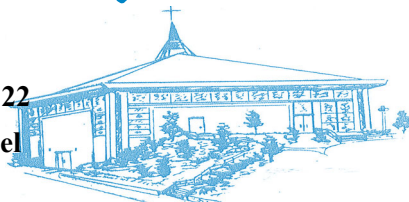


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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 - FEB 3 - FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Mary P. Sabol** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)  
 8:00a - **Roberta Karichko** (Eleanor Lucas & Dorothy Hritz)  
 11:00a - **Martha Gruber** (Jack & Fran Walters)

#### MONDAY - FEBRUARY 4 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 5 - ST. AGATHA

6:45a - **Ann Wrobleski** (Patty Jordan)

#### WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 6 - ST. PAUL MIKI

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 7 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Sister Jane Marie** (Sisters of St. Agnes)

#### FRIDAY - FEB 8 - ST. JEROME; ST. JOSEPHINE

8:15a - **Martha Gruber** (Pastoral Council)

#### SAT - FEB 9 - WEEKDAY - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN - FEB 10 - FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **William M. Lesko, Sr.** (Wife, Mary Ann)  
 8:00a - **John and Marie Black** (Maureen Kollar)  
 11:00a - **Tim Schragl** (Joe and Donna Milko)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - FEB 3 - FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Anthony & Susan Miller** (Ray & Ginny Hvasta Family)  
 9:30a - **Health of Jeremy Wanless** (DeLuca Family)

#### MONDAY - FEBRUARY 4 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John Jasek** (Family)

#### TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 5 - ST. AGATHA

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 6 - ST. PAUL MIKI

8:00a - **Vincent Engel** (John and Joann Engel)

#### THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 7 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

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(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### SAT - FEB 9 - WEEKDAY - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00a - **Marilyn Sepesy** (Madeline Gimero Keane)

#### SUN - FEB 10 - FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **John Butsko, Sr.** (Family)  
 9:30a - **Mary Pollack** (Kallenborn Family)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 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**

## FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19* The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 71:1-6,15,17* A song in praise of God's salvation.

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13* Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 4:21-30* Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

### Reflecting on God's Word...

Prophets tend not to be very popular. They get thrown in jail, ridiculed, beaten up, or killed. The leaders of Jerusalem once had Jeremiah thrown in a cistern, where he would have died if someone had not interceded for him with the king. Today we hear how the people of Nazareth would have killed Jesus if he had not slipped away.

In both cases, people did not want a message that God was sending them through the prophets. Jeremiah had to tell the leaders that their time had run out because of their infidelity to the covenant. God was leaving them to their own devices, allowing Jerusalem to be destroyed by the Babylonians. Jesus confronts his own townspeople by admonishing them that they should be like that woman whom Elijah helped and that leper Elisha sent to wash in the Jordan. Both of these Gentiles had faith they should imitate. But the villagers only wanted a God who would wreak vengeance on the Gentiles, a God who only worked wonders for them and who was confined within the boundaries of Israel.

Sometimes we may want to keep God in a little box of our own making, limiting God to the boundaries of the church building or maybe even just the tabernacle. That way we go and visit God when we have time or need something, but we hope that God will not bother us too much with any burdensome demands. The God of Israel was never satisfied with confinement, even in something the size of the temple. And Jesus would not allow himself to be constricted in his own day concerning whom he associated or ate with or even touched. Tight quarters wouldn't do, not then but especially once he was raised from the tomb!



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

*Wed, Feb 6th....Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting, 7 pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall*

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

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



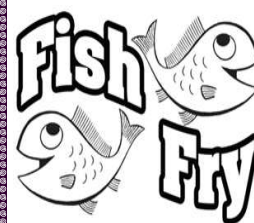
### **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IS DONUT and FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY.**

Heartfelt thanks to the families of Vincent Merritt and Mark Bennett for hosting our Donut and Fellowship Sundays. **Please join us TODAY after the 8 and 11 am Masses at St. Agnes.**

**BEST EVER! OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY** begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 13th**, at **Holy Trinity Social Hall** and continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, from the hours of **11:00 am until 6:00 pm**.

**Donations of new items and wine and spirit goods** to help make baskets for the Chinese Auction are needed. Your gifts can be dropped off at **Holy Trinity Parish Office**.

**A VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET** for the **FISH FRY** is available in **St. Agnes Social Hall** after weekend Masses; and at **Holy Trinity**, the sheet is in the **Sacristy**.



### ***Mardi Gras, St. Agnes Night at the Races***

**St. Agnes Night at the Races** will be on **Saturday, February 9th** in St. Agnes Social Hall. **Doors open immediately after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Windows open at 7:30 pm.** The first race begins at **7:45 pm**. Tickets are **\$10.00** and include food and drinks. Get your tickets early as they are limited. **Purchase and name a horse for \$10.00.** Tickets and forms for horses are available in St. Agnes Social Hall or in the back of church at Holy Trinity. --**Winning horse's owner receives \$50.--**

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **HOWARD "TIM" SCHRAGL**, who was buried from **St. Agnes Church**. *May all of our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven unto life everlasting.*



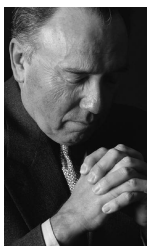
### **Parish Share Campaign 2013**

As the time of Lent approaches, Catholics everywhere become increasingly focused on the gospel, what it means to **live as Christ taught us to live**, what it means to **be true disciples**. Prayer and fasting are two of the traditional ways in which we **reaffirm our Christian purpose**. **Sharing** what we have with our brothers and sisters is perhaps **our most tangible demonstration of faith**, of living Christ's word of the "Good News." Your stewardship for the Parish Share Program is truly a blessing for our faith communities.

The Parish Share Program allows us to express our solidarity with each other, with our parish, and with the diocese. The contributions from this program support the **bishop's ministry** and **all of the diocesan programs** that one parish alone could not possibly do. Among the ministries and programs that Parish Share income supports are the **seminary program**, the **vocation office**, and **needed ministries**.

Our diocesan-wide **Parish Share Campaign begins on Sunday, February 3rd**. **St. Agnes Parish met the Parish Share Goal for 2012**, and the new **assessed PSP Goal for 2013 is \$25,758**. **Holy Trinity Parish also met the Parish Share Goal for 2012**, and the new **assessed PSP Goal for 2013 is \$23,221**. Your faithful concern and contributions in the Parish Share speak well of your blessed stewardship and your loving support of the parishes. Prayerfully grateful for the many who helped the parishes to reach our goals.

Please note: **On the FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, THE 2ND COLLECTION AT BOTH PARISHES WILL BE FOR OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**. This collection will **begin on Sunday, February 3rd**, and will continue for the next 11 months. **Funds that are given in excess of our Assessed Goals will not be taxable and will benefit the finances of our Parishes**. If possible, we are asking each envelope user to pledge twenty dollars monthly or two hundred dollars for the entire PSP campaign.



**BE NOT AFRAID...Does God really answer your prayers? Does God have a place in your life? You are not alone. Learn the causes and real life solution to the most alarming phenomena affecting American men in our time. Catholic, Christian, no real faith at all, join us at the Gathering of Catholic Men and...Be Not Afraid. 8th ANNUAL GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN. Saturday, April 6, 2013, A.J. Palumbo Center at Duquesne University, 600 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. Doors open at 8:00 am; the program starts at 9:00 am; closing Mass at 4:00 pm. Boxed lunch is included. Pre-register now for \$40 or pay \$45 at the door. Pre-Registration (Mail-In) Deadline: **March 22, 2013**. If the donation is not affordable, please contribute what you can. No men are turned away. For more information, visit [www.cmpitt.org](http://www.cmpitt.org) or call 412-403-4831. Bring a friend and hear the dynamic speakers which include Bishop David Zubik and Father Joe Freedy!**



#### **ATTENTION: PARENTS of the 2013 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**

- A Parent Meeting for the First Holy Communion Class will be held on **Wednesday, February 6th**, at 7:00 pm in St. Agnes Social Hall.
- Parents of **CCD students who are making their First Holy Communion**, please contact Sister Cynthia at 412-466-6238.
- **First Reconciliation** will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 23rd**, at 10:00 am.
- **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 5th**, at the 11:00 am Mass.

Christians throughout Pittsburgh are invited to take part in the national **40 Days for Life Campaign**. **The mission of 40 Days for Life is to unite the Body of Christ in the spiritual battle to end abortion**. Join us for 40 days of prayer and fasting, a peaceful vigil held every day from 7 am - 7 pm in front of Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Ave., and community outreach. The campaign is from February 13th - March 24th. To find out more, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh) or call Nikki Bruni, 412-926-9413, [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com).



**IF our parishes could offer Electronic Funds Transfer as an option for donating, would you be interested?** We need to know if enough parishioners would like to have this option before investing it further. Please sign the **SURVEY sheet** in the back of our churches or return the form (insert) that was included in the Sunday, January 27th bulletin, to tell us your interest.

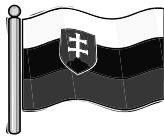


**World Day for Consecrated Life** is celebrated in parishes this weekend of February 2nd-3rd.

**Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank Sister Cynthia and Sister Janelle on their special day.** May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

**The 2013 Slovak Catholic Federation Annual SS. Cyril & Methodius Appeal** will be taken the weekend of **February 16th and 17th at Holy Trinity Parish.**

Funds from this collection will aid the priest-graduate students studying at the Pontifical College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy. A percentage of the monies collected also go to those religious congregations in Slovakia represented in the Conference of Slovak Religious. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Pontifical College of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Rome, Italy. Your concern and financial support are greatly appreciated.



*~~~In Difficult Times~~~*

Consoling God, be a source of serenity for me when struggles and difficulties threaten to overwhelm me.

God of hope, assure me of your unconditional love when I doubt myself or question the worth of my life.

Truth-bringing God, encourage me to embrace you during those times when I get lost in the lies of my weakness.

Compassionate God, hold me to your heart when I feel helpless in the face of the world's pain.

Light-filled God, keep me ever close to you during those moments when bleakness surrounds my life.

Comforting God, shelter me under your wings when I am engulfed in sadness and overcome with distress.

God of peace, you are the center of my life, a strong refuge of peace in the whirlwind of my pain. I look to you for strength and a constant assurance of hope.

-- Joyce Rupp

Bereavement Support Group: 1:00 - 2:30 pm,  
UPMC McKeesport, Thursdays, Feb. 14th -  
Mar. 21st. No cost; free parking. 412-664-2380



## 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, George Miteff, 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, 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

As Christians,  
the Saints are OUR Celebrities.



## Weekly Collections

### ST. AGNES - January 27, 2013

\$ 3,022 -- Sunday Offertory

\$ 235 -- Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 .....\$ 24,998

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 26,348

2012 PSP Excess - Retained by Parish and Not Taxed.\$ 1,350

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

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

### HOLY TRINITY - January 27, 2013

\$ 1,683 -- Sunday Offertory

\$ 33 -- Parish Share Campaign

PSP Assessment-2012 ..... \$ 24,248

Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 25,605

2012 PSP Excess - Retained by Parish and Not Taxed.\$ 1,357

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