

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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Administrative Office and Rectory
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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-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)

MONDAY-NOV 25 -ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES-NOV 26 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Julianne Rogers** (Family)

WED-NOV 27 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR-NOV 28 - THANKSGIVING

9:30a - **Living & Deceased Benefactors**
 of St. Vincent DePaul

FRIDAY-NOV 29 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Joe Milko** (Ladies of Charity)

SAT-NOV 30 - ST. ANDREW

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN-DEC 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p(Sat) - **William Bevan** (Jim & Suzann Bevan)

8:00a - **Marie Belancik** (Philomena & David Lyle)

11:00a - **Rose Montalbano** (Roseanne Needham)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN-NOV 24 - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

4:00p(Sat) - **Thomas & Michael Fabian** (Anna & Irene)

9:30a - **Edward Gamret** (Wife, Margaret)

MONDAY-NOV 25-ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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

TUES-NOV 26 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED-NOV 27 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Faithfully Departed of Holy Trinity**

THUR-NOV 28 - THANKSGIVING

8:00a - **Living & Deceased Benefactors**
 of St. Vincent DePaul

FRIDAY-NOV 29 - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT-NOV 30 - ST. ANDREW

8:00a - **Mary Jean Maresch** (Diana Maresch)

SUN-DEC 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p(Sat) - **Margaret Svirbel** (Children)

9:30a - **Michael Sotak** (Debbie Gaydos)

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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**

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: *2 Samuel 5:1-3*. David is anointed king.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5*. Enter the house of the Lord rejoicing.

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:12-20*. Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 23:35-43*. Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.



Reflecting on God's Word

When we think of Christ the King, we usually do not think of Jesus hanging on the cross, but rather the risen Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, wearing the crown bestowed upon him by the Father. But Luke presents us with an image of Christ whose reign begins on the cross with his promise of Paradise to a thief hanging at his side.

—Jesus brings about the kingdom even in the last moment of his life, extending the mercy of God to yet another nameless outsider, a thief “condemned justly” to death (Luke 23:41). This man recognizes Jesus both as a man who “has done nothing criminal,” but also one who is about to “come into [his] kingdom” (23:41, 42).

The kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed as being “already in your midst” is present in Jesus on the cross, extending mercy by asking God to forgive those who have crucified him, for “they know not what they do” (23:34). To the thief who asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom, Jesus promises, “Today you will be with me in Paradise” (23:43). What wonderful words to bring the church year to a close.

We might think of this dying thief as one who stole heaven at the last moment, but perhaps that is inaccurate. How could it be a theft when Paradise was there for the taking? The crucified One himself being the king of hearts, the shepherd king lifted up one last time a beloved sheep who had wandered far astray but unexpectedly found himself at heaven's door. If we call him king, it is because he was faithful to his calling, not to save himself but to save us.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- Thurs, Nov 28th**Thanksgiving** (Mass at Holy Trinity, 8am; Mass at St. Agnes, 9:30am)
- Sun, Dec 1st**“Advent Lessons & Carols”** (4pm Holy Trinity) Reception to follow
- Sun, Dec 1st**St. Agnes Donut Social** (After the 8am & 11am Masses)
- Wed, Dec 4th**Holy Trinity Men's Club Rivers Casino Trip: deadline Nov 24th (412-466-5062)**
- Thurs, Dec 5th**Advent Day of Recollection with Father Litavec** (9am Holy Trinity)
- Sat, Dec 7th**Knights of Columbus #4210 Christmas Party** (Holy Trinity Social Hall)
- Mon, Dec 9th.....**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- Wed, Dec 11th.....**Lights On Confession** (Holy Trinity, 6-7pm. St. Agnes, 7-9pm)
- Thurs, Dec 12th.....**45+ Club Christmas Party** (1:30pm, Skyview Restaurant)
Please call Ed Ferchak by December 9th for reservations (412-462-0904)
- Sat, Dec 14th.....**St. Agnes School Christmas Show K-3rd grades after 6pm Mass**
- Sat, Dec 14th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Christmas Party** (5-9pm, Social Hall)
RSVP by Dec. 7th to George Miteff (412-466-5062)
- Sun, Dec 15th.....**St. Agnes School Christmas Show 4th-8th grades, 7pm**
- Sun, Dec 15th.....**Jednota Meeting** (1pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)
- Sun, Dec 15th.....**VILIIJA Christmas Eve Dinner** (2pm Holy Trinity Social Hall -- **by reservation only**)
- Tue, Dec 17th.....**Penance Service** (7pm, Holy Trinity)
- Wed, Dec 18th**Penance Service** (7pm, St. Agnes)
- Wed, Dec 25th.....**Birth of our Lord**
- Fri, Jan 31st.....**Knights of Columbus #4210 New Year's Eve Party** (Holy Trinity Social Hall)

TODAY, a special collection will be taken for the people of the Philippines to assist with the recovery effort from the recent typhoon. Much is needed. Please be generous in your contribution.

Flowers at the Blessed Mother at Holy Trinity

are in memory of **Edward Gamret**
by his wife, Margaret.



SANCTUARY CANDLE
AT HOLY TRINITY THIS SUNDAY
IS IN MEMORY OF **EDWARD GAMRET**
(WIFE, MARGARET)





Feast of CHRIST THE KING of the UNIVERSE

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.**



Thanksgiving Day—Mass at Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m. and St. Agnes 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving today 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.

“Almighty God, Father of all Mercies, we, your unworthy servants give you most heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and all men. We thank you for our creation, life, and all blessings we receive. Above all, we thank you for your infinite love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.”

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 9am with an *opening conference and then the opportunity for confession and the celebration of the Eucharist at 11am Mass.* 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.**



Congratulations to the family of **Landis Paul Knetzer,** son of **John & Kacie Knetzer,** baptized at St. Agnes Church.

Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **John Lesutis,** who was buried from Holy Trinity. *Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased.*



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 1, at 4:00pm in Holy Trinity Church



This service was founded on the model of the Advent service celebrated at King’s College Chapel in Cambridge, England, which in turn grew out of the annual presentation of Nine Lessons and Carols celebrated in that historic chapel on Christmas Eve. This year we have worked very hard to bring the spirit of Advent to Holy Trinity and St. Agnes. We continue to look more deeply into the meaning of Advent, anticipating the time when Christ will come again, not as a child, but in glory as King over all. Hoping to see you at this first annual Lessons and Carols. Reception follows in the Social Hall.



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive

Canned goods and dry goods; especially coffee, cereal, paper products, protein, tuna, and peanut butter will be collected during the month of November for the Intersection. Please bring your items to Holy Trinity or St. Agnes at your convenience and **place in the boxes in the back of the church.** Or, as traditionally done at St. Agnes, you may bring your items to the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30 am and place them at the foot of the altar along with the donations from the St. Agnes School children. *Thank you for helping your neighbors at this time of sharing and thanksgiving.*

CHURCH ALIVE CAMPAIGN

In the coming week those of you who have not already been contacted in regard to our Church Alive campaign, will receive an informational letter. The greater the response, the quicker we can reach our assigned goals and, beyond those goals, each parish will receive 60% of the remaining funds raised. It will help in the various projects that we have selected for each parish. Your understanding and prayerful consideration will be deeply appreciated.

The Diocese itself has reached a goal of \$100 million sooner than expected but will still need \$25 million to make it a complete success. The Diocese itself has many projects that will benefit each parish and will make the diocesan church truly alive under the steady and dedicated leadership of our Bishop.



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**.



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.

ANGEL TREE to BENEFIT SISTERS PLACE

The **Angel Tree** is in place at the back of St. Agnes Church until **December 8th**. They are in need of household items, and Gift cards to Giant Eagle or Wal-Mart are also appreciated.



2013 Contributions

Just a reminder that if you wish to receive **financial credit for tax purposes in the 2013 calendar year, all contributions and/or gifts must be received on or before December 31st, 2013**. *Any contributions received after December 31st, 2013 will be credited to the 2014 calendar year.* **Thank you for your continuous support of the church.**

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

\$5,014 - - November 17 Sunday Offering
\$ 75 - - Parish Share
. \$ 709 - - Religious Retirement Fund

PSP Assessment-2013\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP\$ 25,147
Monthly School Subsidy\$ 6,167
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN.

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$1,649 - - November 17 Sunday Offering
\$ 70 - - Parish Share
\$ 803 - - Religious Retirement Fund

PSP Assessment-2013\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP\$ 17,357

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