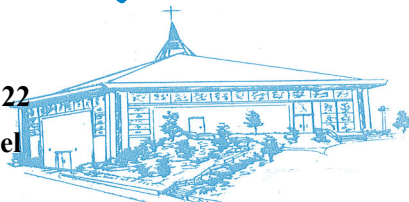


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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-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)

#### MONDAY-NOV 18 -ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### TUES-NOV 19 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert J. Andres** (Nancy C. Andres)

#### WED-NOV 20 - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### THUR-NOV 21 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE

#### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:45a - Faithfully Departed of St. Agnes

#### FRIDAY-NOV 22 - ST CECILIA

8:15a - **Rita Watko** (Sisters of Holy Spirit)

#### SAT-NOV 23 - ST. CLEMENT I & ST. COLUMBAN

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### SUN-NOV 24 - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

6:00p(Sat) - **Thomas Oeler 91st B'Day**  
 (Tom, Peg Smith & family)  
 8:00a - **John Gruber** (Gayle Fitch)  
 11:00a - **Leo & Susanne Snyder** (Children)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN-NOV 17 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### MONDAY-NOV 18-ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

8:00a - **Joseph Chuba** (M/M Joseph Macko, Jr.)

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8:00a - **Felix Steimer** (Al Jakub)

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4:00p(Sat) - **Thomas & Michael Fabian** (Anna & Irene)  
 9:30a - **Edward Gamret** (Wife, Margaret)

### 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**

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading;** Malachi 3:19-20. The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9. Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

**Second Reading: 2** Thessalonians 3:7-12. Paul urges the community to follow his example and earn their keep.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 21:5-19. Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time



### Reflecting on God's Word:

Worlds do change. They come and they go. One day we simply stop climbing up on our mother's or father's lap. Or we quit reading comic books, or put away our Barbies®, or we begin to notice beauty. It happens more than once in a lifetime. We pass the exam and get our driver's license, and in a moment all of childhood's boundaries crumble. We graduate from school and our days become our own, sometimes frighteningly so. We move away from home and realize we can no longer return, not to the way it once was. And while we think all those moments are of our own doing, in truth they are not, none of them. They come upon us as does November out of autumn, and frequently just as bleak. The temples of our lives that we've adorned not only with precious stones but also with precious memories and treasured ways, are always being torn down without one stone left upon another. And no one ever asks our permission.

The new worlds we fear the most, however, are not the ones that change our outer landscapes so much as the ones that can reshape our inner landscapes. For believers, for those who live by the ways of Jesus, it is faith that offers us the willingness to trust and the courage to continue on. Jesus' vision can become the one still point in our ever-changing world, or the one source of life and love when all else is collapsing.

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

- TODAY.....COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR OUR RELIGIOUS  
Holy Trinity Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner & Turkey give away (\$10/adult, \$5/child)**
- Sun, Nov 24th..... **Feast of Christ the King, Our Lord, Morning Adoration**
- Thurs, Nov 28th... **Thanksgiving** (Mass at Holy Trinity, 8am; Mass at St. Agnes, 9:30am)
- Sun, Dec 1st..... **First Sunday of Advent: "A Procession with Lessons & Carols"** (4pm Holy Trinity)
- Sun, Dec 1st..... **St. Agnes Donut Social** (After the 8:00am & 11:00am Masses)
- Wed, Dec 4th..... **Holy Trinity Men's Club Rivers Casino Trip**
- Thurs, Dec 5th..... **Advent Day of Recollection** (9am Holy Trinity)
- Sat, Dec 7th..... **Knights of Columbus #4210 Christmas Party** (Holy Trinity Hall)
- Thurs, Dec 12th... **45+ Club Christmas Party** (1:30pm, Skyview Restaurant)
- Sat, Dec 14th..... **Holy Trinity Men's Club Christmas Party** (5-9pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)
- Sun, Dec 15th..... **VILJA Christmas Eve Dinner** (2pm Holy Trinity Social Hall)
- Wed, Dec 25th..... **Birth of our Lord**



**The Holy Trinity Men' Club** is sponsoring a trip to the Rivers Casino on **Wed., Dec. 4th**. Bus leaves church parking lot at 9am and departs the casino at 4pm. Coffee and donuts beginning at 7:30am. Cost is \$25 p/p. **Winter Bus Bonus is \$20 free slot play and \$5 food credits.** Call George at 412-466-5062. Deadline is Nov. 27th. Everyone welcome.

### *St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive*

**Canned and dry goods; especially coffee, cereal, paper products, protein, tuna, peanut butter, crackers, and other non-perishable goods** will be collected during the **month of November**. Please bring your items to Holy Trinity or St. Agnes at your convenience and **place in the boxes in the back of the church**. *Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate during this season of giving.*



**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!!



### Next Sunday, Feast of **CHRIST THE KING**

In the Old Testament, **God promised King David that from his lineage would come the promised Messiah, the Savior, who would also be a king.** And so 2,000 years ago the Jewish leaders were expecting a political king who would free them from the Romans.

As we celebrate this feast not only in our **Liturgy**, but also by **adoration of Jesus Christ our King in the Blessed Sacrament—His Real Presence among us**—plan to make an effort to *come and spend an hour with your Divine King!* *Your presence can be a beautiful expression of your love for Christ, our King, Savior, and Lord.* **Hopefully, our love for Christ in the Eucharist will encourage us whenever given the opportunity to place ourselves in the presence of the Lord—perhaps by coming earlier for our Eucharistic celebrations or by staying a little longer after our weekend Masses.**

**PLEASE NOTE** that every first Friday of the month a holy hour and benediction is scheduled following the 8am Mass at Holy Trinity. **The greater our love of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist the more it can help us in our daily struggles and prepare us to be numbered among the elect.**

**The Light is Still On for You!** *“The Light is Still On for You!”* is an initiative of the Diocese to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and draw closer to our Lord. Confession will be available on **Wednesday, December 11**, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in every Catholic parish in the Diocese.



### **Thanksgiving Day—Masses at Holy Trinity 8:00am and St. Agnes 9:30am**

*Thanksgiving finds our nation troubled and afraid, grieving with those who have suffered devastating losses and wondering what the future will bring. Our history, however, is full of adversity. Yet throughout it all, God has been faithful. In response, in times of crisis we, as a people, have never failed to pause, especially on Thanksgiving Day, to reaffirm our faith and thank God, who in our darkest hours has continued to bless, strengthen and sustain us. Please join us at these Masses of Thanksgiving.*

### **Advent Day of Recollection, Thursday, December 5th**

**Father Edward Litavec**, our beloved preacher, will give a Day of Recollection for the parishes of **St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**. His theme will be **“Advent Preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord.”** The day will begin at **Holy Trinity Church at 9:00 am** with an *opening conference* and then the *opportunity for confession* and the *celebration of the Eucharist*. A *luncheon* will conclude the Day of Recollection with a *question and answer forum*. **Let us give ourselves some spiritual time in the midst of the rush of the holidays and better prepare ourselves for the Birth of Christ by your attendance.**

Heartfelt Sympathy to the family and friends of **Daniel Onofrey** of St. Agnes (son of Holy Trinity Parishioner, Fran Onofrey) who was buried last week. *May our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven unto life everlasting.*



### **ANGEL TREE to BENEFIT SISTERS PLACE**



Our **Angel Tree** is in place at the back of church at St. Agnes until **December 8th**. **Sisters Place** assists single parents who are homeless toward self-sufficiency by providing housing and supportive services. They are in need of household items. Gift cards to Giant Eagle or Wal-Mart are also appreciated. *Heartfelt Thanks* to **Peg Smith** for preparing the tree and ornaments.

**2014 Lottery 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 after weekend Masses.

The **Enjoy Books (\$30)** are in and so are the **Kids Stuff Books (\$25)**. **Candy bars (\$2)** are also available. The sale benefits our **St. Agnes School**. Thank you for your continued support!



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

The ticket is \$10 based on the evening Big 4 Lottery. Prizes are New Year’s Eve -**\$10,000, Bonuses – Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30 - \$1000 each night.** Seller of winning ticket - **\$100.** Raffle Tickets are available at **School Office or Holy Trinity Office.** Please make checks payable to St. Agnes School:

## TEN REASONS TO COME TO MASS

(And Not Just on Special Occasions)



1. The Mass provides us with an **opportunity for intimate union with Jesus, our Savior, through HIS REAL PRESENCE-Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity-in the Holy Eucharist.**
2. Spiritual riches of the Mass include...**grace, consolation, confidence, peace, deep happiness and strength.** The Mass will enrich our spiritual and personal lives in ways that we never imagined! God, Our Father, desires to touch our hearts and lives with His amazing grace and saving love and we are **never closer to Him than when we are caught up in the celebration of the Eucharist.**
3. We are invited to **bring our brokenness to Mass** for God's healing and forgiveness.
4. God said to Moses: **"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."**
5. Jesus said: **"Do this in memory of me."** When the hour came, He (Jesus) took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, **"This IS My body,** which will be given for you. Do this in memory of Me". **When we celebrate Mass, we repeat the Last Supper, as Jesus commanded.**
6. The **Church teaches** that we must **fulfill the command of Jesus** to "Do this in memory of Me" by **attending Sunday Mass** (or the Vigil Mass the night before) each week.
7. The Church speaks with the authority of Jesus.
8. The Mass is a sacrifice, the perfect one, **created by Jesus; the Mass is also a meal.**
9. God made us **social beings** and wants us to **come together in community.** **"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I."** Prayers at Mass are Scripture-based.
10. Mass and our faith have **sustained families for generations.** We must continue to pass on our faith.

*We could learn a lot from crayons.*

*Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull.  
Some have weird names and all are different colors -  
but they all have to live in the same box.*



**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, Bob Shivey, 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**

\$2,953 - - November 10 Sunday Offering  
\$ 381 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....	\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP .....	\$ 25,072
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 - - November 10 Sunday Offering  
\$ 323 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....	\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP .....	\$ 17,287

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