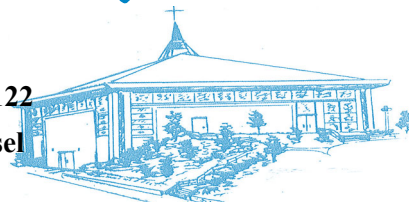


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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

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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 - JAN 12 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6:00p(Sat) - **Dee Bevan** (Maura and Paul Thomas)
 8:00a - **John Lesutis** (Audrey Lesutis)
 11:00a - **Richard Jordan** (Joanne and Ed Fink)

MONDAY - JAN 13 - 1ST WEEK, ORDINARY TIME

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - JAN 14 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Bernard Zedo** (Ladies of Charity)

WED - JAN 15 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - JAN 16 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Marie V. Cmar** (Yarosik Family)

FRIDAY - JAN 17 - ST ANTHONY, ABBOT

8:15a - **Nicholas Bracco** (Ladies of Charity)

SAT - JAN 18 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - JAN 19 - SECOND SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **George Yenko** (Jim, Bev Stavor & Family)
 8:00a - **Health of Mary Elizabeth Hudack** (Ladies of Charity)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - JAN 12 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:00p(Sat) - **Marie Kapples** (Sue Finnegan)
 9:30a - **Joe Milko** (Mary Elizabeth Polatas)

MONDAY - JAN 13 - 1ST WEEK, ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **John Lesutis** (Regan Family)

TUES - JAN 14 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - JAN 15 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **George Andrejchek** (Perhac Family)

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(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

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8:00a - **Felix Steimer** (Tim Petrisko)

SUN - JAN 19 - SECOND SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Joseph Bujdos** (Veronica Bujdos)
 9:30a - **Lawrence Maydak** (Derko Family)

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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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7.* The servant of the Lord shall bring justice to all.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10.* The Lord will give peace to the people.

Second Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38.* God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:13-17.* The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.

Reflecting on God's Word

Margaret left the massage therapist feeling released from the stress of the last few months, renewed and energized. It was as though the memory in her muscles was erased and their power was unleashed by the therapist's healing touch and aromatic oils.

The Rite of Baptism includes a kind of symbolic "massage" that has a similar purpose. The newly baptized are anointed with fragrant chrism and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as members of Christ, who was anointed priest, prophet, and king. This connects Christians, the new Israel, to ancient Israel, in which priests, prophets, and kings were anointed to show that the Spirit of God was with them. It also connects us to Jesus, as today's scriptures show.

In the second reading we hear that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power," after which he "went about doing good, for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). Matthew shows Jesus being symbolically anointed with the Holy Spirit as God's chosen Son, and the first reading describes what Jesus was chosen to do: establish "justice on the earth . . . open the eyes of the blind . . . bring out . . . those who live in darkness" (Isaiah 42:1, 7). In short, Jesus was chosen as the Messiah, or "Anointed One," of God who would inaugurate the messianic era. The baptized are chosen and anointed as well, to continue Christ's messianic mission in the church.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Sun, Jan 12th.....**H.T. Men's Club Pancake/Sausage Breakfast** (9-12:30 \$5/Adults, \$2 children)

Thur, Jan 16th.....**Holy Trinity Finance and Pastoral Council Mtg.** (6:30pm, Rectory)

Sun, Jan 19th.....**St. Agnes Finance & Pastoral Council Mtg.** (following 11am Mass in Social Hall)

Tue, Jan 21st.....**St. Agnes Virgin and Martyr**

Wed, Jan 22nd.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Mtg.** (7pm Holy Trinity Social Hall)

Sun, Jan 26th.....**Catholic Schools Week begins: Pancake Breakfast** (after 8 & 11 Masses, St. Agnes)

Fri, Feb, 14th.....**Knights of Columbus Sweetheart Dinner/Dance** (7pm \$10/pp)

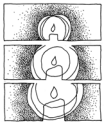
Reservations: 412-896-3290, Buffet Dinner, BYOB (open to the public)

Wed, March 5.....**Ash Wednesday, Lenten Penitential Season Begins**

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Robert Lucas** who was recently buried from **Holy Trinity Church.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sie Ting Swie**, father of **Kalvi Kusmo**, who entered his eternal home on December 22, 2013. Mr. Swie lived in Indonesia.

May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven unto life everlasting.



The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Trinity is in Memory of Raymond Sabo & Debbie Sabo LeBedda

From Mary Sabo



MARCH FOR LIFE

The **41st Annual March for Life in Washington, DC** will be held on **January 22, 2014.** Duquesne/West Mifflin Knights of Columbus Council 4210, McKeesport Council 955, St. Michael's Council 10077, and Stephen Barry Assembly 940 are sponsoring a bus for the event. If you would like to go along on this trip, the cost is \$35/seat.

Reservations are being taken by Dave and Celeste Palcsey at 412-672-6222. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus 4210 and mail to Dave Palcsey, 422 26th Street, McKeesport, PA 15131. There are only 50 seats available, so make your reservations early. **Seats must be paid in advance to be held.**

The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12th

“After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him.” Matthew 3: 13-17

The Christmas season comes to a conclusion today as we remember the **baptism of the Lord in the Jordan by John the Baptist**. How fitting it is that the refrain for today’s responsorial psalm is, ***“The Lord will bless His people with peace.”*** as we celebrate the *continued manifestation of Christ to the world*, we recognize the **tremendous potential for peace that exists in the hearts of all who have been baptized into the Christ**. Isaiah tells us that God’s chosen ones are those who have been called for the *victory of justice*. **Let us not leave the work of justice and peace to others**. Let us listen attentively to God’s saving word and pray that we, in whatever ways possible—small or large—will bring *justice and peace to those people and to those places where injustice, suffering, and violence flourish*.

Our daily Eucharist celebrations continue at both St. Agnes and Holy Trinity. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, the scheduled Mass at Holy Trinity is at 8:00 a.m. On Mondays, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help is scheduled. Then, on the First Friday of each month, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity, the Holy Hour is celebrated. During the school year, every Friday the Mass is scheduled at St. Agnes at 8:15 a.m. The celebrant usually dialogues during the homily time and our school children look forward to discovering ever more about their gift of faith.

Help us to **become more Eucharistic parishes** by your presence, not only at the weekend Masses, but if convenient and possible, do join us in the daily Masses. Every Wednesday and Saturday, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity, all are welcome to dialogue and “holy gossip”. Coffee and refreshments!

This is My
Beloved Son



Orders for hoagies will be taken after the Masses, **January 11, 12, 18 & 19** at St. Agnes. **Pick up day is Jan. 22nd**. We will also have **freshly made hoagies available after the Masses at Holy Trinity and St. Agnes for sale on Jan. 25 & 26 for \$7.00**.

The Old Closes and the New Parish Share Campaign Begins on Sunday, February 2nd

The old PSP Program will **conclude on the weekend of January 25/26th**. We have reached our **assessed goal at St. Agnes**, but **Holy Trinity’s goal of \$23,221** has not yet been reached. If we do not reach our goals then the *Diocese automatically takes it out of our savings which could happen at the parish of Holy Trinity*. With your understanding and support we pray that you will help us meet our goals.

Throughout the month of January, you may use your ordinary envelopes and help with your financial stewardship by fulfilling your pledge; or perhaps, we will be most grateful if you could give added funds so that our assessed goals can be met and our savings will not be drawn upon at Holy Trinity.

PRAYERFUL THANKS.....Ever appreciative of the wonderful volunteer efforts of our parishioners in the decorative displays of the **Nativity Scene at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**. They indeed also accepted the task of putting away the decorations for another year now. This year’s Nativity displays were more beautiful than ever and not surprising that many compliments expressed the dedicated and creative efforts of our volunteers. As they told me, Father, please no names need to be mentioned, just say a prayer in thanks for their efforts. ***We as a parish are ever more grateful for their time, talents, and faithful concern.***

FOOTBALL FAITH —

Draft Choice: Choosing a seat near the door.
Halftime: When the Ushers take up a collection.
Goal: Personal holiness; best-version-of-yourself.
Personal foul: When the organist hits the wrong note.

Fumble: Dropping the hymnal, car keys, during Mass.
Sudden Death Overtime: The priest preaches too long.
Kickoff: What some people do with their shoes under the pew.
Blitz: The stampede for the door as soon as Mass has ended.



Pastoral and Finance Committees Meetings: Holy Trinity, Thurs., Jan. 16th, 6:30pm, in the Rectory
St. Agnes, Sun., Jan. 19th, after the 11am Mass in the Social Hall. Please make every effort to attend.

Love Yourself!!!

No matter what, love yourself. Love yourself, even if it feels like the world around you is irked with you. Even if it feels like those you've counted on most have gone away. Even if you wonder if God has abandoned you. When it feels like the journey has stopped, the magic is gone and you've been left sitting on the curb, love yourself. When you are confused or angry about how things are going or how they've gone, love yourself. No matter what happens or where you are love yourself. No matter if you aren't certain where you are going or if there's anyplace left to go, love yourself.

This situation will change, this time will pass, and the magic will return. So will joy and faith. You will feel connected again—to yourself, God, the universe and life. But the first thing to do is love yourself and all the good will follow.

Next weekend, January 18-19 has been designated for the **special collection to benefit St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech**. With the full support of Bishop Zubik and the Diocese, this collection is very important to their programs as it helps provide the funds needed to continue their mission and ministry. **Every dollar donated through this collection is credited towards our parish share campaign.** Please be generous.

THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Our Campaign for the Church Alive continues; and, prayerfully, all parishioners will respond with their **sacrificial five-year pledges**. **On the weekend of the 18/19th of January, we will have a final commitment Sunday** in which the parishioners will be given the opportunity--if they haven't yet made their sacrificial pledge or have not yet been contacted--to complete commitment forms that will be available **at all Masses over this COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

Ever thankful for the many who have responded and who have helped us in **reaching our goals!!!** **Now 60% of new funds raised will remain in the parishes for our needed improvement projects!**

Our major projects for **St. Agnes** are a new handicapped entrance for the school and acoustical tiling for the Social Hall; for **Holy Trinity**, renovation of the Social Hall restroom and enlargement of the handicapped entrance to 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, Ethel Palyo,
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 Hanchak, 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

\$ 9,253 -- Offerings for Dec.15, 22, 29
\$ 4,896 -- Christmas
\$ 1,675 -- Charities
\$ 322 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP\$ 26,594
Monthly School Subsidy\$ 6,167

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$ 8,925 -- Offerings for Dec.15, 22, 29, Jan 5
\$ 5,814 -- Christmas & Solemnity of Mary
\$ 1,335 -- Charities
\$ 1,478 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP\$ 20,123

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