord for His strength and graces in the coming year of 2013*. This is my **prayerful and heartfelt wish** for the **entire faith communities of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**.



HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31st, 2012

4:00 p.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)

Tuesday, January 1st, 2013

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)

9:30 a.m. Mass (Holy Trinity)

11:00 a.m. Mass (St. Agnes)

Note: This is the only Vigil Mass for the Holy Day.



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Peace
on Earth



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SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

- > **Are you a baptized Catholic who was never confirmed and now desires to be confirmed?** Confirmation is necessary to complete baptismal grace. Please call the **Parish Office** or **St. Agnes School**.
- > In preparation for the Sacrament, special classes for the confirmandees will be held on **Sundays in January** beginning on **January 6th** in **St. Agnes School** from **6 - 8 pm**.
- > **Sponsors, parents, and any parishioners who are interested in growing in our Catholic faith** are invited to attend the *compelling video series*, "**Catholicism**," which Peg Smith will present at the same time as the classes for the confirmandees are being held. **Not a video lecture, Church history, or Scripture study, the "Catholicism" series is an engaging and interesting formational program** that *uses the art, architecture, literature, music, and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church*. Each DVD in the "Catholicism" series **stands alone**, so it is not necessary to view them all or to view them in succession in order to benefit from them.
- > Bishop Zubik will be with us on **Monday, March 18th**, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.



You are the Church in Your Home...You forgive, and you seek reconciliation.

When you do so, family members come to believe that, no matter what, they are still loved by you and by God.

Prayerful Thanks. . . . As we rejoice in the "wonderfulness" of these Holy Days, we need to express **heartfelt thanks and appreciation** to the many in the parishes who helped to **beautify** the interiors and exteriors of the churches. **Endless effort, creativeness, and talent** are clearly displayed, and all of us need to say our thanks and surely **say a prayer for those who work for the good of the parishes throughout the year**. ("Please, someone said to me, no names, Father," and so I have obliged.) But all of you have my **heartiest thanks and daily prayers**.

**THANK
YOU**



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Also, sincere thanks for the many who contributed to our Christmas Flower Collection, brought gifts for our Angel Tree, and maintained their Parish Share Program and Capital Campaign pledges, both of which continue to need your faithful support.

I am also personally and prayerfully grateful for the Christmas cards and gifts that were sent to me. May God reward you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.--Father Joseph Grosko

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Happy New Year!

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*May the coming of the New Year be graced-filled,
hopeful, and spiritually fulfilling.*

*May the families at both Holy Trinity and St.
Agnes gather weekly in celebrating the precious
gift of Christ's Eucharist.*

*May St. Agnes School continue on its mission of
being Christ-centered and ever reaching out to the
youth of the area.*

*May the youth celebrate their wonderful presence
in the Church in showing compassionate love and
unity for one another.*

*Above all, may all of us know how we are truly
loved, saved by the all-embracing
Father in heaven.*

**A JOYOUS and HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**



Coming Soon!

Super Bowl Super Match Tickets

Only 300 tickets will be available!

ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS!!

- * **GIFT CARDS** are always available.
- * **2013 LOTTERY CALENDARS** If you would like a certain number, call the School at **412-466-6238**; if the number is available, we will have it for you during the weekend. Otherwise, we will have a random assortment for purchase after Masses. Price: **\$20 for the entire year.**
- * **SARRIS CANDY BARS: \$1**

2012 Contributions

Just a reminder that if you wish to receive **financial credit for tax purposes in the 2012 calendar year, all contributions and/or gifts must be received on or before December 31st, 2012.** *Any contributions received after December 31st, 2012 will be credited to the 2013 calendar year.* **Thank you for your continuous support of the church.**

Special Congratulations

to **MISSY HUDAK** on completing
her **Associate Degree in Nursing** from CCAC!

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

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Anna Cmar,
Helen Gambal, Eleanor Haselhoff,
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac,
Diane Kovalsky, Louis Kruszewski, Agnes Magdic,
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,
Paul Thomas



*The Christmas Season
extends from the feast of
Jesus' Birth through the feast of His Baptism:
December 25th - January 13th.*

Weekly Collections

Due to the early publication deadline for this bulletin,
the offerings for Sunday, December 23rd, and Christmas
will be published next week.

ST. AGNES — December 16, 2012

\$ 3,429 - Sunday Offering

\$ 355 - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 \$ 24,998

Amount Collected PSP \$ 23,553

Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167

REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM CAMPAIGN

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

HOLY TRINITY — December 16, 2012

\$ 2,444 - Sunday Offering

\$ 175 - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012\$ 24,248

Amount Collected PSP\$ 23,040

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