

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-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**

MONDAY-NOV 11 -ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES-NOV 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT

6:45a - **Faithfully Departed of St. Agnes**

WED-NOV 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR-NOV 14 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Richard Jordan** (Family)

FRIDAY-NOV 15 - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

8:15a - **Richard "Dee" Bevan** (Jim & Suzann Bevan)

SAT-NOV 16 - ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

ST. GERTRUDE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN-NOV 17 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Joe Milko** (Marlene & Tom Joyce)
 8:00a - **M/M Joseph Deroy** (Tom & Patty Klocko)
 11:00a - **Victor Merritt** (Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-NOV 10 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY-NOV 11 - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

8:00a- **Steve Bialobok** (M/M Donald Rendulic)

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(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

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8:00a - **Martin & Helen Krupinsky**
 (Mike & Anna Marie Scahill)

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4:00p(Sat) - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (M/M Richard Ignat)
 9:30a - **Margaret Svirbel** (Friends)

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**

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14.* Jewish martyrs give witness to their faith, even unto death.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15.* The just person will live in God's presence.

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5.* Paul encourages the Thessalonians & asks for their prayers.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 20:27-38.* Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead. (short form Luke 20:27, 34-38)

Reflecting on God's Word

We have many hungers in life, and sometimes never goes away is our hunger to be connected. We marriage that feeds that hunger, but so do family or munity of faith or a collection of back yards. They we are inattentive or preoccupied. A person of faith faithful to us.



we can overindulge in response to them. Still, one that desperately shun living in isolation. For many it is friendships or the simple attention one finds in a com- all seem to feed our yearning for deep life, even when might even say that these communities are God being

This week's Gospel is one that turns the tables on us. It snares us in our own curiosity about what heaven will be like, and whether we will know the ones we love and be with our spouses, and what if we've been married seven times? And that's just where Jesus turns the tables and says it's about relationships and not about bodies to be with; it's about our deepest hungers to be united, even beyond marriage and friends and neighbors and communities of any sort. That's what resurrection is about, Jesus replies, and then reminds us one more time (as if we'd been deaf all the other times) that God has promised it and God is faithful. God "is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive," is how Luke has Jesus saying it (Luke 20:38). In other words, all of our relationships of loving and caring, especially those of marriage, are but hints of real and full life, and the best is yet to come. So what you've found in marriage, even if you've been married seven times, is just the beginning.

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

Wed, Nov 13th...**Men's Club Meeting** (7:00 pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)

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**

Thurs, Dec 12th...**45+ Club Christmas Party** (1:30 pm, Skyview Restaurant)

Wed, Dec 25th....**Birth of our Lord**

Envelope in November for Special Collection

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - This annual collection will be taken up as the **second collection** at all the Masses at both parishes on **November 16th and 17th.** As we look on the history of the St. Agnes Parish and School, with the wonderful education and administration given by the **Sisters of the Holy Spirit**, it surely beckons us to **respond to this annual appeal for the retired sisters** by being most **generous** and **expressing our prayerful gratitude** for their continued, *dedicated commitment to Catholic Education.*

CHURCH ALIVE CAMPAIGN

In the coming week a letter will be sent to all parishioners giving the opportunity to make a pledge for the success of our Church Alive Campaign. Please respond with a prayerful and sacrificial attitude.

St. Vincent DePaul will be collecting **canned, dry foods and monetary gifts for the Intersection.**

Collection boxes are in the rear of both Churches. Please don't forget those who are less fortunate.



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

Religious Christmas cards on sale after Liturgies on **Saturdays & Sundays** by the **Knights of Columbus Council #4210** to raise money for K of C Charity. Help "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious cards - an evangelization message from you!!





Attendance at All Sunday Masses Tabulated in October

In all parishes of our Diocese during the month of October, we count the number of individuals who attend our weekend Masses to see what percentage are coming to Church. The count made by our ushers shows the following average attendance at each of our Masses taken over the weekends in October. The weekly attendance at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity combined is 572. The percentage of parishioners attending weekend Masses during October for both parishes combined is 59%. The percentage would be lower if visiting parishioners were not counted.

This means that **41% of our parishioners are not attending Mass regularly.** Please invite them to come with you to Mass. And in particular, *we ask parents to bring their families and give a sterling example for our children.* There is more than sufficient room for more people to be present at our weekend Masses at both parishes. *Wouldn't it be great if all our Eucharistic celebrations were filled to capacity and everyone would be filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus?*

ANGEL TREE to BENEFIT SISTERS PLACE



Our Angel Tree is in place at the back of church at St. Agnes until **December 8th.** The gifts will be taken to **Sisters Place** in Clairton. **Sisters Place** is a supportive housing community committed to assisting single parent families who are homeless. **The mission is to assist families toward self-sufficiency by providing housing and supportive services.** Nine housing units will be occupied soon with new residents **in need of the household items** requested for the tree. Gift cards to Giant Eagle or Wal-Mart are also much appreciated. *Heartfelt thanks* to **Peg Smith** for her beautiful ministry in preparing the tree and ornaments.

November, Month of the Poor Souls



The **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.

Also, an **All Souls Envelope** is enclosed in your envelope packet and can be used to memorialize your deceased loved ones. **The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the special November Masses of Remembrance.** *Please include the name/names of your beloved deceased on the envelope.* The Masses will be held at **Holy Trinity on Nov. 16th, 20th and 27th** and at **St. Agnes on Nov. 12th and 21st.**

HOST FAMILIES/OUTREACH

If you are interested in making a positive impact on the life of an international student and live within 30 minutes of McKeesport, you may want to consider becoming a host family for Serra Catholic High School. Host families will receive a monthly stipend of \$800 and have access to 24/7 support from local **Residential Coordinators.** **Contact us at info@gphomestay.com or (781) 996-0429.**

Lottery Calendars are in for 2014. Calendars are \$20. Win on the daily number, \$25 and more on special days. For special numbers contact the school office for availability, then we will have them for you on the weekend after the Masses.

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!



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 or Holy Trinity Office.**



Dear Jesus,

Thank You Profoundly For Our Brave American
Heroes As We Honor Them This Veterans Day.

Give us All A Fresh and Renewed Spirit of Love For
Them and For Our Nation.

Open Our Eyes to The Sacrifices They Have Made
To keep us Free to Worship You in Peace.

Thank You For Our Beautiful Land, a Land of
Abundance and Freedom, and a Beacon of Liberty.

Thank You For Our Veterans and Active Duty
Heroes Who Put Their Lives on the Line To Keep It
That Way. Help us now to Retain that Blessing by
honoring Your Gifts to us, In Jesus Name. Amen

Please note: To be an OFFICIALLY REGISTERED MEMBER of St. Agnes or Holy Trinity Church, it is necessary that you are enrolled in our Parish Data System, which means you will receive church envelopes. Enrollment enables us to meet your sacramental needs and fosters your active participation in the weekly Eucharist and parish life.

Simply placing loose cash in the church offertory is not sufficient to indicate you are a registered member because we do not know who the donor is. So if you wish to maintain enrollment in the parish, use the designated church envelope that is mailed to your home. If you are not receiving church envelopes, please phone the parish office at 412-466-6545 to check and be sure that you are registered.

A United Way Supporting Choice:

Saint Agnes Angel Fund

A great way to support Saint Agnes Angel Fund is to make a United Way Donor Option Contribution through your employer's payroll deduction plan. Your donation will assist school parents in need of help with tuition. Fill out the form with SAINT AGNES ANGEL FUND, 653 St. Agnes Lane, West Mifflin, PA 15122, and use the **1531914 Contributor Choice No.** If you have questions, call St. Agnes School, 412-466-6238.



HEARTFELT JUDGMENT

When you meet someone,
you judge them by their clothes;
when you leave them,
you judge them by their heart.

-Russian proverb

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Holy Trinity

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Veronica Bujdos,
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, Libby Butko,
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

\$4,280 -- November 3 Sunday Offering
\$ 875 -- Parish Share

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| PSP Assessment-2013 | \$ 25,758 |
| Amount Collected PSP | \$ 24,691 |
| Monthly School Subsidy | \$ 6,167 |

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$2,226 -- November 3 Sunday Offering
\$ 946 -- Parish Share

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| PSP Assessment-2013 | \$ 23,221 |
| Amount Collected PSP | \$ 16,964 |

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