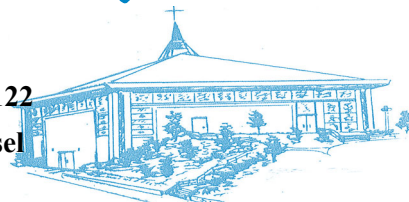


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



Administrator - Reverend Joseph R. Grosko
Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
Saint Agnes School Principal - Sister Cynthia Wessel
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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 - JAN 19 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **George Yenko** (Jim, Bev Stavor & Family)
 8:00a - **Health of Elizabeth Hudick** (Ladies of Charity)
 11:00a - **Martha Gruber** (Jim & Audrey Ferencz)

MONDAY - JAN 20 - STS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - JAN 21- FEAST OF ST. AGNES

8:15a - Living & Dec'd. Members of St. Agnes Parish

WED - JAN 22 - DAY OF PRAYER, UNBORN CHILD (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - JAN 23 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Albert Lesutis** (Wife, Audrey)

FRIDAY - JAN 24 - ST. FRANCIS de SALES

8:15a - **Health of Nettie Conley** (Ladies of Charity)

SAT - JAN 25 - CONVERSION OF APOSTLE ST. PAUL (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - JAN 26 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Josephine Terrick** (Ted & Carol Koehler)
 8:00a - **Barbara Joyce** (Paul & Kay Milko)
 11:00a - **John Montalbano** (Rose Ann Needham)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - JAN 19 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY - JAN 20 - STS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:00a - **Joseph Chuba** (Judge Robert Horgas)

TUES - JAN 21 - FEAST OF ST. AGNES

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - JAN 22 - DAY OF PRAYER, UNBORN CHILD

8:00a - **Carl Schulte** (Annette & David Schulte)

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(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

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8:00a - **Henry Kovalcin** (Family)

SUN - JAN 26 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Marie Cmar** (Family)
 9:30a - **Mr. & Mrs. John Berta Jr.** (Michael Broskovich)

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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**

First Reading: *Isaiah 49:3,5-6.* God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 40:2,4,7-10.* God desires obedience.
Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-3.* Paul greets the Church in Corinth.
Gospel Reading: *John 1:29-34.* John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.



Reflecting on God's Word

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ means to learn from him. He is the teacher, we the students; he is the master, we his servants. But what is it we are to learn? One important title for Jesus is the Lamb of God who has come to serve by taking away our sin. He serves by leading us to participate in the holiness of God. We are to do the same for others. Jesus came to understand his own calling by reading and praying the book of the prophet Isaiah, especially the four poems found there called the Servant Songs. Today we hear part of the second song in which the servant professes how he was formed as servant from the womb, not only to bring back Israel to God, but to be a light to the nations, so God's "salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). Those who serve Jesus as disciples are to join in this work of bringing God's salvation to the world. Paul recognizes this in his greeting to the Corinthians, noting his call to be an apostle of Christ, one sent by God to the church at Corinth, which has been made holy in Christ and called to be holy. Paul is sent not only to them, but to "all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:2). God's will is our holiness. By responding to the call to know Jesus as the Lamb of God, we accept the invitation to participate in this holiness and become the vehicle for inviting others to dwell there.

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

- TODAY, Sun, Jan 19th...**St. Agnes Finance & Pastoral Council Mtg.** (following 11am Mass/Social Hall)  
 Mon, Jan 20th.....**Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night** (3:30-6:30pm at the Waterfront)  
 Tue, Jan 21st.....**St. Agnes Virgin and Martyr, 8:15am Mass at St. Agnes**  
 Wed, Jan 22nd.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Mtg.** (7pm Holy Trinity Social Hall)  
 Sun, Jan 26th.....**Catholic Schools Week begins. Theme: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service"**  
 Sun, Jan 26th.....**Pancake Breakfast, to Kick-off Catholic Schools Week St. Agnes**  
 (9am to 12:30pm: \$6-adults, \$4-children)  
 Fri, Feb 14th.....**K of C Sweetheart Dinner/Dance (7pm \$10/pp) Reservations: 412-896-3290**  
 Sun, March 2-3.....**Start of 2014 Parish Share Campaign**  
 Wed, March 5th.....**Ash Wednesday Penitential Season of Lent**  
**Fish Fry Begins/and every Friday During Lent** (Holy Trinity Social Hall)

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS** are conducted every **Monday after the 8am Mass at Holy Trinity.** The 10 minute devotional concludes with a blessing of the Assembly with the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The icon shows Mary protecting Jesus with her arms around Him. Her solemn face looks directly at us as the archangel Michael and Gabriel bring the instruments of Christ's crucifixion.

— **THE EUCHARIST - NUMBER ONE REASON THAT PEOPLE COME BACK TO THE CHURCH** —

*Most people discover that coming back to the Church is not an event, as much as it is a process that involves a little pain, a little laughter, some thinking, some prayer, some discernment, and a lot of letting go. "My actual return to full participation in a parish took about three years after I felt the first longing," one person admitted.*

*And what do they get in return? The Catholic Church offers union with Jesus Christ in Scripture, in prayer, in the community of others, in the Eucharist, and in the other Sacraments. It offers spiritual support in good times and bad. It offers divine wisdom that is thousands of years old. It offers meaning and purpose in this life and the promise of life after death. —You'll know you are home when you begin to feel a deep sense of peace.*



**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **John Cielieska**, who was buried from *St. Agnes.*  
 May all of our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven  
 unto life everlasting.



## *Feast of St. Agnes, Our Patroness, Tuesday, January 21st*

Scholars have concluded that Agnes, a child of only 12 or 13 years, was killed during the persecution of Diocletian (304-306). According to Pope Damasus I (366-384), the parents of Agnes were the first to tell her story. A young Roman Prefect was infatuated with Agnes. But she refused marriage because of her dedication to Christ. She made it known that she was a Christian and preferred death over any violation of her consecrated virginity.

Agnes is portrayed in a mosaic above the main altar of the Church of St. Agnes, outside of Rome, as a Byzantine princess, robed, crowned and bejeweled, with the symbols of her martyrdom, the flames and sword, beside her feet. And all through the Church there is the other symbol of her martyrdom and sacrifice, the lamb (*Agnus*, in Latin). What a beautiful patron and model we have for our times and our young people!

*Those were difficult times when St. Agnes lived. But today we also live in difficult times. There is a disguised and subtle paganism around us, inviting us to give up our Catholic beliefs and practices. And unfortunately, there are many who are weak, and not closely united to Christ, who give up their faith, following the “crowd.” So we all need the example, the courage, and the prayers of SAINT AGNES to help us see that virginity, chastity, and purity are not “out-dated”—that our Catholic beliefs and practices are still worth our struggle and sacrifices—and are even worth dying for.*

**SAINT AGNES, OUR PARISH PATRONESS—BE OUR INSPIRATION AND HELP—PRAY FOR US!  
PLEASE NOTE: On TUESDAY, the FEAST of ST. AGNES, MASS WILL BE held at 8:15 am at ST. AGNES.**



**Hoagies will be available for sale after the Masses on January 25 and 26 at both churches. The cost is \$7.** For those who placed orders and would like them on January 22, we will have them at St. Agnes Social Hall from 2:30pm to 5:30pm bagged for you.

## *Our PSP Campaign Begins February 2nd, 2014*

### *— Parish Share Program —*

The annual “Parish Share Program,” as we all know, is the way that our Bishop obtains funds from the parishes to run various diocesan programs that benefit the entire diocese. He does this with a “tax” on our ordinary income, at a rate of 17.6%. But instead of taking this amount directly out of our parish income, each parish is asked to “raise” that amount from parishioners.

And so each February as our Parish Share Program begins, let us please note that our donations are made through the **golden Parish Share Envelope** in the monthly packet of envelopes. **On the first Sunday of the month, the second collection will be for the Parish Share envelopes.** There are many envelopes in your packet, but please remember you have the entire month to address these needs of the parish.

If a parish collects **more** than its goal, (*thank God and to you, personally, both parishes were able to reach their goals*), that money is not kept by the diocese, but is put into the parish’s Savings Account as **income that is not taxable the following year.** Many parishes are raising huge amounts as Parish Share payments over and above their goals, and for them it’s like an annual **fundraiser—the excess helped us for our 2013 campaign!** Prayerfully grateful for the many who fulfilled their pledges and helped us to reach our parish goals.

## **Upcoming Pastoral Visit by our Regional Vicar**

Our Regional Vicar, Father Fred Cain, has, as one of his responsibilities, the regular visitation of parishes in his vicariate every 18 months. Father Cain will be visiting our parish on **Wednesday, February 5, from 2-8:30pm.** The purpose of the visit is to encourage and assist the priest, parish staff, and pastoral and finance councils of the parish as well as to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the parish pastoral plan, pastoral programs and services of the parish. If you wish to contact the Regional Vicar in advance of the parish visitation or at any time, feel free to contact him at 412-456-5645 or by email at vicariate2@diopitt.org.

**Protecting God’s Children sessions are listed on the Diocesan website, diopitt.org, under “Protecting God’s Children.” You may also contact the parish office  
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH ABUSE HOTLINE 1-888-808-1235**

## PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

*Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love  
you provide ministers for your Church.*

*We pray for those whom you call to serve the  
Church of Pittsburgh as priests.*

*Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them  
courage and vision to serve your people.*

*May their lives and service call your people to  
respond to the presence of your Spirit among us  
that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the  
Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and  
renew the face of the earth.*

*O God, Father of all Mercies,  
Provider of a bountiful harvest, send Your graces  
upon those You have called  
to gather the fruits of Your labor;  
preserve and strengthen them in their  
lifelong service of You.*

*Open the hearts of Your children  
that they may discern Your Holy Will;  
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender  
themselves to serving others in the name of  
Your son, Jesus Christ.*

**PRO-LIFE CORNER** - It seems that the *Culture of Life* will return only when there has been a **change in hearts**. Such a change is going to require the **powerful intervention of the Holy Spirit**. We need to pray for that. **What more powerful prayer can we offer than the MASS!**

## THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Our Campaign for the Church Alive continues; and, prayerfully, all parishioners will respond with their **sacrificial five-year pledges**. **This weekend** 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 after all Masses.

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**

\$5,341 -- Offerings for Jan 5, 12  
\$ 414 -- Solemnity of Mary  
\$ 1,190 -- Parish Share

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| PSP Assessment-2013 .....    | \$ 25,758 |
| Amount Collected PSP .....   | \$ 27,784 |
| Monthly School Subsidy ..... | \$ 6,167  |

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$1,969 -- Offerings for Jan 12  
\$ 115 -- Parish Share

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| PSP Assessment-2013 .....  | \$ 23,221 |
| Amount Collected PSP ..... | \$ 20,238 |

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