

# 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

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 6 - THE EPIPHANY 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)

#### MONDAY - JANUARY 7 - ST. RAYMOND

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

#### TUESDAY - JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Joan Witkowski** (Sisters of St. Agnes)

#### WED - JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

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

#### THURSDAY - JANUARY 10 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Helen Pallo** (Horgos Family)

#### FRIDAY - JANUARY 11 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Paula Anne Smith** (Dorothy Savolskis)

#### SATURDAY - JANUARY 12 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

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

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 13 - THE BAPTISM of the LORD

6:00p(Sat) - **Gal "Rusty" Stinner** (Charles & Patty Gross)  
 8:00a - **Clara Riley - Health** (Ladies of Charity)  
 11:00a - **Rita Peters** (Boyd and Mary Peters)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 6 - THE EPIPHANY of the LORD

4:00p(Sat) - **Helen Hvasta** (Ray & Ginny Hvasta & Family)  
 9:30a - **William and Helen Kelmickis** (Grandkids)

#### MONDAY - JANUARY 7 - ST. RAYMOND

8:00a - **Geraldine Mihailoff** (George and Flo Matta)

#### TUESDAY - JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

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

#### WED - JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Margaret Wooddell** (George Gibsner)

#### THURSDAY - JANUARY 10 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

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

#### FRIDAY - JANUARY 11 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

*(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### SATURDAY - JANUARY 12 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John J. Sabol** (Rose Spirnak and Family)

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 13 - THE BAPTISM of the LORD

4:00p(Sat) - **Raymond Shahren** (Virginia Jasek)  
 9:30a - **Margaret Shimko** (Denise and Gary Blancik)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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**

## THE EPIPHANY of the LORD

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

As our own country becomes more multicultural and multi-religious, the message of today's feast becomes more relevant: Christ came for all people--all men, women, and children, all nationalities, all believers and non-believers. God desires all to live in peace as God's children. The magi were led to Christ by a star, something that got their attention; this is where God's revelation usually begins. But the star alone was not enough; the wise men needed the wisdom of the scriptures to complete the journey. The Epiphany invites us to foster a love for both nature and God's word. Together, they will bring us to Christ, the One who has come to fulfill God's plan, drawing us into one family. But if we are open to the signs God sets out for us, we will find ourselves arriving at a place where we all can live together in peace. We pray today that all the division and hatred that continue to plague our planet will cease. We pray for an increase of wise men and women who will work for this peace. *Who or what has led you to Christ over the years?*



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

Sun, Jan 27th.....**Catholic Schools Week begins.** Theme: "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards"

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

## 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 today, 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.



**SAVE-THE-DATE - SIGN UP FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE** - As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we ponder the sacredness of every human life. **This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade.** You are invited to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, DC, which will be held this year on **Friday, January 25th**. **If you have thought about participating in the past, let this be the year that you and your family join the pil-**



**grimage for life!** St. Agnes and Holy Trinity parishes are welcome to join the St. Elizabeth Parish Respect Life Group in Pleasant Hills. The Group is chartering a bus leaving from the St. Elizabeth Church parking lot at 6 am and returning that evening at 10 pm. A \$25 donation is requested to help cover the cost of the bus. A boxed lunch will be included. Those who cannot do the walking required during the March for Life will be able to remain in prayer at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception along with Deacon Joe Compomizzi. For more details and to make a reservation, please call **Mary Pat** at **412-885-4429**.

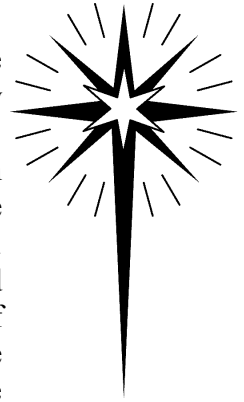
**Also**, details are being finalized for a **Knights of Columbus bus to leave from the West Mifflin area**. Information will be published in the bulletin as it becomes available.

**SINGLE, 21 & OVER:** Looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. For more information, call 412-341-4070.

## ***Feast of* EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Today's feast is also popularly known as the **Feast of Three Kings**. In some countries it is a Holy Day of Obligation, always celebrated on January 6th. In our country it is celebrated this year today, the **6th of January**.

St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel that after the birth of Jesus, three men arrived in Jerusalem, having been guided there from the East by a star, looking for the King of the Jews. Were they **Kings** or **Magi** or **Wise Men** or **Astrologers**? We really don't know. But somewhere in tradition they have been given the names **Caspar**, **Melchior** and **Balthasar**. They were probably men of importance, arriving with a great entourage of camels and servants. When did they come? It could have been up to two years after the birth of Jesus, because Herod, who wanted to be rid of this newborn king that he perceived as a threat, had all the baby boys in Bethlehem put to death who were two years old and younger.



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The importance of these men is this: **They were non-Jewish and came with royal gifts for Christ. So God was telling us that Jesus was here to be accepted not only by the Jews, but by everyone as KING and GOD.** So from the very beginning, Jesus was showing and manifesting and revealing (and that's what the word "epiphany" means) that He came as the Savior of **all peoples**.

Now it is up to us to **continue His Epiphany**—it is our responsibility to **show Christ and to reveal Him to those around us by our words and example**. Perhaps we can make a resolution to do this a little better in this new year of **2013**.

**ROOTEDNESS...** The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower.

The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.--Woodrow Wilson.

## **CALL TO PRAYER**

### ***FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY***

In this Year of Faith, the Catholic Bishops of the United States have called for a nationwide effort to advance a movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty through prayer, penance, and sacrifice. Catholics across the nation are being encouraged to pray for rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage and for increased protections of religious liberty.

This call to prayer is prompted by unprecedented challenges to the Church and the nation, particularly the HHS Mandate and current trends in government and culture toward redefining marriage.

The goal of this call to prayer is twofold: (1) to increase awareness of these challenges and (2) to build spiritual stamina and fortitude among the faithful so that we can be effective and joyful witnesses of faith, hope, and charity and agents of the New Evangelization.

Beginning on the Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, the *Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty* has five components:

1. Monthly Eucharistic Holy Hours in cathedrals and parishes
2. Daily Rosary by families and individuals
3. Special Prayers of the Faithful at all Masses
4. Fasting and abstinence from meat on Fridays
5. A Fortnight for Freedom in June/July 2013

*Join the movement!* Pray for our nation. Pray for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**A time of  
unprecedented  
challenges**

**A need for  
spiritual stamina**



**THE SILVER RING THING - CATHOLIC EDITION** is a **high-tech, high-energy performance** that educates teens about the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. On **January 18th, 2013** the Silver Ring Thing - Catholic Edition will be held at **Seton-LaSalle High School** from **6:30-9:30 pm**. **Teenagers and parents are invited to attend.** For additional information call 412-882-5023 or visit [www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com).

## Gifts You Can Give Year Round

### ***The Gift of Praise***

*Appropriate mention of a job or deeds well done.*

### ***The Gift of Consideration***

*Putting yourself in the other's shoes,  
thus providing your genuine understanding  
of their side of the case.*

### ***The Gift of Concession***

*Humbly saying at just the right point,  
"I am sorry, you are right and I am wrong."*

### ***The Gift of Gratitude***

*Never forgetting to say "Thank You"  
and meaning it.*

### ***The Gift of Attention***

*When a person speaks, listening attentively.*

### ***The Gift of Inspiration***

*Plant seeds of courage and action  
in the other person's heart.*

### ***The Gift of Personal Presence***

*In sickness, in trouble, or in great joy,  
there is nothing quite equal to your personal  
expression of sympathy or congratulations.*

**RESOLVE TO GIVE THESE GIFTS EACH DAY.**

**YOU WILL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT WHAT**

**YOU WILL RECEIVE IN RETURN.**

## ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS!!

- \* **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** January 27th following the 8 and 11 am Masses at St. Agnes Social Hall.
- \* **GIFT CARDS** are always available.
- \* **2013 LOTTERY CALENDARS: \$20 for the entire year.** That's 365 chances to win!
- \* **SARRIS CANDY BARS: \$1**
- \* **SUPER BOWL SUPER MATCH TICKETS: \$5**



## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

**If you are a minister in the parish, you must attend a Protecting God's Children session to complete your clearance process.** There are many sessions listed on the Diocese of Pittsburgh website at [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org). Some examples:

- St. John Vianney Parish (Pittsburgh), 823 Climax Street; Wednesday, January 9th, 2013; 1:00 pm; Contact St. John Vianney Parish Office at 412-381-8300, Ext. 11
- St. Margaret Mary Parish (Moon Township), One Parish Place; Tuesday, January 15th, 2013, 6:30 pm; Contact: Judene Indovina at 412-264-9368; Dompka Religious Education Building

## Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

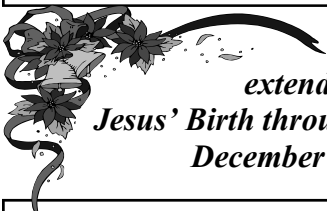
Weekly, the bulletin lists our sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized. *If you wish to add or alter this listing, please call the Parish Offices, so that we can have our special listing updated.* Your cooperation, visits, and daily prayers are deeply appreciated.

### Holy Trinity

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Anna Cmar,  
Helen Gambal, Eleanor Haselhoff,  
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, John 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 the January 6th bulletin, the offerings for Sunday, December 23rd, Christmas Day, and Sunday, December 30th, will be published next week.

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

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

### **ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

#### **In Memory of:**

Mary C. Sabol, Betty Kukta, John Kukta  
and John Kukta, Jr. from Joe and Loretta  
Sabol; Regis Hock and Betty Hock from Son, Rich-  
ard; Anthony and Susan Miller and Helen Hvasta from  
Raymond Hvasta; Michaels Family from Mr. and Mrs.  
Albert Michaels.

