

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
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653 St. Agnes Lane • West Mifflin, PA 15122

Mission Statement of Saint Agnes Parish

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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 - JAN 20-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Josephine Terrick** (Devey & Koehler Families)
 8:00a - **George Lesko** (Frank & Jean Oskin)
 11:00a - **Ann Wroblewski** (Bev and Jim Stavor)

MONDAY - JANUARY 21 - ST. AGNES

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - JANUARY 22 - DAY of PRAYER for the LEGAL PROTECTION of UNBORN CHILDREN

6:45a - **Mary Jones** (Parishioner)

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 23 - ST. VINCENT

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - JANUARY 24 - ST. FRANCIS de SALES

6:45a - **Robert K. Barnes** (Parents - Bob and Rita Barnes)

FRI-JAN 25-The CONVERSION of ST. PAUL the APOSTLE

8:15a - **Richard Jordan** - Health (Ladies of Charity)

SATURDAY - JANUARY 26 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - JAN 27 - THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Ralph Biagiarelli** (Children)
 8:00a - **Elizabeth "Lee" Waszczak** (Ron Waszczak)
 11:00a - **William Cain** (Fred Smith)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - JAN 20-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus**
 9:30a - **Joseph Hrabuchak** (Goldie and Family)

MONDAY - JANUARY 21 - ST. AGNES

8:00a - **Terri Gorda** (Holy Trinity Parish)

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8:00a - **Margaret Shimko** (Christian Mother's Guild)

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8:00a - **Marie Alzo** (Marie Ference)

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4:00p(Sat) - **Ralph Biagiarelli** (Children)
 9:30a - **Spiritual Welfare of Sue Finnegan and Mary Groncy**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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**

SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10* Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 19:8-10,15* A song in praise of the Law of the Lord

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:12-30* Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21* In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

The wine runs out. Party's over! A disaster at any wedding, especially in Jesus' day. This would be a great embarrassment for the hosts, a disgrace for the newly married couple. Mary notices, goes to her Son, and says quietly, "They have no wine." Jesus' answer is not exactly enthusiastic: "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Even so, he responds, and the contents of six water jars, each holding twenty to thirty gallons, are turned into what the headwaiter says is the best he has tasted so far. So what are we to take from this event? Jesus is more than a wedding guest in John's Gospel; He is **the** bridegroom, sent by God to woo and wed a new bride, the Church, joining Jews and Gentiles into one body, His body. The wedding itself was held at "the hour" when He was lifted up on the cross, drawing all things to Himself. The joy that day at Cana was merely a shadow of the joy awaiting us in the kingdom, which we anticipate whenever we drink from the wedding cup of the Eucharist.

How can you bring a glimpse of the joy of Cana to those you encounter this week?



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

**TODAY.....Pancake Breakfast** from 8:30 until noon, St. Agnes Social Hall - All are welcome.

**Thur, Mar 14th..55+ Club Meeting**, St. Agnes Social Hall.

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



- **CALLING CONFIRMATION SPONSORS, PARENTS, AND ALL PARISHIONERS who are interested in growing in our Catholic faith: You are invited** to attend the *compelling video series*, "Catholicism," which Peg Smith continues to present at 7:00 pm in the St. Agnes School on the Sundays in January. Each DVD in the "Catholicism" series **stands alone**, so it is not necessary to view them all or to view them in succession.
- **CALLING ANYONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** Please phone the Parish Office. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred here by Bishop Zubik on March 18th.

**SIGN UP FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC - FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013**

As you ponder the **sacredness of every human life, let this be the year that you and your family join the pilgrimage for life!** We have two local opportunities:

The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a bus. The cost is \$35, and the **bus stops will include Holy Trinity in West Mifflin, St. Patrick's in McKeesport, and St. Robert Bellarmine in East McKeesport. Only 50 seats are available. Prior to departure on the morning of the pilgrimage, Fr. Joseph Grosko and Fr. Terrence O'Connor will celebrate Mass at Holy Trinity at 5:30 am.** Reservations and payment are due today, **January 20th.** Please phone either Dave and Celeste Palcsey at **412-672-6222** or Joe Krol at **412-751-5493.**

**St. Elizabeth Parish Respect Life Group in Pleasant Hills 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. 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.**



**The 2013 Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign will begin Ash Wednesday, February 13th, through Palm Sunday, March 24th.** *Just like a small trickle of water can wear away solid rock...we pray that God will use our persistence to save lives and souls...and bring an end to abortion. We cannot give up!*

### *Feast of St. Agnes, Our Patroness, Monday, January 21st*

Scholars have concluded that Agnes, a child of only 12 or 13 years, was killed during the persecution of Diocletian (304-306). According to Pope Damasus I (366-384), the parents of Agnes were the first to tell her story. A young Roman Prefect was infatuated with Agnes. But she refused marriage because of her dedication to Christ. She made it known that she was a Christian and preferred death over any violation of her consecrated virginity.



Agnes is portrayed in a mosaic above the main altar of the Church of St. Agnes, outside of Rome, as a Byzantine princess, robed, crowned and bejeweled, with the symbols of her martyrdom, the flames and sword, beside her feet. And all through the Church there is the other symbol of her martyrdom and sacrifice, the lamb (*Agnus*, in Latin). What a beautiful patron and model we have for our times and our young people!

*Those were difficult times when St. Agnes lived. But today we also live in difficult times. There is a disguised and subtle paganism around us, inviting us to give up our Catholic beliefs and practices. And unfortunately, there are many who are weak, and not closely united to Christ, who give up their faith, following the "crowd." So we all need the example, the courage, and the prayers of SAINT AGNES to help us see that virginity, chastity, and purity are not "out-dated"—that our Catholic beliefs and practices are still worth our struggle and sacrifices—and are even worth dying for.*

**SAINT AGNES, OUR PARISH PATRONESS—BE OUR INSPIRATION AND HELP—PRAY FOR US!**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** On **MONDAY**, the **FEAST** of **ST. AGNES**, the **MASS** WILL BE SCHEDULED at 8:00 am at **HOLY TRINITY** and **NO SCHEDULED MASS** at **ST. AGNES**.



### ~ MANIFESTING THE KINGDOM ~

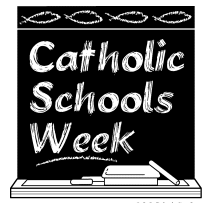
The Manifesting the Kingdom Award is given by the Diocesan Bishop to laymen and laywomen and to consecrated men and women, **who have demonstrated the presence of Jesus in their lives and thus have participated in an exceptional way in sowing the Kingdom of God among us. The award recognizes exceptional service to the Church reflected in so many different ways in the lives, ministry, and work of those who receive it.**

We are happy to announce that the Diocese has confirmed our nominations for this year's prestigious recognition. **Bishop Zubik will honor PEG and TOM SMITH of St. Agnes and DON KOSAKOWSKI of Holy Trinity. Our prayerful congratulations for truly Manifesting the Kingdom to our faith communities.**

*St. Anthony School Programs is a Catholic-based educational environment for children ages 5-21 with autism, Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. For over 50 years, St. Anthony School Programs has helped both Catholic and non-Catholic students with developmental disabilities live their lives to the fullest academically, socially, vocationally and spiritually. DePaul School for Hearing and Speech is one of only 46 schools worldwide using the auditory/oral method of teaching. The goal is to give children the necessary spoken language skills to be successful in the mainstream of education and function independently in the hearing world without sign language. Please support the Special Collection for these programs.*

**Each year, we use Catholic Schools Week to say "thank you" to the members of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity Parishes for your generous support.** It is important to realize that the support we provide as parishioners pays amazing dividends not only for our students and families, but also for the entire community.

During the **week of January 27th through February 2nd**, the Diocese of Pittsburgh celebrates *National Catholic Schools Week*. The theme this year is **"Catholic Schools Raise the Standards."** You are a partner in the **Catholic school tradition of excellence** that we pass on to our youth. Of foremost importance is faith formation and Catholic identity. Our Catholic schools integrate faith into every aspect of life and culture. It is this focus on faith formation, spiritual values, moral and ethical development, and a strong sense of helping others that defines Catholic Schools.



Our **Social Justice Day**, which is explained in the enclosed bulletin insert, is an example of our school's focus on helping others. Please assist our students in their efforts to provide loving aid to the poor.

## ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS!!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** January 27th  
from 8:30 am until noon at St. Agnes  
Social Hall. Please come!



**GIFT CARDS:** are  
always available. Ex-  
amples are Eat N Park, Lowe's, Bed,  
Bath, & Beyond, Bob Evans, Giant  
Eagle, and much more!!

**2013 LOTTERY CALENDARS:** \$20 *for*  
*the entire year.* That's 365 chances!



**SARRIS CANDY BARS:**  
Chocolate lovers' delight for  
only \$1.

**SUPER BOWL SUPER MATCH**

**TICKETS:** Lots of fun to play for just a  
\$5 donation!



### ENJOY the RIDE

Some tips that will bring you a beautiful day:

- Don't take yourself too seriously; no one else does.
- Make peace with the past so it won't mess up the present.
- Call your family often.
- Try to make at least three people smile each day.
- You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagreements.
- Smile and laugh more; it will keep the energy vampires away.

### FIELD TRIP IDEA

The **National Slovak Society Heritage  
Museum** gathers and displays Slovak  
historical, cultural, and literary artifacts for  
the education and enjoyment  
of the general public.

Museum Hours: Monday - Thursday  
9 am - 3 pm

Guides and group tours by appointment.

351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317

Phone: 1-800-488-1890



**PLEASE NOTE:** The **Paschal Candle** at  
both parishes is available as a memorial  
for loved ones. Please contact the Parish  
Office with your intentions.

## 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 Sabo,  
Mary Sabol, Margaret Svirbel, Martha Vasil

### St. Agnes

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

## Weekly Collections

### ST. AGNES - January 13, 2013

\$ 3,613 - - Sunday Offertory  
\$ 410 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 .....\$ 24,998  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 26,033  
2012 PSP Excess - Retained by Parish and Not Taxed.\$ 1,035

The 2012 PSP Campaign concludes at the end of January so, since we have exceeded our goals at both St. Agnes and Holy Trinity, there is still time to make contributions that will be retained by our respective parishes and not taxable by the Diocese.

Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167

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

### HOLY TRINITY - January 13, 2013

\$ 2,209 - - Sunday Offertory  
\$ 180 - - Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 ..... \$ 24,248  
Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 25,542  
2012 PSP Excess - Retained by Parish and Not Taxed.\$ 1,294

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

REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM CAMPAIGN.