

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 - 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)

MONDAY-SEPT 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - SEPT 10 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **John Gruber** (Ted & Janis Earl)

WEDNESDAY - SEPT 11 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - SEPT 12 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert Zeok** (Ladies of Charity)

FRIDAY - SEPT 13 - ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:15a - **Lucy Kibler** (Sisters of Holy Spirit)

SAT - SEPT 14 - EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - SEPT 15 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Ralph & Rose Biagiarella** (Roseann & Phyliss)
 8:00a - **George Lesko** (Wife, Joan & Family)
 11:00a - **Health of Nettie Conley** (Conley Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - SEPT 8 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY - SEPT 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER

8:00a - **Anne Kushan** (Helen Dudas)

TUES - SEPT 10 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - SEPT 11 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **David Kovalcin & Brian Dale** (Betty Clark)

THUR - SEPT 12 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - SEPT 13 - ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - SEPT 14 - EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00a - **Marilyn Sepesy** (Quinton DiLuconte)

SUN - SEPT 15 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Marjorie Byrnes** (Vicki Falcaner)
 9:30a - **Eleanor Rusnak** (Sisters)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administrative Office and Rectory.....412-466-6545
 St. Agnes School.....412-466-6238
 Social Hall - Saint Agnes..... 412-466-5500
 Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695
 Saint Agnes Convent 412-466-3554
 Saint Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com
 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**

September 8, 2013

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Wisdom 9:13-18b*, Knowledge alone has limits. We need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17*, God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited.

Second Reading: *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*, Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:25-33*, Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

Reflecting on God's Word

It's said that we never really grow up until both of our parents have died. I suspect that most who have had to walk that path recognize some truth there. So when the Gospel advises us to turn our back on father, mother and family and even on ourselves—maybe it's not about rejecting but about becoming able to live the gospel more maturely, about releasing our grip on the past and growing up. Maybe letting go of childish things is the cost and also the wisdom of the God who waits patiently for us.

One of life's tasks, it seems, is to learn the balancing act between loving without possessiveness and relinquishing without indifference or abandonment. In truth, we never really learn to balance the two. We lean in the direction opposite where we are at the time, until we suspect we may have leaned too far and switch directions. It's a wisdom we come to that's worthwhile for parenting but also for marriage and one's profession and growing old and just about everything else that life serves up.

This balancing is also at the heart of faith and discipleship. It's how we come to recognize the hand of God in our lives, by living in such a way that God has the freedom to rearrange the pieces and so bring us to fuller life. It's the wisdom that teaches us how to be a disciple but also the sort of discipleship that brings us to wisdom. It's also the light shining forth in today's reading from the book of Wisdom.



~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- TODAY**, 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.

ST. ELIAS PIROHI SALE


St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Home-
stead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, will hold a "**Pirohi Sale**" on the second Friday of the month beginning on **Friday, September 13th**. Potato-cheese only are \$10 per dozen. The pirohi may be purchased from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm & 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Social Hall: 412-461-9271. **There are no pre-orders.**

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.



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.

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.**

 **Today, 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.



MASS in HONOR of OUR LADY of SORROWS... A Slovak/English Mass in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia, will take place on Friday, September 13th, at Holy Trinity Church. A prelude of Slovak hymns in honor of Mary will be sung at 7:00 pm preceding the Mass. A reception will follow in the Church Social Hall. Further information may be obtained by calling Len Potemra at 412-672-6265, or the Parish Office at 412-466-6545.

SEVENTY FOURTH INTERNATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

“There couldn't be a better way to spend this day than with our Blessed Lord and our Lovely Lady.”

Bishop David A. Zubik, May 3, 2009

WHEN: SUNDAY, October 6, 2013

WHERE: EPIPHANY CHURCH

For those who cannot process, there will be recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary of Mercy Church 202 Stanwix Street at 2:00 pm while the marchers are en route.

1:30 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

184 Washington Place, Uptown, Pittsburgh



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the families and friends of Diane Kovalsky & Joseph Tkach of Holy Trinity and Teresa Schaff of St. Agnes who were buried last week. *May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven unto life everlasting.*

A PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Spirit of God, fill out hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty

Help us to know what is pleasing to You and to understand what is right and good in Your sight.

Give us the spirit of learning that we may please You by our thoughts and love You in Your creation.

Give all teachers Your constant encouragement and guide them in their good work.

Keep all students and teachers safe and secure while at school.

Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of Your truth to all whose lives we touch.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

St. Agnes School has had a wonderful two weeks. In the absence of a teacher who had been hospitalized we survived and kept the students on their toes. Please pray for Mrs. Niecgorski's recovery and that it is quick! We thank each and ever parishioner for your support. Please know you are in our prayers daily, as you pray for the continued health and support of our school faculty.



The **Enjoy Books (\$30)** are in and so are the **Kids Stuff Books (\$25)**. **Candy bars** will be available beginning at the 6:00 pm Mass on Sept. 14. However, the bad news is they are **\$2.00** this year. We do make a dollar a bar for the school, though. This is the price they are sold everywhere. The Sarris Company said they just could not make the \$1.00 bars anymore. These are a little bigger! So chocolate lovers—we all just have to dig a little deeper in our pockets. **Your love of chocolates does support our St. Agnes School.**

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.**

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.**

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Those without faith look at fellow humans
and see only a rational animal.

Those with faith see a child of God.

Those without faith
pick up a bible and find only words.

Those with faith discover the Word of God.

Those without faith look at the
Eucharist and see only bread and wine.

***Those with faith experience the reality of
the Lord's body given up for us
and His blood poured out for us.***

Those without faith
look at suffering and see only tragedy.

***Those with faith believe that suffering is a
share in the cross of Christ.***

Those without faith look at death
and see separation and oblivion.

***Those with faith accept death as a step that
leads to a new, fuller life through
the Resurrection of Christ.***

Men's Club Labor Day Raffle Winner

The evening number of the PA lottery was 887. The winner, **Peggy Baker** of Lomita, California, and the seller of the ticket was **Fr. Grosko**. **Peggy donated a share of her winnings, \$1,000, to St. Agnes School.** Also, the **school did benefit from the raffle to the tune of \$900.** Ever thankful for all who purchased the raffle tickets. It was a huge success and beautifully directed by **George Miteff of Holy Trinity Men's Club and its members.** May the Lord generously reward and bless the membership of the Men's Club.

Duquesne University 2013 Fall Open House

Sunday, September 15, 2013

8:00 am - 1:00

Fall Open House is an exciting and informative experience - a chance to meet with representatives from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, as well as from other academic, administrative and student life departments. **To register with the Admissions Office online, www.duq.edu/admissions or call 412-396-6222.**

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,
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,
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

**\$3,354 -- September 1 Sunday Offering
\$1,015 -- Parish Share
\$ 725 -- Communication Offering**

**PSP Assessment-2013\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP\$ 21,516
Monthly School Subsidy\$ 6,167
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.**

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

HOLY TRINITY

**\$2,096-- August 25 Sunday Offering
\$ 921 -- Parish Share
\$ 437 -- Communication Offering**

**PSP Assessment-2013\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP\$ 14,040**

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