

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 - 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)

MONDAY-SEPT 16 - SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - SEPT 17 - ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

6:45a - **Rudert Saunders** (St. Agnes Parish)

WEDNESDAY - SEPT 18 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - SEPT 19 - ST. JANUARIUS SUKKOT

6:45a - **Jane Plake** (Ephesians IV)

FRIDAY - SEPT 20 - SS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS

8:15a - **Martha Gruber** (Ladies of Charity)

SAT - SEPT 21 - ST. MATTHEW

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - SEPT 22 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Joe Milko** (Joe & Joan Naccarato)
 8:00a - **Teresa Schaff** (Husband, Bob)
 11:00a - **Anne & Paul Eckley** (Joann & Fred Smith)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - SEPT 15 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY - SEPT 16 - SS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

8:00a - **Joseph Chuba** (Holy Trinity Parish)

TUES - SEPT 17 - ST ROBERT BELLARMINE

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WEDNESDAY - SEPT 18 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Larry Maydak** (Joe & Mildred Derko)

THUR - SEPT 19 - ST. JANUARIUS SUKKOT

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - SEPT 20 - SS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - SEPT 21 - ST. MATTHEW

8:00a - **Donald Dugas** (Sue Finnegan)

SUN - SEPT 22 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Martin Soltis** (Parents)
 9:30a - **Andy Pollak** (Kallenborn Family)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Holy Trinity Website.....www.holytrinitywm.com
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 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*, Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19*, Once we are forgiven, we hope for a new heart and a fresh start.
Second Reading: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*, Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.
Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-32*, Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

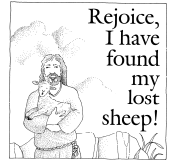
Reflecting on God's Word

Writing, it seems, is mostly about waiting, though most of us tend to think of it as a pen-in-hand sort of thing, or a fingers-on-the-keyboard activity. Eventually it does come to that, but much of the time before can be spent waiting. Some would say it's waiting for the muse to show, or imagination to kick in, or for the idea to float free.

—Anyone who has ever tried to do some writing—a description of what it's like to fall in love or a piece of poetry or an attempt to share the meandering path of a soul's journey—knows that such writing takes a great deal of waiting before it can happen, if indeed it ever happens at all. And sometimes when it does happen, it feels more like being found than it does like succeeding.



Many of the inner pieces of our lives seem to be like that. Discovering one's calling, falling in love, faith and the conversion that gives rise to it, recognizing the gifts sewn into the hems and cuffs of our lives—they all seem to find us rather than the other way around. Sometimes it's even in spite of our own efforts. Sometimes they feel like the very work and intention of the Divine One.

The scriptures are filled with stories of God doing the finding, even when we didn't know we'd been lost. That's the way it is with us and God—so often being found without even asking.

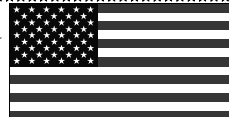



~~~**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**~~~

- 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)**
- Sat, Oct 5th.....**Stuffed Cabbage Sale (No dinners - bring your own containers)**
- Sun, Oct 6th.....**Jednota Sacred Heart Branch #580 Mtg. (following 9:30 pm Mass)**
- Mon, Oct 7th.....**Indoor Rosary** in honor of our Lady, 7:00 pm (Holy Trinity), Social to follow
- Sat, Oct 12th.....**Chergi Sale (after 1:00 pm - 2 dozen limit)**
- Sun, Oct 13th.....**Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast (8:00am 1:00pm )**
- Wed, Nov 6th.....**Rivers Casino Trip (\$25/pp)**
- Fri, Nov 8th.....**Dinner & Show, "Bible Bingo," (St. Agnes Cafeteria)**
- Sun, Nov 17th.....**Roast Beef Dinner (Turkey give away)**
- Sun, Nov 24th.....**Feast of Christ the King, Our Lord, Morning Adoration**

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|  <p>The <b>Sanctuary Candle</b> at St. Agnes is in memory of <b>Paula Anne Smith</b> by <b>Mom &amp; Dad.</b></p> |  <p>The <b>flowers</b> at Holy Trinity are in memory of <b>Eleanor Rusnak</b> by her <b>Sisters.</b></p> |
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**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** All Catholics need a place of worship to call "home." If you regularly worship with us but are not registered now is the time to make it official. Simply see Fr. Grosko immediately either at St. Agnes or Holy Trinity and make your intention to Father or call the Office at Holy Trinity at 412-466-6545.

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 \* **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.*  
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**"BIBLE BINGO" DINNER & SHOW**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2013**  
**SAVE THE DATE:** for a dinner and show in St. Agnes Cafeteria. Tickets will be limited and more information will follow in the next few weeks. **Mark your calendars now** for a fun evening.

**Jednota Sacred Heart Branch #580** will hold a meeting on **Sunday, October 6,** after the 9:30 Mass in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. All members are welcome.

*“We need saints without cassocks, without veils - we need saints with jeans and tennis shoes.  
 We need saints that go to the movies, that listen to music, that hang out with friends.  
 We need saints that place God in first place ahead of succeeding in any career.  
 We need saints that look for time to pray every day and who know how to be in love with purity, chastity  
 and all good things.  
 We need saints - saints for the 21st century with a spirituality appropriate to our new time.  
 We need saints that have a commitment to helping the poor and to make the needed social change.  
 We need saints to live in the world, sanctify the world and not be afraid of living in the world by their  
 presence in it.  
 We need saints that drink Coca-Cola, eat hot dogs, surf the internet and listen to their I-pods.  
 We need saints that love the Eucharist, and are not afraid or embarrassed to eat a pizza or drink a beer  
 with friends.  
 We need saints who love the movies, dance, sports, theater.  
 We need saints that are open, sociable, normal, happy companions.  
 We need saints who are in this world and who know how to enjoy it without being callous or mundane.  
 We need saints.”...Pope Francis, 2013*

### RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS AND CATECHETICAL SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

All children attending public schools, particularly from the 1st-8th Grades are expected to be registered in the *Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program (CCD)*. Our parishes can make a choice to register either at Holy Spirit Church in West Mifflin or St. Rita Church in Whitaker. Do register for your selected program so preparations can be made for our students. Registration can be at the individual locations as indicated below, or at St. Agnes Social Hall after the weekend 8 and 11 am Masses, or by calling Sister Cynthia at 412-466-6238.

At St. Rita's, classes for 1st-8th Grade are held on Sundays from 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.

At Holy Spirit, classes for Kindergarten-4th Grade are held on Sundays from 9:30-10:45 am; classes for 5th-8th Grade are held on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm. The registration fee is \$20 per child. Registration can be by calling Patricia Cagney at 412-346-0475.

#### How Do I Find Out More About the R.C.I.A Process?

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? It is the process through which one is offered the opportunities for conversion/renewal in the Catholic Faith. The best way to find out more is to simply begin attending one or more of the Inquiry Sessions. **Please contact Sister Cynthia or Father Grosko for inquiries.**

#### **ATTENTION CHICK-FIL-A WATERFRONT CUSTOMERS!!**

Please save your receipts and give them to Sister Cynthia for the Making a Difference Campaign. St. Agnes School is collecting the Chick-fil-A receipts from now until the beginning of May hoping to receive enough Chick-fil-A food cards to provide a treat for our students on Track & Field Day.

We will be hosting a Spirit Night at the Waterfront Chick-fil-A on October 14 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be a flyer and coupon in the bulletin on the weekend of October 12 & 13. The coupon must be presented at check-out and our school will receive 20% of School Spirit patron's sales. Thanks for your support!



**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.**

The **Enjoy Books (\$30)** are in and so are the **Kids Stuff Books (\$25)**. **Candy bars (\$2)** are available beginning this weekend. They 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.**



## **A Prayer for the People of Syria**

Almighty eternal God, source of all compassion, the promise of your mercy and saving help fills our hearts with hope.

Hear the cries of the people of Syria; bring healing to those suffering from the violence, and comfort to those mourning the dead. Empower and encourage Syria's neighbors in their care and welcome for refugees. Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms, and strengthen the resolve of those committed to peace.

O God of hope and Father of mercy, your Holy Spirit inspires us to look beyond ourselves and our own needs. Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies.

Inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria, and fill us with hope for a future of peace built on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

### **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Fr. Nick Mastrangelo, Parochial Vicar, and Lori Ellis, Pastoral Associate, from St. Therese of Lisieux Parish in Munhall, invite all Young Adults (Age 21-Approx. 40) to an introductory meeting for the new District 6 Young Adult Ministry. The meeting is on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room at St. Therese. We hope that all Young Adults can be a part of this exciting ministry encompassing the following parishes: St. Agnes, Holy Trinity, Christ the Light of the World, St. Joseph, Holy Angels, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Resurrection, St. Rita, and St. Therese. If you have any questions please call Lori Ellis at 412-462-8161.



### **DONATE YOUR CAR-RECEIVE TAX DEDUCTION OF \$500+**

It's fast, it's easy and it requires only one short phone call or website visit. Cars For Help, a non-profit, is using vehicle donations to support churches across the USA. If you would like to donate a vehicle in any condition, receive a tax deduction, and help Holy Trinity & St. Agnes, visit [www.CarsForHelp.com](http://www.CarsForHelp.com), or call 630-595-9272. Together we can make a difference! With mention of this bulletin, 50% of your vehicle donation proceeds will go directly to Holy Trinity or St. Agnes Church. Don't delay, donate today!!!

**Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick**

**Holy Trinity**

**Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Anna Cmar,  
Helen Gambal, Martin Hock, Mary Lisa Holzwarth,  
Zander Holzwarth (toddler), 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**

**\$5,087 -- September 8 Sunday Offering  
\$ 450 -- Parish Share**

**PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 25,758  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 21,966  
Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167  
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.**

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

**\$1,993-- September 8 Sunday Offering  
\$ 921 -- Parish Share**

**PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 23,221  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 14,436**

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