

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
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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 29 - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Living & Deceased Members, St. Vincent DePaul Society**
 8:00a - **Joe Milko** (Lisa & Ron Oross)
 11:00a - **Richard "Dee" Bevan** (Tom & Roberta Bevan)

MONDAY-SEPT 30 - ST. JEROME

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES-OCT 1 - ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

6:45a - **Henry Kudla** (Ladies of Charity)

WED - OCT 2- THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR-OCT 3 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Rudert Saunders** (Wife, Jean)

FIRST FRIDAY-OCT 4 - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

8:15a - **Jean Abels** (Joann & Fred Smith)

SAT-OCT 5 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN-OCT 6 - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Alex Majewski** (Wife, Leona)
 8:00a - **Health of Pat DeLuca** (Ladies of Charity)
 11:00a - **Joseph Munda** (Munda Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-SEPT 29 - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Living & Deceased Members, St. Vincent DePaul Society**
 9:30a - **Joseph Tkach Month's Mind** (Wife & Children)

MONDAY-SEPT 30 - ST. JEROME

8:00a-**Michael & Marie Luckay** (Gerri & Budd Skanderson)

TUES-OCT 1 - ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - OCT 2 - THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

8:00a - **Special Intention - Esther & Frank Gonos**

THUR-OCT 3 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FIRST FRIDAY-OCT 4 - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

8:00a **John Grosko** (Grosko Family)

SAT-OCT 5 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Joseph Chuba** (Judy & Joseph Macko))

SUN-OCT 6 - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Living & Deceased Members of Slovak Catholic Sokol Branch 295**
 9:30a - **Joseph Dudas** (Helen Dudas)

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Amos 6:1,4-7*. God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 146:7-10*. Happy are those who find solace in God.

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 6:11-16*. Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31*. Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.



Reflecting on God's Word

If anyone is the prophet of the punch line, it is Amos. He travels up from the south to preach to the people of the northern kingdom of Israel and he pulls no punches. "Woe to the complacent," he begins, and then in a quick series of brush strokes lets them know how God sees them: lying upon their beds, stretched out on their couches, eating their tender lamb and calves, drinking fine wine while the music plays and they anoint themselves with the best oils. Then the punch line—they shall be the first to go into exile. The party is over!

In a similar vein Jesus paints a portrait of "Richman"—tradition has named him *Dives* (Latin for "rich man")—dressed in the best, eating the best, insulated in his own little world, while at his door Lazarus lies starving, with only dogs coming to lick his sores. It is a scene of total indifference to the plight of the poor. God's response is clear. The wheel will turn. And when it does, so shall Lazarus and Richman. What was a gap between them becomes a chasm.

The Letter to Timothy today contains advice from a mentor to his beloved child in the faith. It offers of profile of how the baptized person is to live. It's a shame that the reading does not begin earlier (1 Timothy 6:9–10) and end later (6:17–19), because these verses directly warn about the dangers of money, offering advice for the wealthy so that they may "lay hold of eternal life" (6:12).

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

- Sat, Oct 5th.....**Holy Trinity Stuffed Cabbage Sale** (No dinners - 3 pm bring own containers)
- Sun, Oct 6th.....**Jednota Sacred Heart Branch #580 Mtg.** (following 9:30 pm Mass)
- Sun, Oct 6th.....**St. Agnes Donut Social** (after 8:00 & 11:00 am Masses)
- Mon, Oct 7th.....**Indoor Rosary** in honor of our Lady, 7:00 pm (Holy Trinity), Social to follow
- Thurs, Oct 10th **45+ Mtg.** (1 pm) Call **Ed Ferchak (412-462-0904)** by **Mon, Oct. 7** to order food.
- Sat, Oct 12th.....**Cergi Sale** (after 1:00 pm - 2 dozen limit)
- Sun, Oct 13th.....**Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast & Canned Food Drive**
- Sun, Oct 20th.....**Knights of Columbus Canned Food Drive**
- 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**



FAMILY BREAKFAST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013

8:00am to 1:00pm

\$8-Adults & \$4-Children 12 and under

Holy Trinity Social Hall

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Knights of Columbus Canned Food Drive SUN. OCT 13 & 20



Help those in need by contributing canned goods in boxes at the rear of Holy Trinity Church. Collections will take place the second Sunday of every month. Your generosity will be rewarded.

HEALING MASS

The Pittsburgh Fraternity of Priests will offer a **Healing Liturgy at St. Therese Church on Wednesday, October 9, at 7 pm.** All who are in need of an emotional, physical or spiritual healing are invited to attend. This is not the sacrament of anointing. Songs of praise and worship will be offered. For further information, call the St. Therese Rectory at 412-462-8161 or Holy Trinity Rectory at 412-466-6545.



ST. AGNES HOAGIE SALE

Order your Italian and/or Turkey Hoagies (\$7) **TODAY, Sept. 29th**, or call St. Agnes School Office by Oct. 3rd. Pick-up after Masses on Oct. 12th and 13th. **The best hoagies in town!!**

Respect Life Sunday -- Respect Life Month

Sunday, Oct. 6th, is **Respect Life Sunday** and the entire month of **October** is designated as **Respect Life Month**. These are annual reminders for us to become informed, and to form convictions, that all human life, from conception to natural death, in all physical and social conditions, is sacred and must be protected.



God is Pro-Life because He creates and sustains life. **To be “Pro-Choice”** is to be for murder, for abortion, for death—which side are you on? No one can be neutral or straddle the fence. We have an opportunity this month to deepen our own “Pro-Life” convictions. And may we all pray that others, as well, will form similar convictions, moved by God’s grace and right thinking, and not merely swayed by emotion.

—Teach others by your words and example—that is what God is calling all of us to do if we are to be faithful to His teachings and laws. Let us be faith communities that speak out boldly and prayerfully and, ever witnessing in defense of **all** life, the wonderful life that you have and enjoy so blissfully!

CELEBRATE LIFE: People Concerned for the Unborn Child’s annual Celebrate Life Luncheon will be held on Sunday, **October 20, at South Hills Country Club** from 11-2. Everyone is invited to join the fun and festivities. The speaker will be Mr. Jack Ames, from DEFEND LIFE. Food, prizes, including a raffle for two seats to the **Steelers/Browns** game, \$1.00 grab bag, and silent auction, will raise money to defend life. For more information and to obtain lunch or raffle tickets, call 412-531-9272 or visit www.pcuc.org.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL VIDEO SERIES on CATHOLICISM...On Tuesdays in October: the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th we will host **Fr. Robert Barron’s video series, “Catholicism,”** from 9:30 am-11:00 am in Holy Trinity Social Hall and from 7-8:30 pm in St. Agnes School Learning Center. **Please call Peg Smith (412-469-3452) to register.** In breathtaking cinematography, this video series illustrates the beauty of the Church in multimedia. This series is a special opportunity to discuss our faith and have a deeper understanding of the Church’s doctrinal teachings. It’s a blessing to see this video in the year of Faith.



Attention! October Count is Near.....Each October throughout the Diocese, a count is taken at each and every Mass celebrated for the Sunday Obligation. Many churches, have been closed due to lack of participation. We surely don’t want that to happen at St. Agnes or Holy Trinity. Please make a strong effort to **attend Mass at ST. AGNES and HOLY TRINITY** during the month of **October**. It is very important that we **show good attendance** at this time! **Inform your neighbors & family of the importance of coming to our Eucharistic celebration every Sunday.**

OUR CHURCH ALIVE!

St. Agnes & Holy Trinity have begun the Diocesan Capital Campaign with a number of meetings to establish the various committees. It is Bishop Zubik’s dream for a strong future for the Church of Pittsburgh which means for each and every parish in the diocese. **The campaign asks for a sacrificial gift from all who are able to give. You will soon receive my letter with our needs spelled out for the parishes** as well as the diocese. Enclosed will be a pledge card. I hope that everyone will pray to the Holy Spirit before filling in the pledge card. I truly believe that we can meet our assessed goals of \$240,000 for St. Agnes and \$200,000 for Holy Trinity, **if we trust in the Lord and make the sacrificial offering for the sake of the Church Alive. The church is alive in the parishes.** May the Lord reward and bless you.

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. Coupon must be presented at check-out & our school will receive 20% of School Spirit patron’s sales.



St. Agnes Donut Social, Oct. 5th following the 8 & 11 am Masses!



CATHOLIC CODE WORDS

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H₂O.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass often sung quietly, since most of the people have already left.

INCENSE: Holy Smoke!

JESUITS: An order of priests known for their ability to found colleges with good basketball teams.

JONAH: The original "Jaws" story.

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava. (for you non-Catholics it means Lord have mercy)

MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

MANGER: Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by CHIP. (The Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough)

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

The **Enjoy Books (\$30)** are in and so are the **Kids Stuff Books (\$25)**. **Candy bars (\$2)** are available after Masses. 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.**

Blessing of Animals and Your Favorite Pets

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Friday, October 4th, has traditionally been an opportunity for the blessing of animals and, thus, we will do so. On **Sunday, October 6th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes**, weather permitting, we will bless your animals and pets in the **upper parking lot of St. Agnes Church**. *We do encourage the children of the parishes, with their pets, to come for this special blessing.* Father will be available for the continued blessing of animals until 1:00 pm in the afternoon.

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, Betty Tucak,**

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 Grandson of Charles & Sue Barnes
- Sean J. Bowen, Grandson of Eileen Cochrane
- Joshua J. Winter, Spc. E4, son of Ron & Mary Ann Winter

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES

**\$3,181 - - September 22 Sunday Offering
\$ 40 - - Parish Share**

PSP Assessment-2013	\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP	\$ 22,216
Monthly School Subsidy	\$ 6,167

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

HOLY TRINITY

**\$1,674- - September 22 Sunday Offering
\$ 210 - - Parish Share**

PSP Assessment-2013	\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP	\$ 14,596

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