

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

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)

MONDAY-AUG 19 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES-AUG 20 - ST. BERNARD

7:00a - **Joseph Andreyo** (Irene Slezak)

WEDNESDAY-AUG 21 - ST. PIUS X, POPE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR-AUG 22-QUEENSHIP OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:45a - **Jane Plake** (Annie Sopko)

FRIDAY - AUG 23 - ST. ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

8:15a - **Martha Gruber** (Gayle Fitch)

SATURDAY - AUG 24 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - AUG 25 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Richard Jordan** (Tony & Barb Salopek)
 8:00a - **Joseph Andreyo** (Jack & Fran Walters)
 11:00a - **Victor Merritt** (Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-AUG 18-20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY - AUG 19- WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John Butsko, Jr.** (Rick & Judy Gamble))

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(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

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4:00p(Sat) **Marie Kapples** (Betty Clark)
 9:30a - **Jodi Matta Dillinger** (Children, Logan & Tyler)

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**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: *Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10*, Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 40:2-4, 18*, A prayer for God's help.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:1-4*, Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:49-53*, Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

Reflecting on God's Word

By now just about all of summer has been unwrapped and spent. As the season drains away and summer's light dims, so too grows the realization that the busy work of life must soon be taken up in earnest once more. Once more the realization returns that life calls us seriously to particular autumn cares. No matter how fearful or challenging, each of us must follow that inner voice or else sense that life will have become less.

Such was the story of Jeremiah, who found himself prophet to the Hebrew people. He sensed an inner call to speak God's word against the nation's political alliances and against the king's penchant to trust in military machines. As a result Jeremiah found himself tossed into a well. Yet he remained committed.

It is also the story of Jesus, who came with truth as a walking stick and the kingdom as seeds of life to be scattered and sown. He also knew full well that few would walk where he would walk or choose to feed on what he would sow. Yet he would not back away from what he was about.

'Such a willingness to stretch ourselves into the unknown is part of that mysterious list of things that make us human. At such times we walk in the shadow of Jesus as he leads us into new ways of being human. Seldom, if ever, is it without struggle or even pain, yet it is then that we begin to gain a fuller sense of who we truly are, and it is then that through us God brings the world to something new.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- 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
- Fri, Sept 13th.....**Our Lady of Sorrows Mass** 7:00pm (Holy Trinity) Reception to Follow
- Sat, Sept 21st.....**Women's Retreat at St. Agnes Social Hall begins at 10:00am**
- Sun, Nov 24th..... **Feast of Christ the King, Our Lord and Savior**
- Mon, Oct 7th..... Indoor Rosary in honor of our Lady at 7:00pm (Holy Trinity) Social to follow



The flowers at Holy Trinity are in memory of **Mary Gasparovic** by her family.

The **second collection next Sunday** will be for Catholic Communications and the Catholic University of America.

Next Sunday, Aug. 25, the Eucharistic Celebration will be held at **4:00 pm, to seek the Lord's blessings as we begin the School Year of 2013-14.** 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.



\$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. **Your presence is needed for this all-important pastoral meeting.**





IF I KNEW...!!!

If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord your soul to keep...If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more...If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted in praise, I would video tape each action and word so I could play them back day after day...If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute to stop and say, "I love you" instead of assuming you would know I do...If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more so I can just let this one slip away...For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right...There will always be another day to say, "I love you" and certainly there's another chance to say, "Anything I can do?...But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and how I will never forget...Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved ones tight...So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day that you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug or a kiss. And you were too busy to grant someone what turned out to be their last wish...So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear. Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear...Take time to say, "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "it's okay."...And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have not regrets about today.

Anonymous



Many of you have been asking about the total raised from this year's Festival. Monies are still coming in so a final total will be reported in a future bulletin. However, we expect that number to be in the neighborhood of **\$28,000!** Once again our prayerful thanks to all who helped.

The St. Agnes School Year of 2013-2014

The school days will begin with half days at St. Agnes on Thursday and Friday, August 22nd/23rd, with our *dedicated teaching staff under the steady and experienced leadership of Sr. Cynthia Wessel, Principal.* This coming Friday, the school children will participate in the *Eucharistic Celebration* at 8:15 a.m. as they will on ***all the Fridays*** of the school year in a *spirited, joyful and prayerful manner.* ***What a wonderful way to begin our school year at St. Agnes!***



If you wish to enroll your child/children in St. Agnes School—"THE MOLDER OF A CHRIST-CENTERED YOUTH"—room is available on all class levels, beginning with pre-school to the eighth grade. For enrollment or information, please call **Sister Cynthia, 412-466-6238.** We at St. Agnes Parish can be proud that we have such a Catholic school with a history of many years, wonderful graduates, and a tradition that extends over a hundred years. ***We call upon all parishioners to be truly proud of our school and ever grateful for their continual and loving support.***

St. Agnes School Faculty & Staff 2013-2014

Principal - ***Sister Cynthia Wessel, SHS***
 Admin. Assistants - ***Carolyn Roper and Pat Jakub***
 Preschool - ***Theresa Wagner***
 Kindergarten - ***Polly Swank***
 1st Grade - ***Jennifer Mason***
 2nd Grade - ***Linda Reed***
 3rd Grade - ***Anita Niecgorski***
 4th Grade - ***Julie Rocco***
 5th Grade - ***Barbara Blaney***
 6th Grade - ***Corrine Pfefferkorn***
 7th Grade - ***Lori Guthrie***
 8th Grade - ***Sister Janelle Banko, SHS***

Remedial Reading & Math -***Lauren Scurry***
 Speech - ***Lauri Davidson***
 Counselor - ***Patricia Trappon***
 Band - ***Brittany Baradziej***
 Part-time Teacher - ***Melissa Benovich***
 Cafeteria Manager - ***Dori Protz***
 After Care - ***Marci Baker***
 Maintenance - ***Jason Bevan***
 Cleaning Crew - ***Amanda Protz***
Our Christ centered environmental center is staffed with dedicated and experienced teachers ever ready to welcome every student in the coming year.

A Prayer for a Deeper Appreciation of the Eucharist

Loving God,

You gave us the Eucharist as your abiding presence with us. Help us to become open to Christ's call and enable us to embody Christ in our every thought, word and deed.

May we, like Mary, receive Christ within our every thought, word and deed.

May our Bishops, priests and deacons be bridges to help God's Word become more deeply rooted in the lives of the faithful in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

May consecrated men and women become instruments of Christ's mission to those they encounter daily.

May those who serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion share the Body and Blood of Christ with reverent tenderness.

May all liturgical ministers appreciate and understand the great witness they give to the sanctity of the liturgy.

May every member of the assembly truly make old comers and new comers welcome.

May all of us genuinely look for ways to live the reality of the Eucharist by pouring out our lives in humble service.

May we never take for granted the incomparable experience of receiving the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

May we find in Eucharistic Adoration a focus for our lives before the presence of Christ and become more receptive to the call of Christ in us.

May the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength and courage to grow the Church Alive in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

May we keep forever in our hearts The Eucharist... His abiding presence with us always.
Amen



BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

A barbeque Chicken Fundraiser Dinner to benefit the Duquesne Volunteer Fire

Company will be held on Saturday, August 24th from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm at the Duquesne VFW. The cost is \$9.33 per person.

HOLY SPIRIT CCD



Holy Spirit CCD Registration Forms are available in the Social Hall following Masses.

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,
Teresa Schaff, Jim Schragl, Michael Sorokacs,
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

\$2,164- - August 11 Sunday Offering
\$ 360 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP\$ 19,146
Monthly School Subsidy\$ 6,167
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$1,644- - August 11 Sunday Offering
\$ 130 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP\$ 12,968

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