

# 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

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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 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)  
 4:00p - **St. Agnes School Children**

#### MONDAY-AUG 26 - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### TUES-AUG 27 - ST. MONICA

6:45a - **Rose Kollar** (Ladies of Charity)

#### WEDNESDAY-AUG 28 - ST. AUGUSTINE

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### THUR-AUG 29 - PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

6:45a - **Marie Cmar** (Jim & Phyllis Senato)

#### FRIDAY - AUG 30 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Glen Steimer** (Steimer Family)

#### SATURDAY - AUG 31 - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### SUN - SEPT 1- 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **DeLena Bevan** (James & Family)  
 8:00a - **Howard "Tim" Schragel** (Irene Slezak)  
 11:00a - **Emilia Koreny** (Mike & Nancy Lapinski)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - AUG 25 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### MONDAY - AUG 26 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John George Paul Polack** (Ann Szucs)

#### TUES - AUG 27 - ST. MONICA

*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### WEDNESDAY - AUG 28 - ST. AUGUSTINE

8:00a - **Elizabeth Spirnak** (Mary, Ray, & Eleanor)

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*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

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8:00a - **Larry Maydak** (Bea Miller)

#### SUN - SEPT 1 - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) **Steve & Anna Breznay** (Children)  
 9:30a - **Marie Cmar** (Jim Matthias)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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**

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading:** *Isaiah 66:18-21*, Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 117:1-2*, Praise the Lord, all you nations.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*, Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 13:22-30*, People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

### Reflecting on God's Word

Trudy hung up the phone very slowly. "Well, Jim, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that your mom and dad are coming to Kate's wedding after all. The bad news is that your brother is coming with them." Jim's brother was a missionary for a strict religious sect. When he had learned that Jim and Trudy were becoming Catholic he had erupted in condemnation. They had not spoken since then.

Have you ever hoped someone would not come to an event you were hosting, or scheduled it when you knew the person wouldn't be available? Are there people whose presence in the seat next to you at Sunday Mass would make you uncomfortable? Today's scriptures proclaim that those people have as much right to "recline at table in the kingdom of God" as we do—or more. They suggest that if we want the Lord to "open the door for us," we must be willing to open the door to everyone.



*People are funny; they want the front of the bus,  
Middle of the Road,  
And back of the church.*

**Holy Trinity Avenue of Flags** will be lowered on Tuesday, Sept. 10th. Volunteers are needed to help take down the flags beginning at 9:00 am. *Please lend a hand.*

### ~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- Today, 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, Sept 8th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Stuffed Chicken Dinner** (noon-5:00 pm)  
Tues, Sept 10th.....**Avenue of Flags Lowered (9:00 am) Volunteers Needed!**  
Thur, Sept 12th.....**St. Agnes 55+ Meeting** (1:00 pm)  
Fri, Sept 13th.....**Our Lady of Sorrows Mass 7:00 pm** (Holy Trinity) Reception to Follow  
Wed, Sept 18th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting** (5:00 pm)  
Sat, Sept 21st.....**Women's Retreat at St. Agnes Social Hall** (10:00 am)  
Mon, Oct 7th.....Indoor Rosary in honor of our Lady at 7:00pm (Holy Trinity) Social to follow  
Sun, Nov 24th.....**Feast of Christ the King, Our Lord and Savior**



*Baptism* Congratulations to **Lacey & Timothy Milko** on the baptism of their son, **Brody William Milko**, at Holy Trinity.

**PLEASE NOTE: EPHESIANS IV - Prayer & Praise - There will NOT be a meeting on Monday, September 2nd. The next meeting is on Monday, September 16th.**



**Sunday, Sept. 8th - Holy Trinity Men's Club Stuffed Chicken Dinner 12 noon until 5:00 pm** in Holy Trinity Hall.

Adults \$9 & Children \$4. Volunteers are needed for your delicious desserts to complete the meal.

**Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting - Wed., Sept. 18th, 5:00 pm.** Steak out, dinner. Call George by Sept. 15th at 412-466-5602 for reservations.

The First meeting of the 2013-14 season for the **ST AGNES 55+ CLUB** will be held in St. Agnes Social Hall at 1:00 pm on Thursday, **September 12, 2013**. Returning members and new people wishing to join please contact **Ed Ferchak at 412-462-0904** by Monday, September 9 so a meal may be ordered for you.

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **Margaret Svirbel** who was buried from *Holy Trinity* this past week. *May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven unto life everlasting.*



**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.

## OUR CAMPAIGN - THE CHURCH ALIVE



The Diocesan wide campaign will begin in our Parishes and various meetings are being held in preparation for this all-important endeavor. Prayerfully, our parishioners will respond in understanding willingness to assist the Diocese and, more significantly, to help our Parishes with the various projects that need to be financed. Importantly we are asking each parishioner to accept their assigned pledge goal and, in a five year period, thus fulfill their pledge. The success of this special campaign will depend on each parishioner accepting this **once-in-a-lifetime response** to the Diocese and the Parish.

**“The Church Alive Campaign”** benefits our Parishes directly, as 40 percent of contributions remain in the Parish. A number of projects at both Parishes can begin from the income of the campaign. Particularly, St. Agnes Rectory needs to be demolished. This can only be accomplished with the income from the campaign. We have never borrowed from the Diocese nor should we do so to complete projects in both Parishes.

Your understanding and support is needed. The success of the campaign in the Diocese to date, has been quite encouraging. Hopefully, the same can be said for us. **Your prayerful support will be of great benefit.**



Although **Monday, September 2nd** is a **civil holiday**, it is also a day on which we **pray in a special way for God’s blessings on our human labor**. It is obvious that God considers all human work, physical and mental, as elevating. In fact, **He entrusted the care of His own Son to a manual laborer**, a carpenter, **St. Joseph**. Neither Jesus nor Joseph were afraid to “get their hands dirty.”

We, as well, should **never consider any work as demeaning or beneath us**. Jesus commanded us to “**love one another**,” and sometimes this will require us to roll up our sleeves and **pitch in** with manual work—at **home**, in the **neighborhood**, and in our **parish**. May the **example of both Jesus and Joseph** remind us that all labor, if it is done in the right spirit and with the right intention, will help us attain our eternal salvation. **Do Join our Eucharistic Celebrations: 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity / 9:00 a.m. at St. Agnes.**

**WOMEN’S RETREAT, Saturday, Sept. 21st** from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in the St. Agnes Church and Social Hall. The theme is “A Day with God and the Alphabet.” The cost is \$8.00 and lunch is included. To register call **Peg Smith at 412-469-3452**. Women from all parishes are encouraged to attend.



Many of you have been asking about the total raised from this year’s Festival. The final results of the profit for this year’s festival is to the tune of \$26,700, and is \$1,744 over last year’s profit. Prayerfully grateful for the many who helped make this success for the benefit of St. Agnes School.

### *The St. Agnes School Year of 2013-2014*

**ARE YOU LOOKING** for a faith-filled, a safe and caring environment? Come join us the school office at 412-466-6238 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm to schedule a tour of the school, request information or discuss registration requirements. We provide Pre-K, full-day kindergarten through grade 8 programs. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2013 to be eligible for Kindergarten.



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## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

**All children attending public schools, particularly from the 1st to the 8th Grade** are expected to be registered in the **CCD PROGRAM**, that is, the *Confraternity of Christian Doctrine*. Classes will be held at either **Holy Spirit Church in West Mifflin or St. Rita Church in Whitaker**.

**Classes for 1st through 8th grade** are held at **St. Rita’s on Sunday morning 10:30-11:30 a.m.** The fee is **\$25 or \$45 for two or more children**. New registrants should call **Dan Gallagher at 412-461-4204**.

At **Holy Spirit**, classes for **Kindergarten-4th grade** are held on **Sunday morning 9:30 to 10:45**; classes for **5th-8th graders** are held on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 p.m.** Please register in St. Agnes Social Hall after Mass this weekend or **call Patricia Cagney at 412-346-0475**. The registration fee is **\$20**. Please register this week so both programs can be prepared for you. **The first class is the week of Sept. 10th.**

## ***Help Families Make Faith a Priority***



“One of the best gifts parents can give their children is the habit of praying throughout the day. Yet the hectic pace of family life often means that prayer gets lost in the shuffle. Here are five ways that families might add more prayer to their day. Start by picking the one or two that call your attention and see how it goes. Remember, even *your desire* to pray more is a prayer.

**Start the day with prayer** - I learned this trick many years ago from my second grade teacher, Sister Regina. Put your bedroom slippers or shoes far under your bed at the end of the day. Each morning while on your knees retrieving your footwear, say a quick prayer offering the whole day to God.

**Give a minute to prayer in the car** - Many families spend a lot of time in the family auto. As you start the engine, say a quick prayer that you will be aware of God’s presence in your day. Our family often said the *Prayer of St. Francis* as we buckled in.

**Keep special intentions in mind** - A family I know keeps a jar on the kitchen windowsill in which each family member can place a note listing a special intention that the others can pray for. It could be to do well on a test, handle a work situation well, or for the health of a relative or a friend. Everyone keeps those special intentions in mind throughout the day.

**Pray at every meal** - Never let a meal begin without at least a moment of thanks to the one who provides all that we need.

**Pray when people or events upset you** - If you want a sure-fire way to pray more each day, make a habit of saying a short prayer whenever someone irritates you. A quick “*Help me, God*” is sufficient. You’ll never run out of opportunities!

**Braddock High All-Class Reunion** will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at Stratigo’s Banquet Center. For more information call Mary (Chookie) Giulianelli at 412-466-7117 or Pat (Wright) Thomas at 724-244-1173 or 724-863-4668. Please spread the word about the reunion to other Braddock Alumni.

**K of C #4210** has scheduled it’s **Annual Men’s Retreat at St. Paul Monastery on the South Side** beginning with Dinner at 6:00 pm on **September 13th** and ending with Mass at 11:00 am, **September 15th**. To register call **John Engel, 412-462-9443** or **John Hostovich, 412-466-7447**. Please consider this worthwhile event for spiritual growth.

**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, 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**

**\$3,410- - August 18 Sunday Offering  
\$ 260 - - Parish Share**

**PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 25,758  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 19,406  
Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167  
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.**

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

**\$1,963- - August 18 Sunday Offering  
\$ 50 - - Parish Share**

**PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 23,221  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 13,018**

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