

# 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.

### ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN-NOV 3 - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - James Abels (Edward Fink Family)  
8:00a - Teresa E. Schaff ( Husband, Robert)  
11:00a - Deceased Mbrs. of Suhoski Family (Conley Family)

#### MONDAY-NOV 4 - ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES-NOV 5 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - For our Faithfully Departed of St. Agnes

#### WED-NOV 6 - ST. WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR-NOV 7 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - George, Anna & Stanley Checque (Family)

#### FRIDAY-NOV 8 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - Sister Stephanie Lazor in Honor of 60th Anniv.  
(Sisters of Holy Spirit)

#### SAT-NOV 9 - DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN-NOV 10 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - Rose Biagiarelli (Children)  
8:00a - Howard (Tim) Schragl (Ladies of Charity)  
11:00a - St. Michael's Catholic War Veterans Post 1423

### 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](http://www.stagneswm.com)  
Holy Trinity Website.....[www.holytrinitywm.com](http://www.holytrinitywm.com)  
St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... [h.trinity@verizon.net](mailto: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**

## 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.

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN-NOV 3 - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - Living & Dec'd. Mbrs. Jednota #580  
9:30a - Memorial Mass Knights of Columbus #4210

#### MONDAY-NOV 4 - ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

8:00a- John Svirbel (Wife, Alice Svirbel)

#### TUES-NOV 5 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED-NOV 6 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Special Intention of Goldie Pollack

#### THUR-NOV 7 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRIDAY-NOV 8 - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### SAT-NOV 9 - DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

8:00a - Edward Gluvna (Joann Engel)

#### SUN-NOV 10 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - Andrew Stupar (Jozefov Family)  
9:30a - Edward Polatas (Mary Elizabeth Polatas)

**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.

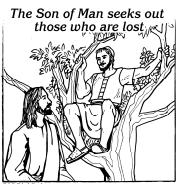
**SICK & SHUTINS:** Please call the Rectory.

**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**

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading:** *Wisdom 11:22—12:2.* God is merciful because all things were created by God.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14.* Sing praise to God, who is faithful.  
**Second Reading:** *2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2.* Paul tells the Thessalonians to remain faithful to Christ until Christ comes again.  
**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 19:1-10.* Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

### Reflecting on God's Word

Luke sketches his characters quickly but with precision, telling us all we need to know to appreciate the situation. Zacchaeus was chief tax collector, a wealthy man, and short. Most important, he was a seeker, trying to catch sight of Jesus. Because of the crowd Jesus attracted as he was passing through town and because of his height, Zacchaeus had to climb a tree. His stature might not have been the only reason why. Tax collectors were nobody's favorite; they collaborated with the Roman occupiers and became rich to the detriment of their own people. Up a tree would have been the safest location for a tax collector in a crowd.

What makes this story so appealing is the joy that both Jesus and Zacchaeus show in meeting each other. "Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house" (Luke 19:50). Zacchaeus drops quickly and receives Jesus with joy. The crowd, however, does not share in this joy. They grumble about a prophet eating with a sinner! But Zacchaeus holds his ground, saying that if—notice the "if"—he has defrauded anyone, he will make amends four-fold, keeping to the strictest restitution demanded by the law. Jesus, not to be overdone in generosity, proclaims: "Today salvation has come to this house" (19:9), adding that this is why he came in the first place, "to seek and save what was lost" (19:10). Sometimes we can find ourselves "up a tree," even in our relationship with God. Remember Zacchaeus. Jesus brought him down safely and restored him to the community. This is why he still comes into our lives: to bring salvation to our own house.

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

Sun, Nov 3rd ..... **TODAY: St. Agnes Blood Drive** (8-1pm St. Agnes Cafeteria)  
Wed, Nov 6th..... **H.T. Men's Club Rivers Casino Bus Departs H.T. at 9 am.** More Info: 412-466-5062  
Fri, Nov 8th..... **Dinner & Show, "Bible Bingo,"** (St. Agnes Cafeteria)  
Sat, Nov 9th..... **St. Agnes Basketball Teams Night at the Races**  
Thurs, Nov 14th.. **45+ Club Mtg.** (1:30 pm in the St. Agnes Social Hall)  
Sat, Nov 16th..... **Mass & Communal Anointing of the Sick** - (11:00 am - Holy Trinity)  
Sun, Nov 17th.... **Holy Trinity Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner** (Turkey give away)  
Sun, Nov 24th.... **Feast of Christ the King, Our Lord, Morning Adoration**  
Sun, Dec 1st..... **First Sunday of Advent, Wednesday 25th, Birth of our Lord**  
Thurs, Dec 12th... **45+ Club Christmas Party,** (1:30 pm, Skyview Restaurant)

**St. Vincent DePaul** will be collecting **canned, dry foods and monetary gifts for the Intercession.**  
Collection boxes are in the rear of both Churches. Please don't forget those who are less fortunate.



### ST. AGNES DONUT SOCIAL: SUNDAY, NOV. 3, AFTER THE 8 & 11 am Masses

Autumn Arts and Crafts will be available for the children. Please join us for this special activity!



Congratulations to **Mark & Elaine Bennett** on the recent baptism of their son, **Patrick Francis Bennett**, at St. Agnes.



**Flowers at Holy Trinity are in memory of her beloved husband, Floyd**  
by Peggy Baker

**Holy Trinity Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner** is on **November 17th from 12 to 5.** Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. **Your delicious desserts are needed to complete the meal.**

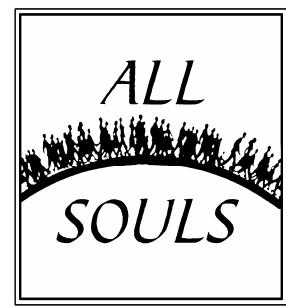
**A memorial Mass** for our departed brothers of the **Knights of Columbus** will be held at 9:30 am at Holy Trinity on Nov. 3rd. A continental breakfast will follow in the Social Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

**Bulletin Submission Deadline: Monday of each week.** Please submit all items to Holy Trinity Church Office. Thank you for your help!

If your child is in twelfth grade and wishes to receive **Young Adult Envelopes for 2014**, please call the Rectory Office at **412-466-6545**.

## **November — Month of the Poor Souls**

At death we will all face a **final judgment**, which will be determined by our actions and lives here on earth. This has been **revealed to us by Christ**, and is clearly **taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church**. But we here on earth do not know what is the result of that judgment—only God knows. For some it may be immediate entry into **Heaven**. God wants some of these to be examples for us, so He allows miracles through their intercession, which tells the Church to canonize them. Some, unfortunately, have chosen by their lives to be eternally separated from God, and their eternal lot is **Hell**. Others, however, although dying as friends of God and assured of Heaven, need to be further purified from the effects of their sins, which leads to our belief in **Purgatory**. In the Liturgy, *the Church prays for all our beloved deceased at every Mass*. And we are *encouraged to privately pray for the dead throughout the year, but especially during the month of November*. God will allocate the benefits of our prayers to those who are in need of them. *May our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father in the loving ecstasy and the joy of Heaven.*



**"Book of Remembrance"** . . . is on display in the **back of the church**. You may **write a name/names of your deceased loved ones** to be remembered during the month of November.

**All Souls Envelopes** . . . Enclosed in your envelope packets is a **special envelope** which can be used in memory of your **deceased loved ones**. They will be **placed on the altar** during the special November Masses of Remembrances. **Please list your beloved deceased on the special envelope.**

During the **month of November**, special **Masses of Remembrance for all the beloved deceased of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity faith communities** will be celebrated. These "Poor Soul" Masses are scheduled accordingly: **St. Agnes**—November 1st, 5th, 12th, and 21st. At **Holy Trinity**—November 1st, 16th, 20th, and 27th. If you desire to have a remembrance of your beloved deceased, please mark your special envelope. **These special requests will be placed on the altar through the month of November.** It is **our honored and privileged tradition**, particularly during the month of November, **to pray and seek intercession from the Eternal Father for our beloved deceased**. Also, your marked "Poor Soul" envelopes can be placed in the **offertory collection** or sent through the **mail**.



Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Marie Belancik** who was buried from **Holy Trinity**. *May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased. Throughout the month of November, a number of Masses will be said in remembrance of our deceased brothers and sisters.*



The **Enjoy Books (\$30)** are in and so are the **Kids Stuff Books (\$25)**. **Candy bars (\$2)** are also available. They are a little bigger, so chocolate lovers, dig a little deeper into your pockets. Your love of chocolates helps our wonderful **St. Agnes School**. Thank you for your continued support!

### **BIBLE BINGO: AN ACT OF CHARITY IN TWO ACTS SHOW & DINNER, FRIDAY, NOV. 8TH 6 PM**

The show is about the Catholic culture of fundraising and bingo. In this interactive comedy, the parish needs money and the Archdiocese has a new bingo dept. Bring the two together and you have a night of bible trivia, audience interaction, and improvised moments. **Tickets for dinner (Stuffed Chicken Breast) and show are \$35/pp. Seats are limited. We will try to keep groups seated together if tickets are ordered together.** Tables seat 8. Call St. Agnes School Office at 412-466-6238. Don't miss all the fun!!!



### **CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFER RAFFLE TICKET**

Each year St. Agnes School partners with Serra Catholic High School on the Christmas Stocking Stuffer. The ticket is \$10 based on the evening Big 4 Lottery. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes School: Prizes are New Year's Eve -\$10,000, Bonuses – Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30 - \$1000 each night. Seller of winning ticket - \$100. Don't miss this opportunity to help our St. Agnes school. Raffle Tickets are available at School Office, 412-466-6238 or Holy Trinity Office, 412-466-6545.

### **Prayer for All the Faithful Departed**

*Heavenly Father, I believe  
that in Your Wisdom and  
Justice, You willed to purify all  
persons who die without having  
attained the state that they need  
for all eternity, all who have still  
to expiate completely the sins  
committed here on earth.  
I also believe that You have  
mercifully arranged that this  
process of purification can be  
aided by the prayers of the  
living, and especially by the  
Eucharist. Help me to pray for  
my brothers and sisters who  
have departed from this world.  
May their time of purification be  
short, and may they be quickly  
guided into that holy light  
promised by our Lord to  
Abraham and his  
descendents. I offer You  
sacrifices and prayers of praise.  
Accept them for all the souls of  
the faithful departed and admit  
them all to the eternal joy of  
Heaven. Amen*

**Masses of Remembrance for our  
Beloved Deceased at St. Agnes are scheduled:  
November 1st, 5th, 12th and 21st**

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**Masses of Remembrance for our  
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November 1st, 16th, 20th and 27th**

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**All Souls Day Masses for ALL Deceased of the  
Parishes are scheduled:  
Saturday, November 2nd, 11:00 am, St. Agnes  
Saturday, November 2nd, 8:00 pm., Holy Trinity**

**The 45+ CLUB will meet on Thursday,  
November 14th, in the Social Hall at 1:30 pm.**

**The Christmas Party is on Thursday, December  
12th, at Skyview Restaurant, at 1:30pm. An open  
invitation is extended to any of our 45ers who wish to  
join the festivities. Please call Ed Ferchak at  
412-462-0904. Do join us in the festive celebration!**

## Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

### Holy Trinity

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Veronica Bujdos,  
Libby Butsko, 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 Gochalski,  
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*

## 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

\$3,327 -- October 27 Sunday Offering  
\$ 0 -- Parish Share  
\$ 774 -- Missions

PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 25,758  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 23,816  
Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167  
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

### HOLY TRINITY

\$1,805 -- October 27 Sunday Offering  
\$ 120 -- Parish Share  
\$ 794 -- Missions

PSP Assessment-2013 .....\$ 23,221  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 16,018

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