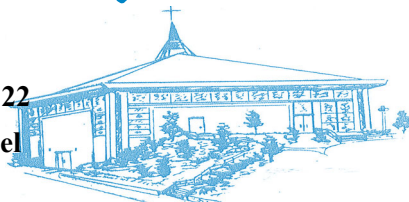


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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

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 - 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)

MONDAY-SEPT 2 - WEEKDAY - LABOR DAY

9:00a - **Active & Fallen Members of our Armed Forces**

TUES-SEPT 3 - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

6:45a - **Ursula Walters Ondo** (Ladies of Charity)

WEDNESDAY-SEPT 4 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR-SEPT 5 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert K. Barnes** (Bob & Rita Barnes)

FIRST FRIDAY - SEPT 6 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Richard "Dee" Bevan** (Diane Sober)

SATURDAY - SEPT 7 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - SEPT 8- 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **John J. Kukta** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)
 8:00a - **Joe Milko** (Jack & Fran Walters)
 11:00a - **James Howard** (Tom & Patty Klocko)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - SEPT 1 - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY - SEPT 2 - WEEKDAY - LABOR DAY

8:00a - **Steve Bialobok** (Sam DeMarco)

TUES - SEPT 3 - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - SEPT 4 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Anne Zilinskas** (Susan Zilinskas & Vic Murphy)

THUR - SEPT 5 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FIRST FRIDAY - SEPT 6 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Henry Kovalcin** (Rosemary Denne)

SATURDAY - SEPT 7 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Michael Banosky** (Melnichak Family)

SUN - SEPT 8 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) **Raymond Soltis** (Parents)
 9:30a - **Living & Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 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**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: *Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29.* Humble yourself and you will find favor with God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 68:4-7,10-11.* The just rejoice and exult before God.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24.* You have approached Mount Zion & the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:1,7-14.* When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and the blind.

Reflecting on God's Word

The story is told of a priest who was a brilliant scholar and an extraordinary lecturer. His one concern in life was the position he would hold at God's eternal banquet. One night, in a dream, an angel revealed that he should expect to be seated next to the butcher from Regenberg. The priest was aghast. Surely a mistake, he thought. He decided to set out for Regenberg to see the man who would be his companion for eternity. As he traveled, he thought to himself that perhaps this butcher was really a man of great distinction who had fallen on hard times and was temporarily forced to cut meat for a living. With that thought, he tried to console himself.

In Regenberg, the priest found the butcher working quietly at his trade. He asked him if he had been a butcher all his life. The butcher replied, "Yes, I have, my good man, but I'm a second-rate butcher. You see, I have not had much time to devote to my trade. I have two elderly parents and they are very helpless in the daily tasks of life. As a result, much of my time is consumed in their care. The priest, with tears in his eyes, knelt down, kissed the rough hands of the butcher, and thanked God for giving him a place in heaven next to a man of such great distinction.

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

- Mon, Sept 2nd.....**Labor Day**, Masses at both Parishes
- Sun, Sept 8th..... **Holy Trinity Men's Club Stuffed Chicken Dinner** (noon-5:00 pm)
- 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
- Tues, Sept 17th.....**Avenue of Flags Lowered** (9:00 am) **Volunteers Needed!**
- 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, 7:00pm (Holy Trinity), Social to follow
- Sun, Nov 24th.....**Feast of Christ the King, Our Lord and Savior**


The First meeting of the season for the **ST AGNES 55+ CLUB** will be at 1:00 pm on Thurs., **Sept. 12, 2013.** Returning members and new people wishing to join please contact **Ed Ferchak at 412-462-0904** by Mon, Sept. 9 so a meal may be ordered for you.

**Holy Trinity Avenue of Flags** will be lowered on **Tues., Sept. 17th.** Volunteers are needed to help take down the flags beginning at 9:00 am. **Please help.**

**PLEASE NOTE: EPHESIANS IV - Prayer & Praise** - There will be **NO** meeting on Mon., Sept. 2nd. The next meeting is on Mon., Sept. 16th.

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** to the families and friends of **William Bevan** (brother of James & Thomas Bevan) & **Rudert "Rudy" Saunders**, (husband of Jean Saunders), from St. Agnes Church. *May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven unto life everlasting.*




 **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.

**Football Mania Sweepstakes** tickets benefiting our school are \$20 for 17 weeks of the regular football season. Contact Sister Cynthia after Masses or in school at 412-466-6238.



**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.

 **Holy Trinity Men's Club NEMACOLIN TRIP: Wed., Sept. 11.** Bus will leave church parking lot at 8:30 am & depart casino at 4:30 pm. Coffee & donuts beginning at 7:00 am. You **must** have photo ID to enter the casino.



**Congratulations to Vickie & Brian Krimbel** on the recent baptism of their daughter, **Norma Mae**, at St. Agnes.



Although **Monday, September 2nd** is a **civil holiday**, it is also a day on which we **pray 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.**

**First Friday...Sept. 6th**, the parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity celebrate the First Friday of Sept. **Solemn Holy Hour—reflections, prayers and the closing Solemn Benediction—will follow the 8:00am Mass at Holy Trinity**. Also scheduled is the **8:15am Mass for the school students of St. Agnes**. *Help us to become more Eucharistic parishes by your presence on the First Friday of each month for the Holy Hour.*

### ***Our Lady of Sorrows, Friday, September 13th***

**Holy Trinity Faith Community** will be celebrating the feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia**, with a special **Slovak-English Mass on Friday, September 13th**. A prelude of **Slovak hymns will begin at 7:00pm** preceding the Mass. A **reception will follow** in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. All are welcome to share in this Eucharistic ethnic celebration. For further information **Len Potemra, 412-672-6265** or the **parish office, 412-466-6545**.

**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.

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE, ST. AGNES/HOLY TRINITY**

With the beginning of the new school year, our fall schedule for **daily Masses** at St. Agnes is **6:45 a.m.** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**; every **Friday** the St. Agnes School children will participate at the Mass at **8:15 a.m.**

Also, the weekly Mass schedule at Holy Trinity continues as before; that is, **8:00 a.m.** on **Mondays, Wednesdays**, and **Saturdays**, with the Perpetual Help Novena following the Monday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The **First Friday of the month**, a Mass is scheduled at Holy Trinity for **8:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Hour with Solemn Benediction closing**. Become more Eucharistically minded by your presence at the daily Masses.

**K of C #4210** has scheduled its **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.

**Volunteers for a Special Ministry** are needed to help in our **outreach for the sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes**. *Please call Josephine Andres at 412-466-9055 to assist in this blessed and unique ministry.*



**West Mifflin 2013 Community Day** is on **Sat., Sept. 7th**, at **Century III Mall parking lot**. Activities will start at noon and run throughout the day.

### **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS**

**CCD** classes will be held at either **Holy Spirit Church in West Mifflin** or **St. Rita Church in Whitaker**. Classes for **1st through 8th grade** at St. Rita's are on **Sun., 10:30-11:30 am**. The fee is **\$25 or \$45 for two or more children**. New registrants should call **Dan Gallagher at 412-461-4204**.

**Holy Spirit**, classes for **Kindergarten-4th grade** are on **Sun., 9:30 to 10:45 am**; classes for **5th-8th graders** are on **Tues., 7:00-8:15 p.m.** Register in St. Agnes Social Hall after Mass this weekend or call **Patricia Cagney at 412-346-0475**. The registration fee is **\$20**. **The first class is the week of Sept. 10th.**



### *Prayerful Reflection*

When John Paul II was asked what was the most important day in his life, he replied: ***“The day I was baptized.”*** When Martin Luther felt discouraged, he would say: ***I am baptized, and through my baptism, God, who cannot lie, has bound himself in covenant with me.*** Our faith will flourish if we recognize a profound sense of the beauty of the ritual of BAPTISM. It touches the deeper dramas of human life: birth, growing up, falling in love, daring to give of ones self, becoming adult, coping with suffering, failure, and eventually death. We need to be convinced that the greatest dignity of any Christian is to be baptized. It’s more wonderful to share the bread of life than to be the one who consecrates it.

Following St. Irenaeus, we recognize that the glory of God is a human being fully alive. Being alive is the exercise of adult responsibility. **Parents exercise this adult responsibility by actively involving themselves in their children’s religious formation.**

The example of Christian living is the great motivator for understanding baptism. Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York tells of an experience when he was a young priest assigned occasionally at the Gift of Peace House...a hospice for dying Aids patients conducted by Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity. On Good Friday, 1989, as celebrant of the liturgy of the Lord’s passion, he went upstairs so that patients could kiss the feet of Jesus. He noticed one emaciated man who seemed agitated, and kept beckoning Fr. Dolan to come to him. The sisters halted him, warning that the man was unusually violent and at times attempted to bite the attending sisters. We realize the consequences of being bitten by one with Aids. However, the poor man kept signaling for the priest to come near. What was the priest to do? Slowly, cautiously, he approached the man and carefully extended the crucifix, which he grasped and kissed, not the feet, but the face of the crucified Lord. He then lay back down exhausted.

The next day the sisters told Fr. Dolan that the man wanted to see him. He went in with two sisters as “bodyguards”. The man whispered, “I want to be baptized. Fr. asked him why he desired to enter the Catholic Church. “I know nothing of Christianity or the Catholic Church, he said. “In fact, I have hated religion all my life. For three months I have been here dying. **These sisters are always happy! When I curse them, they look at me with compassion.** Even when they clean up my vomit, bathe my sores, spoon-feed me, there is a radiance in their eyes. All I know is that they have joy and I don’t. When I ask them in desperation why they are so happy, all they answer is **JESUS**. I want this Jesus. Baptize me and give me this Jesus! “Give me joy!” He died at 3:15am on Easter morning. ***May the Spirit of the Risen Lord renew all of us in the graces of our Baptism!***

**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, 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**

\$3,533- - August 25 Sunday Offering  
\$1,095 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 25,758  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 20,501  
Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167  
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$1,961- - August 25 Sunday Offering  
\$ 102 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 23,221  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 13,120

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