

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 - FEB 9 - FIFTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat)-**Richard Mastandrea** (Steve & Verda Mastandrea)
 8:00a - **Joe Milko** (Marcie & Jeff Poulos)
 11:00a - **Health of James Pawling** (Cerilli Family)

MONDAY - FEB 10 - ST SCHOLASTICA

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - FEB 11 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8:15a - **Richard "Dee" Bevan** (Shirley & Mary Ott)

WED - FEB 12 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - FEB 13 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Rudert Saunders** (Ladies of Charity)

FRIDAY - FEB 14- STS CYRIL & METHODIUS

8:15a - **William Lesko, Sr.** (Wife, Mary Ann)

SAT - FEB 15- WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - FEB 16 - SIXTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - **Ralph & Rose Biagiarelli** (Rose Ann & Phyliss)
 8:00a - **Teresa Schaff** (Bert & Kathy Peters)
 11:00a - **In Thanksgiving to Ladies of Charity** (Pat DeLuca)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - FEB 9 - FIFTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Grace Tarczy** (Axelson Family)
 9:30a - **Mary Pollack** (Bob & Evelyn Kallenborn)

MONDAY - FEB 10 - ST SCHOLASTICA

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

TUES - FEB 11 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - FEB 12 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Al & Ann Ulens)

THUR - FEB 13 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - FEB 14 - STS CYRIL & METHODIUS

8:00a - *(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)*

SAT - FEB 15 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Ann Matthias** (Jim Matthias)

SUN - FEB 16 - SIXTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Marie Belancik** (Malesky Family)
 9:30a - **Elizabeth Alzo** (Cathy & Michael Broskovich)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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.

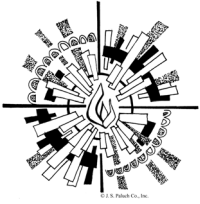
SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

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**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: *Isaiah 58:7-10.* In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 112:4-9.* The just person will be a light in the darkness.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 2:1-5.* Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:13-16.* Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Reflecting on God's Word

In today's reading from the Letter to the Corinthians Paul says it is the power of God working through him, not his own wisdom or talents, that allowed the Corinthians to put their faith in the gospel. The Corinthians themselves were so self-satisfied and proud about their gifts that they had forgotten who gave them what they had and what their gifts were for. Paul reminds them, and us, that everything we have—even our faith—is from the Lord and for others. It is the Lord's light that shines through those who, like Paul, put their trust in God. To walk in that light is to allow God's generosity, mercy, and justice to shine through us. And that means sharing all we have, as individuals and as a community, the way God has done and continues to do for us.

The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church is entitled *Lumen Gentium*, "Light of the Nations," because that is what the Church is called to be. Christ's light is given to us—not only for our own personal benefit now or salvation someday—but that others might "see the light" and turn their gaze and their lives toward the dawning Sun of Justice: Christ, our Light.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- Mon, Feb 10th.....**FEAST OF ST. SCHOLASTICA**
Tue, Feb 11th.....**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
Fri, Feb 14th.....**FEAST OF STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS**
Sat, Feb 15th.....**K of C Sweetheart Dinner/Dance (7pm \$10/pp) Reservations: 412-896-3290**
Buffet Dinner, BYOB (open to the public)
Sun, Feb 16th.....**Family Bingo (St. Agnes)**
Sat, Feb 22nd.....**Ceregi Sale (2pm, Holy Trinity. \$7 dozen, limit 2 dozen per person.)**
Wed, Feb 26th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Rivers Casino Trip (Call George, 412-466-5062)**
Sat, March 1st.....**St. Agnes Annual Night at the Races (Social Hall)**
Wed, March 5th**Fish Fry Begins & every Friday during Lent (Holy Trinity Social Hall)**
Wed, March 5th.....**Ash Wednesday, Lenten Penitential Season Begins**
Sat, April 12th.....**9th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men (visit cmfpitt.org or call 724-680-0263)**
Sun, April 13th.....**Hosanna 2014 with the Bishop for grades 7-12 (visit diopitt.org/hosanna)**
Sun, April 20th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
Sun, May 4th.....**First Communion of the Parishes (11am Mass, St. Agnes)**
Sun, June 8th.....**Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church**
Fri, Sat, July 25th, 26th.....**144th Annual St. Agnes Festival**



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

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

2014 Slovak Catholic Federation Annual SS Cyril & Methodius Appeal

The appeal will be taken the weekend of **February 16th in Holy Trinity parish**. Funds from this collection will aid the priest-graduate students studying at the Pontifical College of SS. Cyril & Methodius in Rome, Italy and those religious congregations represented in the Conference of Slovak Religious.

Please note that there is no printed envelope for this collection. Please place your contribution in an envelope with your name on it in the second collection so that we may record your contribution.

Faith is Always a Path

POPE BENEDICT XVI

Faith in God is not a form of knowledge that can be learned like chemistry or mathematics, but remains a belief... Since faith demands our whole existence, our will, our love, since it requires letting go of ourselves, it necessarily always goes beyond a mere knowledge, beyond what is demonstrable. **And because that is so, then I can always turn my life away from faith and find arguments that seem to refute it...**

We must have the courage **not to lose hold of the truth**, to stretch toward it and to accept it humbly and thankfully, whenever it is given to us... Belief is never simply there, in a way that would enable me to say at a certain point in time: I have it, and others do not have it.

It is something living, which is inclusive of the whole person in all his dimensions — understanding, will, and feelings. It can then fasten its roots ever deeper into my life, so that my life becomes more and more nearly identical with my faith; but for all that it is never just a possession. A man can always still give way to this other tendency within himself and thus fall away.

Faith is always a path. As long as we live we are on the way, and on that account faith is always under pressure and under threat. And it's healthy that it can never turn into a convenient ideology. That it doesn't make me hardened and unable to follow the thoughts of my doubting brother and to sympathize with him. **Faith can only mature by suffering anew, at every stage in life, the oppression and the power of unbelief, by admitting its reality and then finally going right through it, so that it again finds the path opening ahead for a while.**



EVANGELIZATION CORNER –

Understanding and Defending the Truth and Beauty of Our Faith: If you have Internet access, make EWTN your default station (265 on Comcast)! Here are some excellent programs:



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8:00pm	Sunday Night Prime	The Journey Home (Live)	Mother Angelica Live Classics	EWTN Live (Live)	The World Over (Live)	Life on The Rock (Encore)

PRO-LIFE CORNER –

Every one of the 50,000 babies annually put up for adoption at birth, handicapped or not, is immediately placed with a family. There are more than two million couples on the adoption waiting list. According to William Pierce, president of the National Committee for Adoption, babies immediately adopted include minority babies, and infants with every imaginable disability and disease, including AIDS, Down Syndrome, and spina bifida. There are adoption and support groups for every known infant disease and birth defect.

ADOPTION IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION

The 40 Days for Life Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, through Palm Sunday, April 13.



St. Agnes School's Night at the Races will be on **Saturday, March 1st**. Doors open at **7pm** and the **Race Program starts at 7:30pm**. Tickets and horses are available in the Social Hall **after Masses until February 26**. **Tickets are \$5.00 per person** and **horses are \$10.00**—one horse per sheet, please. *Winning horse in each race wins \$50.00.*

The Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to the **Rivers Casino on Wed., February 26**. The **Cost is \$25 p/p**. The Bus will leave the church hall at 9am and depart the casino at 4pm. Coffee and Danish will be available at 7:30am. **Call George at 412-466-5062** for reservations. **Payment deadline is Feb 17**. **Bonus is \$20 slot play and \$5 food**. **Everyone welcome.**



The Right Attitude

If you were to ask God, "How much time do I have left on earth?" God would say, "Enough to make a difference." Each one of us has a special gift that we can use to make our world a little better. Mother Teresa once said: "None of us can do great things; we can only do small things with great love." Some people never reach their potential because of one word in their vocabulary. That word is 'CAN'T'. The poem written by Edgar Guest reveals damage done by a person using the word can't.

Can't is the worst word that's written or spoken,
Doing more harm here than slander and lies;
On it is many a strong spirit broken,
And with it many a good purpose dies.
It springs from the lips of the thoughtless each morning
And robs us of courage we need through the day.
It rings in our ears like a timely sent warning
And laughs when we falter and fall by the way.
Can't is the father of feeble endeavor,
The parent of terror and halfhearted work;
It weakens the efforts of artisans clever,
And makes of the toiler an indolent shirk.
It poisons the soul of the man with a vision,
It stifles in infancy many a plan;
It greets honest oiling with open derision
And mocks at the hopes and the dreams of a man.
Can't is a word none should speak without blushing;
To utter it should be a symbol of shame;
Ambition and courage, it daily is crushing;
It blights a man's purpose and shortens his aim.
Despise it with all of your hatred or error;
Refuse it the lodgment it seeks in your brain;
Arm against it as a creature of terror,
And all that you dream of, you someday shall gain.
Can't is a word that is foe to ambition,
An enemy ambushed to shatter your will;
Its prey is forever the man with a mission
And bows but to courage and patience and skill.
Hate it, with hatred that's deep and undying,
For once it is welcomed 'twill break any man';
Whatever the goal you are seeking, keep trying
And answer this demon by saying "**I can.**"

We know that attitude really does make a difference. Our thinking definitely influences how we act. We all need to practice positive thinking. It will energize us, brighten our day and people will enjoy being around us and we being with them.

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Holy Trinity

**Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Tom Breznai,
Veronica Bujdos, Anna Cmar, Helen Gambal,
Martin Hock, Mary Lisa Holzwarth,
Zander Holzwarth (toddler), Flo Husfelt,
Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac, Bridget Midla,
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, Mary Sorokacs, 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

\$ 4,629 -- Offering for February 2
\$ 1,012-- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013	\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP	\$ 28,966
Monthly School Subsidy	\$ 6,167

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$ 3,068 -- Offering for February 2
\$ 1,464 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013	\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP	\$ 21,707

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