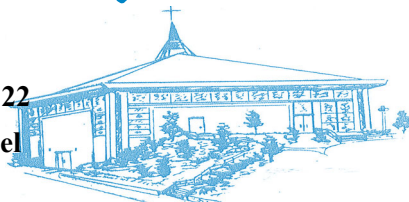


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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 - AUG 4 - 18TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Joe Milko** (Joel & Elle Dobos)
 8:00a - **Special Intention** (Sisters of St. Agnes)
 11:00a - **Marilyn R. Kepes** (Family)

MONDAY - AUG 5 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - AUG 6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

7:00a - (Communion Service)

WEDNESDAY - AUG 7 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - AUG 8 - ST. DOMINIC

7:00a - Communion Service)

FRIDAY - AUG 9 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SATURDAY - AUG 10 - ST. LAWRENCE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - AUG 11 - 19TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Martha Gruber** (Suzann & Jim Bevan)
 8:00a - **George Lesko** (Ladies of Charity)
 11:00a - **Joseph Munda** (Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - AUG 4 - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **John Jasek Family** (Joe & Maryann Lewis)
 9:30a - **Margaret Gamret, 90th Birthday**
 (David & Karen Gamret)

MONDAY - AUG 5 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Joseph Bujdos** (Seponsky Family)

TUES - AUG 6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

(7:00a Communion Service at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - AUG 7 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Joseph Stanicar** (Family)

THURSDAY - AUG 8 - ST. DOMINIC

(7:00a Communion Service at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - AUG 9 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Phyllis Bialobok Bowers Birthday** (Mom & Family)

SATURDAY - AUG 10 - ST. LAWRENCE

8:00a - **Carl Schulte** (Virginia Jasek))

SUN - AUG 11 - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Marjorie Byrnes** (Ken Bice)
 9:30a - **Margaret Wooddell** (Robert Wooddell)

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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.

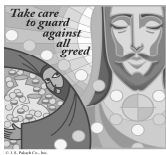
MARRIAGE: Arrange 6 months in advance.

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**



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*, Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*, If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-5,9-11*, There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*, A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Reflecting on God's Word:

"You can't take it with you," Aunt Frances used to say. "I never saw a hearse pulling a U-Haul." Aunt Frances had a point. We expend a lot of effort making money for our families, planning for retirement, and managing our investments. Yet we have no control over when our lives will be demanded of us. And wealth may not be the only "treasure" that we "store up."

We have many ways to preserve a false sense of security, to mask the vulnerability that we humans share. We may install security systems, move into gated communities, or buy a gun. We may buy SUVs with anti-lock brakes. We may store up good deeds that allow us to feel smug and self-satisfied, or grudges that put others in our debt. The scriptures today remind us that whatever we might be banking on to keep us safe is mere "vanity."

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Sun, Aug 4th.....**Second Collection is for Parish Share. Please fulfill your pledge.**

Thur, Aug 15th.....**Assumption of our Lady, Holy Day of Obligation**

Sun, Aug 25th.....Special School Mass at St. Agnes, 4:00 pm

Mon, Sept 2nd.....**Labor Day**, Masses at both Parishes

Sun, Nov.24th.....**Feast of Christ the King, Our Lord and Savior**

\$3,000 Labor Day Lottery Drawing

Tickets to benefit the Holy Trinity and St. Agnes Improvement Funds may be purchased following weekend Masses or at the Rectory Office. The seller of the winning ticket will receive \$200.



Football Mania Sweepstakes tickets

benefiting our school are now available!! Tickets are \$20 for 17 weeks of the regular football season. Contact Sister Cynthia after Masses or in school at 412-466-6238.

Nemacolin Casino Trip: if you have registered for the **September 11th** trip, please make the **\$30 payment to George by August 15th**. Also need your name (as it appears on drivers license or government photo ID), address, phone number, date of birth and e-mail address (if available). For more information call George at 412-466-5062.



Golden Wedding Celebration



The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will be on **Sunday, October 20th, beginning with a Mass at 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik** will be the celebrant. If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2013, and would like to attend, **please call the rectory no later than August 11th. Our prayerful congratulations.**

Why Do Catholics Do That? Catholic Churches have a tabernacle either in the sanctuary or near by. The tabernacle contains consecrated hosts for people in the hospital or nursing homes and those in danger of death. Therefore, Jesus is present; body & blood, soul & divinity. When we cross in front of the tabernacle or enter a pew, we honor Christ by genuflecting on the right knee or making a deep bow. We use the right knee because that is considered the side of honor.



Flowers at **Holy Trinity** are in Honor of **Margaret Gamret's 90th Birthday!**
We wish her many more healthy and blessed birthday celebrations to come!

— FOUR GUIDELINES FROM GOD —

Effective Immediately... **please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life.** These changes need to be completed in order that *I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life.* I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems little to ask.

Please follow these 4 guidelines:

1. **QUIT WORRYING:** Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over little things that come your way?
2. **TRUST ME:** Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems, and your trials.
3. **LEAVE IT ALONE:** Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now; I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in My peace.
4. **LOVE YOURSELF:** As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by Me for one reason only—to be loved and to love in return. *I am a God of Love.* Love Me, your neighbors, and yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. *You are very precious to me!*

Is God Calling You to Become a Catholic or Better Informed?

Have you thought about the fact that God may be calling you to become a Catholic? Have you been searching for meaning in your life? Is there something missing? Do you need to have another direction for your life's journey? To help find the answer to these questions, you may want to consider entering the "***Process of Christian Initiation.***"

- **Time of Inquiry:** A time when you feel a "tug" in your heart that God is gently nudging you in this direction. This is a time to seek, ask, question and find out if this is the direction for your life right now. No question is out of line and surely and hopefully, we can give an answer.
- **Who is this process for?** If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another religion other than Catholic, were baptized Catholic and never received any other sacraments, or wish answers to your lingering questions about your faith, then this is the process for you.
- **How do you express interest in this process?** If you would like to enroll in the process or have any questions, please call **Sister Cynthia at 412-466-6238** or **Father Grosko at 412-466-6545**. Classes begin in the Fall in preparation for the Easter Vigil.
- **Every parishioner can be an evangelizer in bringing interested parties to this R.C.I.A. program.**



Diocesan Women's Conference: Women ALIVE! in Prayer

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19, for the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Catholic Women's Conference at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown. Registration will open August 1. Online registration and a downloadable form are available at www.diopitt.org. A registration form will also be in the August 2 edition of the *Pittsburgh Catholic*. This day-long program begins with morning prayer & is filled with workshops to enrich women's prayer life, includes Eucharistic Adoration & concludes at Mass with Bishop Zubik.

Volunteers for a Special Ministry!

Our parishes of *St. Agnes and Holy Trinity* are calling for volunteers to help in our ***outreach for the sick, shut-ins, and those in the local nursing homes.*** Please call **Josephine Andres at 412-466-9055** to assist in ***this blessed and unique ministry*** as there has been an increase in the number of our shut-ins and sick. Your presence in this unique ministry is an expression of our parishes' reaching out to the needy and the sick.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.

If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher.

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this....**They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work.** If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. **Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!**"

When you are *DOWN to nothing*...God is *UP to something*! **Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!**"

Is It OK to skip Mass once in a while?

If we remember that Jesus is truly present during Mass – as present as he was to his apostles during the Last Supper – we would never want to miss Mass. Unless absence is unavoidable, **we have the command of God and the command of the Church to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.** The command of God: The Third Commandment says, "*Remember the Sabbath day—keep it holy*" (Exodus 20:8). Jesus instituted Mass at the Last Supper when he took the bread and wine and turned it into his body and blood and said, "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). The command of the Church: "*And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock will build my church*" (Matthew 16:18).

Jesus made Peter the first pope and the head of the Church. The pope speaks for Christ, and the Church through the Catechism of the Catholic Church and requires that we attend Mass every Sunday. **When Jesus and the Church tell us let's do it.**

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Holy Trinity

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Anna Cmar,
Helen Gambal, Martin Hock, Mary Lisa Holzwarth,
Zander Holzwarth (15 months old), 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, Marguerite Oeler,
Laura Pasternak, Dorothy Petrak, Clara Riley,
Loretta Sabol, Rudy Saunders, Brian Saunders,
Jim Schragl, Marie Steiner, Paul Thomas

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

Please Pray for Our Beloved in the Military

--RCT Nikolas Eichenlaub, 2nd BT PLT 2049, Echo
Company, Parris Island, SC 24409, Grandson of
Charles and Sue Barnes
--Sean J. Bowen, Grandson of Eileen Cochrane

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES

\$3,371- - July 28 Sunday Offering
\$115 - - - -Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 \$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP\$ 17,686
Monthly School Subsidy \$ 6,167
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$1,885- - July 28 Sunday Offering
\$0 - - - -Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP \$ 11,518

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