

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

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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

SUNDAY - MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
 8:30p(Sat)Vigil - **Roberta Karichko** (Tascarella Family)
 8:00a - **Living and Deceased Members of St. Agnes**
 11:00a - **Paula Anne Smith** (Guy and Barb Melocchi)
MONDAY - APRIL 1 - EASTER MONDAY
(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
TUESDAY - APRIL 2 - EASTER TUESDAY
 6:45a - **Mary Martha Gruber** (Chuck and Pat Sutter)
WEDNESDAY - APRIL 3 - EASTER WEDNESDAY
(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
THURSDAY - APRIL 4 - EASTER THURSDAY
 6:45a - **Max Seraphin** (Sisters of the Holy Spirit)
FIRST FRIDAY - APRIL 5 - EASTER FRIDAY
 8:15a - **Jean Abels** (Clifford and Meg McGregor)
FIRST SATURDAY - APRIL 6 - EASTER SATURDAY
(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
SUNDAY - APRIL 7 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 6:00p(Sat) - **Delana Bevan** (James and Family)
 8:00a - **M/M Joseph Klocko** (Tom and Patty Klocko)
 11:00a - **Roy Cochrane** (Nettie Conley and Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
 7:00p(Sat)Vigil - **Father Bunchek** (Holy Trinity Parish)
 9:30a - **Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**
MONDAY - APRIL 1 - EASTER MONDAY
 8:00a - **Margaret Juricek** (Virginia Jasek)
TUESDAY - APRIL 2 - EASTER TUESDAY
(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)
WEDNESDAY - APRIL 3 - EASTER WEDNESDAY
 8:00a - **Steve Bialobok** (Perrett Family)
THURSDAY - APRIL 4 - EASTER THURSDAY
(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)
FIRST FRIDAY - APRIL 5 - EASTER FRIDAY
 8:00a - **Henry Kovalcin** (Mary Ann Polinski)
FIRST SATURDAY - APRIL 6 - EASTER SATURDAY
 8:00a - **Carl Schulte** (Christian Mothers Guild)
SUNDAY - APRIL 7 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 4:00p(Sat) - **Albert Kapples** (Wife Marie and Family)
 9:00a - **Reverend Girdis** (Maureen Kollar)

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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**

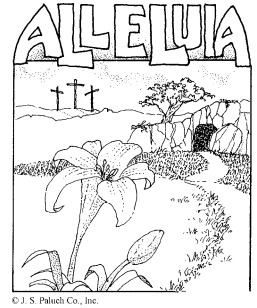
EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43* Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23* Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-4* or *1 Corinthians 5:6b-8* Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above. 1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-9* Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.



Reflecting on God's Word

I can remember as a child being afraid of the dark. Not all the time—just usually after seeing a horror movie. For nights after, I would peer into the darkness, trying to make sure there was nothing out there. Even as an adult there have been times when I walked through a dark place feeling an uneasiness that was hard to shake.

Easter in the Gospel of John begins in the dark. Night still holds the earth in its embrace. Darkness also gripped the hearts of Jesus' followers—the darkness of grief, sorrow, and hopelessness. Jesus of Nazareth—who had preached in a way no one else ever had, who had worked deeds of great power by curing the sick, healing lepers, giving sight to the blind, lifting up the lame, and who had even called the dead back to life—had been crucified and laid in the tomb. A large stone had been rolled in front of the entrance, death's final punctuation mark.

Only John tells us there was a garden where he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. From this garden God decided to begin creation anew, so while it was still dark God breathed once again into a human figure, and the new Adam was raised up and would never die.

Not all darkness is to be feared. Sometimes it may even be necessary, summoning God to create once again, dispelling the shadow of death and despair that can settle over the human heart. —James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R

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

*Tue, April 2.....St. Agnes School resumes*

*Sun, April 7.....Holy Trinity Men's Club Sausage and Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 am to Noon, Social Hall*

*Sun, April 7.....Donut and Fellowship Sunday after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses at St. Agnes*

*Sun, April 7.....Divine Mercy Sunday - Feast requested by Our Lord when He appeared to St. Faustina*

*Sun, May 5.....First Holy Communion celebrated at 11:00 am Mass at St. Agnes*

**YOU ARE INVITED to DONUTS and FELLOWSHIP! When? Sunday, April 7th, after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses at St. Agnes. The FIRST SUNDAY of the MONTH IS DONUT and FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY. Heartfelt thanks to our hosts for this ministry.**



***Easter Blessing of the Families*** TODAY, EASTER SUNDAY, families of the Diocese are invited to attend the Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 2:00 PM. As the Bishops greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc., are asked to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese.

Please remove artificial flowers, wreaths, etc. from our cemetery graves by April 8th to prepare for Spring Clean Up!

*"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." -- Pope Francis*

**Blessing of Water** takes place at the Easter Vigil Mass...**holy water reminds us of our baptism.**

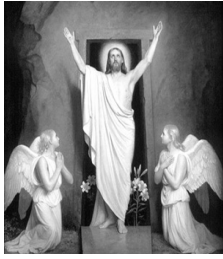


Flowers at Holy Trinity on Palm Sunday were in memory of **Carl Schulte** from his wife, **Delphine.**

**ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY—St. Agnes School** will hold its **annual Calendar Party** on **April 21st**. Doors open at **12 noon** for a **relaxing woman's afternoon out**. **A luncheon will be served at 1 pm.** There will be **auction baskets, good fellowship, and entertainment.**

Tickets are \$20 for a seat or \$144 for a table of 8 (\$18 a seat). Tickets can be purchased through the school office and after Mass.





## THE JOY of EASTER

Speak, Mary, declaring, what you saw, wayfaring.  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living, **the Glory of Jesus' Resurrection;**  
Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.  
**Yes, Christ my hope has arisen.** To Galilee He goes before you."  
**Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.**  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. **Alleluia!**



**May our faith communities be a sign of the joy, peace, and light of the Risen Lord.**  
**Father Grosko, Sister Cynthia, Sister Janelle, and our Staff**  
**prayerfully and joyously extend heartfelt wishes for a Blessed and Happy Easter.**

*Heartfelt Thanks for the gathering of Our Vicariate 2 and Our Confirmandees*

What a **memorable day** as the priests and deacons of our Vicariate 2 gathered under the leadership of our Vicar, **Reverend Fredrick Cain**, and our Ordinary, **Bishop David Zubik!** It was an inspired event consisting of the meeting followed by evening vespers, dinner, and then the **beautiful ceremony** as the **young people of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity** were confirmed.



The **Church was truly alive in the presence of all!** Prayerful thanks for the many who **joyfully gave of their time, talents, dedication, and effort** to make the day possible and to create the wonderful atmosphere of the dinner and the reception after Confirmation. There were endless donations given of one kind and another. **From the bottom of my heart, I personally thank all who contributed to such a unique and blessed day for our parishes.** --Father Joseph Grosko

### ***REASONS to COME to MASS - Not Just for EASTER, but All Year***

1. The Mass provides us with an **opportunity for intimate union with Jesus, our Savior, through His REAL PRESENCE--Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity--in the Holy Eucharist.** (John 6) Only the Catholic faith holds this truth. We are different!
2. **Spiritual riches** of the Mass include...**grace, consolation, confidence, peace, deep happiness and strength.** The Mass will enrich our spiritual and personal lives in ways that we never imagined! God, Our **Father**, desires to touch our hearts and lives with His amazing grace and saving love, and we are **never closer to Him than when we are caught up in the celebration of the Eucharist.**
3. We are invited to **bring our brokenness to Mass** for *God's healing and forgiveness.*
4. God said to Moses: **"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."** (Exodus 20:8).
5. Jesus said: **"Do this in memory of me."** When the hour came, He (Jesus) took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, **"This IS My body,** which will be given for you. Do this in memory of Me" (Luke 22:14,19). **When we celebrate Mass, we repeat the Last Supper, as Jesus commanded.**
6. The **Church teaches** that we must **fulfill the command of Jesus** to **"Do this in memory of Me" by attending Sunday Mass** (or the Vigil Mass the night before) each week...
7. ...and, **the Church speaks with the authority of Jesus.** (Matthew 16:18-19)
8. The Mass is a sacrifice, the perfect one, **created by Jesus;** the **Mass is also a meal.**
9. God made us **social beings** and wants us to **come together in community.** **"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I."** (Matthew 18:20). Prayers at Mass are *Scripture-based.*
10. Mass and our faith have **sustained families for generations.** We must continue to **pass on our faith.**



**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **RICHARD E. JORDAN, JR.,** brother of **Bev Stavor** and **Kathy Bowen**, who was buried from *St. Agnes Church*; and also to the family and friends of **MICHAEL J. VARGO,** son of **Joseph** and **JoAnn Vargo**, and **AGNES MAGDIC,** who were buried from *Holy Trinity Church.* *May all of our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father.*

**REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM FOR EASTER!  
WELCOME HOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Catholicism is not merely a religion or a set of rules. Catholicism is **more** than a religion. The essence of Catholicism is not sin, punishment, duty, or obligation. *The essence of Catholicism is dynamic transformation.*

**To be Catholic means to be striving to live the Gospel, to be striving to become more like Jesus Christ...to have an intimate relationship with Jesus.** Catholicism provides the tools for bringing us into **harmony with self, God, and others.**

**ATTENTION: YOUNG ADULTS...**Theology on Tap is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 10th.** Our speaker is **Bishop David Zubik!** Rivertowne Pourhouse, 312 Center Road, Monroeville, at **7 pm.** **Theology on Tap is a great opportunity for young Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives.**

**PROJECT LIFE and LIBERTY** is an important initiative of the US Catholic Bishops which encourages Congress not to force taxpayers to subsidize abortion and to protect the religious freedom of Catholics and faith-based institutions in their ministries. Congress is now beginning to consider “must-pass” legislation that allows the opportunity for a legislative action in the coming weeks to reverse the Dept. for Health & Human Services mandate violating our religious freedom and freedom of religious expression. All Catholics are encouraged to become involved in advocating for this legislation. **Please go to the diocesan website, [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org), search on ACTION ALERT, and you can easily contact your representatives in Congress.** Each of us must do our part to protect the basic rights of freedom of religion and religious expression.

**8th ANNUAL GATHERING of CATHOLIC MEN** All men of the parish are invited to attend on **Sat., April 6th,** at Duquesne University, **8 am to the 4 pm Mass** celebrated by Bishop Zubik. This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Pittsburgh and features top speakers. Registration forms are on the table in the back of church. Great day of renewal! Visit [cmfpitt.org](http://cmfpitt.org); **412-403-4831.**



## 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, Mary Lisa Holzwarth,  
Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac, Diane Kovalsky,  
Louis Kruszewski, Larry Maydak, Justine Mantich,  
George Miteff, 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,  
Mary Kosko, Robert Kosko,  
Dorothy Kostovny, Joe Milko, Marguerite Oeler,  
Laura Pasternak, Dorothy Petrak, Clara Riley,  
Brian Saunders, Rudy Saunders, Loretta Sabol,  
Marie Steiner, Paul Thomas**

### *Easter Gifts Anyone Can Afford*

1. The Gift of Listening
2. The Gift of Giving Signs of Affection  
(smiles, hugs, pats on the back, etc.)
3. The Gift of a Note
4. The Gift of Laughter
5. The Gift of Doing a Favor
6. The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition



## **Weekly Collections**

Due to the early publication deadline for the Easter bulletin, the March 24th donations will be published next week.

### **ST. AGNES - March 17, 2013**

\$ 3,712 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 328 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 25,758

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 6,118

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

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

### **HOLY TRINITY - March 17, 2013**

\$ 2,222 - - Sunday Offertory

\$ 100 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 23,221

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 3,442

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