

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 19 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

6:00p(Sat) - **William Cain** (Carolyn Andrews)
 8:00a - **Eleanor Havrilla** (Ladies of Charity)
 11:00a - **Leo and Susanne Snyder** (Children)

MONDAY - MAY 20 - ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - MAY 21 - ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES

6:45a - **Richard Jordan** (Joe and Donna Milko)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 22 - ST. RITA OF CASCIA

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - MAY 23 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Glenn Andres** (Ladies of Charity)

FRIDAY - MAY 24 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Elizabeth Schuchert** (Floyd Schuchert)

SATURDAY - MAY 25 - ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - MAY 26 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

6:00p(Sat) - **David Bevan** (James and Family)
 8:00a - **Marilyn Kepes** (Ladies of Charity)
 11:00a - **Roy W. Cochrane** (Eileen Cochrane and Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - MAY 19 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

4:00p(Sat) - **Mary Ann Majernik** (Len Potemra)
 9:30a - **Agnes Magdic** (June Cuffin)

MONDAY - MAY 20 - ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

8:00a - **Henry Kovalcin** (Mary Adams)

TUES - MAY 21 - ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 22 - ST. RITA OF CASCIA

8:00a - **John Spirnak** (Mary, Ray and Eleanor)

THURSDAY - MAY 23 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - MAY 24 - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SATURDAY - MAY 25 - ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

8:00a - **Marie Cmar** (Gray Family)

SUNDAY - MAY 26 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4:00p(Sat) - **John Jasek Family** (Joe and Maryann Lewis)
 9:30a - **Carl Schulte** (Dorothy Welsh and Zensko Jednota #107)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Holy Trinity Website.....www.holytrinitywm.com
 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... h.trinity@verizon.net
 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**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11, The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34, God's Spirit renews the earth.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17, We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Reflecting on God's Word

In the Middle Ages, when science seemed to be stepsister to the arts, people thought that phlogiston was what made something burnable. The more phlogiston, the more readily flammable was the way they understood physics' inner workings. It explained why rocks did not burn and why straw readily did.

Though phlogiston has long been shelved, its theory is not so far removed from how the Spirit of God burns in our lives, nor is it far from the gifts that God's Spirit sets aflame in us. If some effort of ours glows with light and heat, it may be a sign of much Spirit, sort of like phlogiston. On the other hand, if in our effort to shine there's not even a spark, it's quite likely that that is not where the Spirit has settled into us. It might be better to pay attention then to some other aspect of life.

The struggle is to make sure that our imagined passion and where the Spirit of God wants us to be are one and the same so that the former does not cause us to stray from the latter. How does anyone know if they are where they should be? St. Paul says that the Spirit gives each of us our own dose of divine giftedness, our own spark with which to shine, but it's not given to us for our own glory or fun or feel-good self-image but for the good of others, for the community, for building up life. John's Gospel suggests one other such test—whether or not we're at peace. That, too, is the Spirit's gift.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

TODAY, Sun, May 19th.....**Men's Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast - See details below.**

TODAY, Sun, May 19th.....**Pentecost Sunday**

Tue, May 21st.....**Election Day**

Fri, May 24th**St. Agnes - No School**

Sun, May 26th.....**Blood Drive at St. Agnes, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm; Trinity Sunday**

Mon, May 27th.....**Memorial Day**

Wed, May 29th.....**St. Agnes 8th Grade Graduation, 7:00 pm**

Thur, May 30th.....**St. Agnes Pre-School Graduation, 1:30 pm**

Mon, June 3rd.....**Last Day of School, Mass 8:15 am, Dismissal 11:00 am**

Fri/Sat, June 21st/22nd.....**St. Agnes Flea Market, Social Hall. Please begin gathering your items!!**

July 26th-27th.....**146th St. Agnes Annual Festival. Save these dates now!!**

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

A **Children's Bulletin** with games, puzzles, and activities that are based upon the Sunday (or Holy Day) Scripture readings will now be available 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 understanding of the Mass and Scriptures. Please take a copy for the children.



BLOOD DRIVE

A Blood Drive will be held at **St. Agnes Social Hall** on Sunday, **May 26th**, from **8:00 am - 1:00 pm**. To make an appointment, please phone **Donna Milko** at **412-466-4610**. Please support this vital effort within our community.



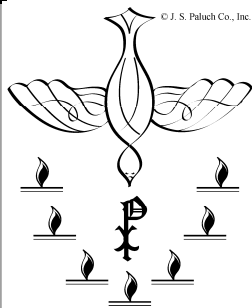
TODAY!

**Holy Trinity Men's Club
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Holy Trinity Social Hall
Adults \$5.00 -- Children \$2.00**

Come join your fellow parishioners for this Men's Club delicious event!

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 Holy Trinity Social Hall. Call Jean at 412-466-5062. Cost is \$25.00.





Come Holy Spirit—Come With Your Gifts

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He promised that, together with the Father, He would send us the Holy Spirit. **Today we celebrate that first coming of the Holy Spirit on this Feast of Pentecost.** Jesus had explained that the Holy Spirit would remind us of all that he had taught us, so He would be a **Spirit of TRUTH**—and by bringing us together in Christ and in the one true Faith, He would also be a **Spirit of UNITY**.

As we celebrate the first coming of the Holy Spirit, at the same time we acknowledge that He is with us, *here and now*. We have received Him and His Gifts in Baptism and in a special way in Confirmation. Just as the Apostles opened themselves to receive the Holy Spirit, so it must be with us—otherwise the Holy Spirit has nothing to work with. **Let's resolve today, in our own individual lives, to give Him something to work with. If we make an effort to come to a fuller knowledge and deeper understanding of God's Teachings, then the Holy Spirit can enlighten, guide, and strengthen our Faith.** Then, with a confirmed Faith and solid convictions, we can practice our Faith correctly. We can recognize error and reject it—and we can help to pass on the Truth of our Faith to others by word and example. Doing this, we can play our small part, with the help of the Holy Spirit, in bringing among Christians the Unity that Jesus wants and prayed for.

In the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, which was promulgated at Vatican Council II, this is what the Church teaches: “In the Church there is diversity of service but unity of purpose. Christ conferred on the Apostles and their successors the duty of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in His name and power. But the Laity, too, share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own role to play in the mission of the whole People of God in the Church and in the world.”

Forgiveness will unleash a power in your life that is underused. Do not be afraid or stubborn. Use the power.

TEENS in GRADES 8-12: READY TO GET ROCKED BY GOD THIS SUMMER?

Then mark your calendars for the Franciscan Youth Conference on **June 12th-14th**. The theme song and promo video for this year's theme “Chosen,” can be found on their website @ www.stuebenville.org. Teens in Grades 8-12 are invited to attend this **amazing** conference weekend, with **2,000 of your closest friends!** Cost is \$190 and registration is open until the **spots sell out!**



“Did You Know... Catholic Charities provides counseling services?” Catholic Charities has a certified gambling addiction counselor on staff and offers counseling for persons dealing with a gambling problem. Through their Free Health Care Center, they offer **free therapy for adults who have no health insurance**, for depression, anxiety and life circumstance issues. Please call 412-456-6910 for eligibility and more information, or Kathleen Zamperine, Director of Counseling, at 412-456-6951. If you have a need that is beyond the scope of their services, Catholic Charities can provide you with a qualified local referral. All calls are confidential. For more information about all Catholic Charities programs and services, visit www.ccpgh.org.

ST. AGNES FLEA MARKET

St. Agnes Flea Market will be held in **St. Agnes Social Hall** on **Friday and Saturday, June 21st and June 22nd**. You can drop off your **donations** beginning on **Monday, June 10th**—between **9:00 am and 9:00 pm**. We ask that all of your **"White Elephant"** donations be made by **June 16th**. Please do not drop off anything for the White Elephant Sale before **June 10th**. The hall is rented out, and we do not have anywhere to store items during this time. We will gladly and gratefully accept all donations from **June 10th through June 16th**. Thanks!



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to St. Agnes parishioner, **Joan Fetzko**, and family on the death of her father **JOSEPH MACKO**, who was buried from St. Therese in Munhall.



SAINTS in the MAKING - Part 1

Teachers and parents of teenagers often face such questions: “**Why should I go to Mass?** I don’t get anything out of it.”

“Why can’t I just pray at home?” “I can be a good Christian without going to church.” “People who go to church are hypocrites anyway.” “You just do the same thing over and over every week. It’s so boring!” **For practicing Catholics, however, churchgoing is a CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE, something that FORMS you.** *If you don’t do it, you get formed out of it, formed in another way.* There might be times when you have to do it in trust...as a discipline, as a way of being taught.

So, WHY ARE WE IN CHURCH? Because we are “CALLED.” Our word CHURCH in Latin is ECCLESIA, that us, as a people gathered together, because God calls; He gathers us together to form an ASSEMBLY; to form in a very real sense the BODY of CHRIST. Trans-substantiation gives us Christ under the Eucharistic species (Body and Blood of Christ under the form of bread and wine.) And so on solemn feasts, we reverence with incense not only the priestly minister, the Scriptures, and the altar upon which the Eucharistic species rests, but also we waft incense over the congregation, reverencing the many faces of Christ in the Eucharistic assembly.

If taken seriously, this idea that Christ is truly present among us in the assembly could expand our vision in striking ways, and help us to see with new eyes. It means that when you walk up the steps and into the church and someone greets you at the door, you might catch a glimpse of the face of Christ--and he or she might too. The lector might be your neighbor or your spouse, but at Mass, his or her voice is also God’s. The priest who prays over our gifts speaks the very words of Christ, and yet he remains someone we know, someone like us. (to be continued)

FREE STROKE RISK SCREENING

Ages 18 and Over Welcome, No Insurance Required

Saturday, June 8th, Christ the Light of the World Parish (Social Hall), 32 South First Street, Duquesne, PA, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Screening includes:

- * Stroke risk survey
- * Body fat analysis
- * Total cholesterol
- * Carbon Monoxide testing for smokers
- * HDL
- * Blood sugar level
- * Counseling on risk factors

Screening takes about 30-45 minutes to complete.

Registration is preferred. Call 412-469-7100.

Sponsored by Jefferson Regional Medical Center.

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,
Jim Schragl, Marie Steiner, Paul Thomas**

**Please Pray for Our Beloved
Serving in the Military**

St. Agnes

**RCT Nikolas Eichenlaub
2nd BT PLT 2049
Echo Company
Parris Island, SC 24409
Grandson of Charles and Sue Barnes**

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES - May 12, 2013

**\$ 4,750 -- Sunday Offertory and Holy Day
\$ 360 -- Parish Share**

**PSP Assessment-2013\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP\$ 10,476
Monthly School Subsidy\$ 6,167**

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

HOLY TRINITY - May 12, 2013

**\$ 2,747 -- Sunday Offertory and Holy Day
\$ 150 -- Parish Share**

**PSP Assessment-2013\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP\$ 8,229**

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