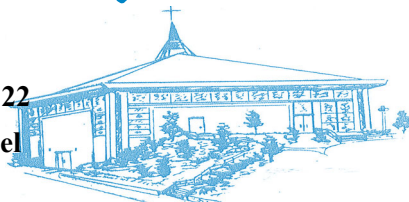


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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

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

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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

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)

MONDAY - AUG 12 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - AUG 13 - WEEKDAY

7:00a - **Florence Dugan** (Ladies of Charity)

WEDNESDAY - AUG 14 - ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR-AUG 15-ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00a - **Marilyn Kepes** (Tom & Karen Thomas)
 7:00p - **John Gruber** (Geraldine Saracco)

FRIDAY - AUG 16 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SATURDAY - AUG 17 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - AUG 18 - 20TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Joe Milko** (Dolores & Delphine Schaff)
 8:00a - **George Lesko** (Doris Kapolka)
 11:00a - **Joseph Munda** (Munda Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - AUG 11 - 19TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY - AUG 12- WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Agnes Magdik** (Christian Mothers Guild)

TUES - AUG 13 - WEEKDAY

(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - AUG 14 - ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

8:00a - **George Matthias** (Jim Matthias)
 4:00p - Mass (Living & deceased members of the Parish)

THUR AUG ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

9:30a - **Marie Kapples** (Carol & Andrew Chuba)

FRIDAY - AUG 16- WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Henry Kovalcin** (Justine Kozak)

SATURDAY - AUG 17 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Marie Cmar** (John & Valerie Belback))

SUN - AUG 18 - 20TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Mary Gasparovic** (Sisters)
 9:30a - **Rudy Mihaljevic** (Margie Petrick)

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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**

August 11, 2013

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

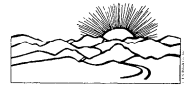
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Wisdom 18:6-9*, The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 33:1,12,18-22*, Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19*, We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:32-48*, You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.



Reflecting on God’s Word: It’s tempting to wish that our faith in God enabled us to have an unflinching trust that God will take us where we want to be. It would free us from dithering with decisions, vacillating and second-guessing. Only that wouldn’t be faith because it would be our own script we’d have God carrying out.

Faith in God surrenders the script. It also surrenders the outcome, which is why Abraham, when asked by God to pack up kin and belongings and move to another land, did just that without knowing where or how he’d eventually settle in. And much later, like the unpredictable thread of a good novel, Abraham’s story finds him and Sarah with child when they are 100 and 90 years old. A decade or so later, Abraham again finds himself without any sensible or sane understanding of the storyline as he leads young Isaac up a sacrificial mountain to what would seem to be a failure of God’s promise to Abraham to father countless generations. Once more God rewrites the ending. Throughout Abraham’s life it is God’s script that Abraham lives out, not his own. Faith is unpredictable, like good novels that twist and turn and keep us in suspense. If novels are well written, they keep us up long into the night. On the other hand, we like our lives quite the opposite. The appearance of the unpredictable tends to unsettle and undo our living. We presume that good lives, unlike a good novel, are interesting and engaging but always deliberately focused and free of unwarranted surprises. And so we expect good novels and good lives to be like the tracks of the railroad—parallel, but never touching or crossing lest someone or something be derailed.

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

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

Sun, Aug 18th.....**St. Agnes Pastoral Council Meeting** following 11:00 am Mass. Finance Committee Members will be called for this special meeting.

Tue, Aug 20th.....**Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Meeting** at 7:00 pm in Rectory.

Thurs/Fri, Aug 22/23.....St. Agnes School — half days.

Fri, Aug 23rd.....St. Agnes Parents Mass with School Children at 8:15 am.

Sun, Aug 25th.....St. Agnes Back to School Mass at 4:00 pm followed by a Picnic.

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.

**Pastoral Council Meetings of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**

All-important meetings of the **Pastoral Councils** will be held on **Sunday, August 18th at St. Agnes** after the 11:00 am Mass and at **Holy Trinity on Tuesday, August 20th** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Rectory. Please make every effort to attend these important meetings.



**Flowers in Honor of Mary** (Holy Trinity) are in Memory of **Margaret Wooddell** by Robert Wooddell.

**Sanctuary Candle** (Holy Trinity) is in Memory of **Deboarh Sabo Lebedda** by family.



**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...** to the family and friends of **Irene O’Bruba** who was buried from Holy Trinity Church. *May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*



## ***Assumption of Mary, Thursday August 15th***

Next Thursday, on the Feast Day of Mary, we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. As the Father had glorified His Beloved Son in His Resurrection, we as the Church, celebrate Christ glorifying His Beloved Mother in her Assumption into Heaven. **Mary serves as our model.** We look to her son, Jesus Christ, who assumes His Beloved Mother to be with Him in Heaven. Assumed body and soul into heaven, she enjoys now what we have been promised.

**We look first to her Son, Jesus Christ but also to Mary to en flesh for us, bodily creatures that we are, the meaning and plan of the Divine.** She is “one of us” and we look to her with love and pride.

**Our Lady blesses your presence and participation.**

**THERE IS AN ANTICIPATED MASS AT HOLY TRINITY AT 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH. ON AUGUST 15TH THERE WILL BE A 9:30 AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY & A 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM MASS AT ST. AGNES.**

### **THE GREETING**

During Mass, the solemn greeting follows the sign of the cross: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (or similar words). One obvious feature of the greeting is its continuation of the Trinitarian theme of the sign of the cross. Yet again, all three divine Persons are mentioned in one breath. However, the greeting differs from the sign of the cross in that it emphasizes our experience of the Trinity, rather than simply the Persons themselves. The priest prays that the assembly may receive three blessings, each blessing associated specifically with one divine Person (though, of course, all three Persons always act in concert). We receive the grace (favor) of the Son, the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit.

### ***Looking Back***

Yes, we have successfully completed our **146th St. Agnes Summer Festival**. Reflecting back on those days beforehand and the Festival itself, I am touched by the many who, in quiet and dedicated fashion, carried out the needed work to be done. I express my prayerful gratitude to those who are unnamed but who have been etched into my mind and heart. Without these reach out, we would not have had a successfulers who signed up to work booths did not appear. The success of the festival, or any tire Faith Community pulling together and to-prayerfully I need your understanding, help and cooperation in all our endeavors. The bills are not all in, so the final figures on the Festival will be given in future bulletins.



faithful individuals and their willingness to Festival. I am told a number of our parishioner and placed a burden on those who were other event in our parishes, does need the en-gether we can succeed in endless ways. So

### **CALLING ALL SCHOOL PARENTS OF ST AGNES....**



**Sunday, August 25th, a Eucharistic Celebration** will be held at **4:00 pm**, to *seek the Lord’s blessings and graces as we begin the School Year of 2013-14.* With a gathering of our school children and parents, may the Lord hear our fervent petitions and prayers as we begin the new school year. **A picnic will follow immediately after Mass.** *This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation and all are welcome in this faith gathering of the St. Agnes community.*

### ***The Mass: The Perfect Prayer***

Have you ever noticed how **powerful the words of the Sacred Liturgy of the Eucharist** are? We can hear the prayers of the Mass again and again over a lifetime, and still never exhaust their meaning. At different times in life we will be deeply touched by some particular part of the Mass, and hear those prayers again as if for the first time. They seem to be speaking just to us and to our particular life experience. They draw us into the heart of Christ and His paschal Mystery, and everything takes on new and deeper meaning. It is with great wisdom that the Church teaches that “regulations of the Sacred Liturgy depend solely on the authority of the Church...Therefore, no other person, even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the Liturgy on his own authority.”

## Bereavement Support

George Irvin Green Funeral Home is offering a bereavement support session on Tuesday, August 13th from 6:30-8:30 pm at the George Irvin Green Funeral Home, 3511 Main Street, Munhall.

Dr. A. Barbara Coyne, who is a professional bereavement counselor, will lead the discussion while offering help and encouragement to all in attendance. This support session is designed to help teach individuals about the mourning process, exchange ideas and explore feelings within a small group. Please RSVP by calling 412-461-6394.



## SUPER BINGO

St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, is holding a “*Super Bingo*” on **Sunday, August 18th.**

The doors open at 12:00 Noon. Early Birds start at 1:00 pm with Regular games to follow. \$20 package of 9 cards includes specials (does not include Jackpot or Lucky “7”). Extra 9-card package costs \$10.

For more information, please contact 412-462-2766. Food is available to purchase, free coffee and tea.

## Does God Care What I Wear to Church?

Summer activities and vacations can make getting to Mass each week seem like a juggling act. Harder still is finding the time to dress properly and prepare as we would like. But approaching all aspects of the Eucharist carefully can deepen our Communion with Christ. What we wear can help.

**Make it feel special.** If you were invited to a friend’s house for an evening wouldn’t you wear something nice to honor your friend? Sunday Mass is a special time for you and God. Wearing good clothes makes it feel special.

**Send a message.** Mass is also a communal celebration. When you look nice in church, you send a message to your Catholic brothers and sisters that you value your time together in God’s house.

**Use this guideline.** When deciding what to wear in Church, think about this; if it’s something you would wear to a picnic, to play a sport, or to clean out the garage or the house, don’t wear it to church—even during the summer.

**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**

\$4,534 - August 4 Sunday Offering  
\$1,100 - - - - -Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 ..... \$ 25,758  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 18,786  
Monthly School Subsidy ..... \$ 6,167  
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$2,588 - August 4 Sunday Offering  
\$1,320 - - - - -Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 23,221  
Amount Collected PSP ..... \$ 12,838

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