

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

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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 - MAY 5 - SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

6:00p(Sat) - **Noramae DiPaolo** (Mary & Mike Sorokacs)
 8:00a - **Glenn Steimer** (Louise Grof)
 11:00a - **FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS & FAMILIES**

MONDAY - MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Corinne & Gerard Schneider** (M/M Lapinski)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 8 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - MAY 9 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:15a - **Carol Andres** (Stephen Stupar)
 7:00p - **John Gruber** (Alice Banikulis)

FRIDAY - MAY 10 - St. DAMIEN de VEUSTER

8:15a - **Mary Oeler** (Peg Smith)

SATURDAY - MAY 11 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - MAY 12 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p(Sat) - **Marguerite Oeler Birthday** (Tom Smith Family)
 8:00a - **John & Mary Martha Gruber** (Ann Gruber)
 11:00a - **Living & Deceased Mothers of St. Agnes**

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - MAY 5 - SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

4:00p(Sat) - **Rae Clark** (Betty Clark)
 9:30a - **Ann Sotak** (Debbie Gaydos)

MONDAY - MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Steve Bialobok** (Dennis & Carole Carr)

TUESDAY - MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 8 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Sister Mary Pius** (Sisters)
 4:00p - **Steve Budish** (Ruth Weinberger, Joe Divack)

THURSDAY - MAY 9 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:30a - **John J. Sabol** (Dale & Michele Spirnak Family)

FRIDAY - MAY 10 - ST. DAMIEN de VEUSTER

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SATURDAY - MAY 11 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Carl Schulte** (Alice Svirbel)

SUNDAY - MAY 12- SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

4:00p(Sat) - **James Ingel** (Angie & Harold Sievern)
 9:30a - **Mary Jean Maresch** (Diana Maresch)

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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**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29* The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8* A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

Second Reading *Revelation 21:10-14,22-23* Vision of the splendor of heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading *John 14:23-29* Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Holy Spirit.

Reflecting on God's Word

Forming a community is never easy. This is true whether the community is made up of family members, citizens, or believers. Diversity can both enrich and divide. Jewish Christians were soon joined by Gentile believers. The church in Jerusalem was joined by the church in Antioch. While the Gentile Christians questioned whether they had to accept all the Jewish traditions and customs, Jewish Christians feared they would lose what had given them their identity.

Today's reading from Acts witnesses to the role of the Holy Spirit in helping to navigate a way through these sensitive issues. The leaders of the church in Jerusalem send a letter to the church in Antioch, proclaiming that the decision they reached came not just from human wisdom, but from working with the Holy Spirit. Such testimony to the role of the Holy Spirit is also found in the Gospel of John. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit will come from the Father and "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). Because of this promise, we can have confidence that God will not abandon us. Indeed, the Trinity comes to dwell with those faithful to Jesus' word.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we call on the Holy Spirit both to open our minds to Jesus' word and to transform bread and wine so that we become more fully the body of Christ and the living temple of the Holy Spirit in the world.



~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- Sun, May 5th.....**First Holy Communion celebrated at the 11 am Mass at St. Agnes**
- Sun, May 5th.....**Last Day to order Cemetery Replacement Flags. Forms in back of Church**
- Thur, May 9th..... **Holy Day - Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven; 8:15 am and 7:00 pm Masses at St. Agnes; 4:00 pm Anticipated Mass and 9:30 am Mass at Holy Trinity**
- Fri, May 10th..... **May Crowning before 8:15 am Mass; St. Agnes School Children in attendance**
- Sat, May 11th..... **Cherie Sale after 2:00 pm in the Holy Trinity Social Hall**
- Tue, May 14th..... **St. Agnes Holy Hour for Vocations 7:00 pm**
- Tue or Wed, May 14th or 15th...**Holy Trinity Cemetery Flag Raising. Volunteers needed!**
- Sat, May 18th..... **Protecting God's Children Workshop, Christ the Light of the World, Duquesne**
- Sat, May 18th..... **Kennywood Park Walk for Life, Check-In begins at 8:45 am.**
- Sun, May 26th..... **Blood Drive at St. Agnes. Details forthcoming.**
- Fri/Sat, June 21st/22nd..**St. Agnes Flea Market, Social Hall. Please gather your gently used items.**
- Wed, May 29th.....**St. Agnes 8th Grade Graduation, 7:00pm**
- Thur, May 30th.....**St. Agnes Pre-School Graduation, 1:30pm**
- Mon, June 3rd.....**Last Day of School, 8:15 Mass, dismissal 11:00am**
- Mon, June 3rd.....**St. Agnes Kindergarten Graduation after 8:15am Mass**
- July 26th-27th..... **146th St. Agnes Annual Festival. Save these dates now!!**

Hearty and prayerful congratulations to **Fr. W. David Schorr, MEd**, pastor of Resurrection and St. Rita Parishes, and **Fr. Dennis J. Colamarino, MDiv**, pastor of Christ the Light of the World Parish, on their **40th anniversary** in priestly service. As we say in Latin, "Multos Ad Annos" -- Many, many years of good health.



TODAY YOU ARE INVITED to DONUTS and FELLOWSHIP after the **8:00 am Mass at St. Agnes**. There is no Social following the 11:00 am Mass due to First Communion. The last donut social for the season will be held on June 2nd; donut socials will resume in September. Heartfelt thanks to our hosts for this ministry.



Thursday, May 9th, Ascension Thursday

Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus returned to His Father in Heaven, as the apostles watched. But He was not abandoning them or us. He had already made provisions to be physically and sacramentally present on earth for all time in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus ascended into Heaven, but he is still very much present among us today—but we can only “see” and accept Him by Faith. If we keep that Faith viable and strong, and practice it faithfully, then we also will be eligible for our place in Heaven that Jesus has gone there to prepare for us.

As Catholics, our obligation to attend Mass on Thursday is the same as it is on a Sunday. To deliberately miss Mass without a good reason is a serious sin of obligation. Masses are as follows:

<i>Holy Trinity Masses:</i>	<i>Anticipated</i> — Wednesday,	May 8th, 4:00 p.m.
	<i>Feast Day</i> — Thursday,	May 9th, 9:30 a.m.
<i>St. Agnes Masses:</i>	<i>Feast Day</i> — Thursday,	May 9th, 8:15a.m., 7:00 p.m.

The Eucharist — Number One Reason that People Come Back to the Church



Most people discover that coming back to the Church isn't an event, as much as it is a process that involves a little pain, a little laughter, some thinking, some prayer, some discernment and a lot of letting go. "My actual return to full participation in a parish took about 3 years after I felt the first longing," one person admitted. And what do they get in return? The Catholic Church offers union with Jesus Christ in Scripture, in prayer, in the community of others, in the Eucharist, and in the other Sacraments. It offers spiritual support in good times and bad. It offers divine wisdom that is thousands of years old. It offers meaning and purpose in this life and the promise of life after death. You'll know you are home when you begin to feel a deep sense of peace.



Flowers for the Blessed Mother at Holy Trinity are in memory of **Sister Mary Pius** (Sisters) and **Rae Clark** (wife, Betty).



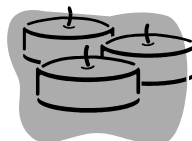
St. Agnes Parish welcomes **CARSON PHILIP SHROYER** to our Faith Community, son of **Philip Shroyer** and **Jessica Martin**, baptized on April 28th. Prayerful Congratulations!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION --We will celebrate **First Holy Communion** today at the **11:00 am Mass** at St. Agnes. May we as a faith community pray fervently for our communicants.



Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to Rivers Casino on Wednesday, May 29th. Bus departs Church parking lot at 9:00 am and departs casino at 4:00 pm. Coffee and donuts at 7:30 am in social hall. Deadline for reservations is May 17th. Call Jean at 412-466-5062. Cost is \$25.00. Everyone welcome.

St. Agnes Flea Market....will be in **St. Agnes Social Hall** on **Friday and Saturday, June 21st-22nd**. You can drop off your **donations** beginning on **Monday, June 10th**—**between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm**. Please no shoes, clothes or stuffed animals. **We ask that all of your "White Elephant" donations be made by June 16th**. Proceeds will benefit the festival account.



The Sanctuary Candle at **Holy Trinity** is in memory of **Edward Gamret** by **Margaret Gamret**.

CHEREGI SALE - Holy Trinity Social Hall, **Saturday, May 11th after 2:00 p.m., \$7.00/dozen; limit: three (3) dozen/person**. Volunteer help needed **Friday** morning for dough preparation and **Saturday** for frying. Please come and lend a hand!



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **LARRY MAYDAK**, who was buried from *Holy Trinity Church*. *May his soul and the souls of all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father.*



**WE NOW HAVE
A WEEKLY CHILDREN'S BULLETIN!!!**
A **Children's Bulletin** with games, puzzles,
and activities that are based upon the Sun-
day's Scripture readings will now be avail-
able each week on the tables in the back of
St. Agnes and Holy Trinity churches! We are hoping
that this bulletin will enrich the children's under-

**PRAYERS for OUR MEN and WOMEN
SERVING in the MILITARY**

If you would like to submit the name of
a loved one or friend for our list of Men
and Women Serving in the Military, we
will publish the names in the bulletin
and request prayers for them.



**KENNYWOOD PARK – WALK for LIFE
WILL HELP the HOMESTEAD OFFICE of the
SOUTH HILLS PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER**

This year the annual Walk for Life will be
held at Kennywood Park. The South Hills Pregnancy
Resource Center added a Homestead Office in 2012
which is located at 1813 West Street, Homestead,
PA, 412-464-1606, and is open M-F, 11 am–4 pm.
The funds from this year's walk will help the Home-
stead Office become a medical facility, offering ul-
trasounds to its clients. *This is important because*

*93% of clients choose life after they see
their baby on the ultrasound screen.*



Join the Walk on Saturday, May 18th at
Kennywood Park. Phone 412-833-7445
to register. Deadline: May 10th.

RIDE SHARING MINISTRY: Do you
know a neighbor who does not have any-
one to take them to Mass, a doctor ap-
pointment, or the grocery store? Con-
sider offering them a ride or phone the Parish Office
to let us know your willingness to help.



**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS
THEOLOGY ON TAP.....**

*invites you to discover how faith can give sense to
your everyday lives.* When? Wednesday, **May 8th.**
Speaker: Holly Joy Penzenstadler, Associate Direc-
tor-Department for Youth and Young Adult Minis-
try, Diocese of Pittsburgh! Rivertowne Pourhouse,
7 pm, 312 Center Road, Monroeville, PA 15146

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Please call the Parish Offices with any changes or additions. Your cooperation, visits, and daily prayers are deeply appreciated.

Holy Trinity

**Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Anna Cmar,
Helen Gambal, Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Flo Husfelt,
Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac, Diane Kovalsky,
Louis Kruszewski, 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,
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**

When Mother's Day Hurts

Healing Your Grief on Mother's Day

Although Mother's Day is usually a time of celebration, for those who have lost a mother, the day can be filled with pain. Please consider joining others who have lost their mother for a workshop on May 9th, 10:30-12:00p.m. at Striffler's Hospitality Haus, 2800 O'Neil Blvd., White Oak. To register call Sue Striffler Galaski at 412-678-6191.

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES - April 28, 2013

**\$ 3,422 -- Sunday Offertory
\$ 115 -- Parish Share**

**PSP Assessment-2013\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP\$ 8,611
Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.**

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

HOLY TRINITY - April 28, 2013

**\$ 1,378 -- Sunday Offertory
\$ 145 -- Parish Share**

**PSP Assessment-2013\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP \$ 6,711
MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES ARE
BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE ONGOING PROJECTS.**