

# 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 - 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)  
**MONDAY - FEB 17 - WEEKDAY**  
 (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)  
**TUES - FEB 18 - WEEKDAY**  
 6:45a - **Janice, Jason & Philip Checque** (Family)  
**WED - FEB 19 - WEEKDAY**  
 (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)  
**THUR - FEB 20 - WEEKDAY**  
 6:45a - **McAuliffe & Futillo Families** (Family)  
**FRIDAY - FEB 21- ST PETER DAMIAN**  
 8:15a - **Sister Agnes Cecelia Tutsie** (Honor of 65th)  
**SAT - FEB 22- CHAIR OF ST PETER the APOSTLE**  
 (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)  
**SUN - FEB 23 - SEVENTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 6:00p(Sat) - **Howard "Tim" Schragel** (Jim & Joan Schragel)  
 8:00a - **John Cielieska** (Irene Slezak)  
 11:00a - **Richard Jordan** (Jim & Bev Stavor & Family)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

**SUN - FEB 16 - SIXTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 4:00p(Sat) - **Marie Belancik** (Malesky Family)  
 9:30a - **Elizabeth Alozo** (Cathy & Michael Broskovich)  
**MONDAY - FEB 17- WEEKDAY**  
 8:00a - **Rudy Mihaljevic** (Pat & Family)  
**TUES - FEB 18 - WEEKDAY**  
 (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)  
**WED - FEB 19 - WEEKDAY**  
 8:00a - **Sophia Ponist** (Mark Ponist)  
**THUR - FEB 20 - WEEKDAY**  
 (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)  
**FRIDAY - FEB 21 - ST PETER DAMIAN**  
 8:00a - **Margaret Svirbel** (Loretta Schneider)  
**SAT - FEB 22 - CHAIR OF ST PETER the APOSTLE**  
 8:00a - **Joseph Chuba** (Alma Marie Chuba)  
**SUN - FEB 23 - SEVENTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 4:00p(Sat) - **Carl Schulte** (Wife & Family)  
 9:30a - **102nd Birthday, Anna Fabian** (Irene Fabian)

### 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**

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading:** Sirach 15:15–20. The eyes of God see all he has made.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 119:1–2,4–5, 17–18,33–34. Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:6–10. God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:17–37. I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

### Reflecting on God's Word

We live in a country where we prize our freedom, cling to our right to choose, and even define our homeland as “the land of the free.” Today’s scriptures remind us that along with rights come responsibilities. We are to respond to our God who made us and calls us to be a people of the new covenant, ratified by the saving death of God’s Son on the cross.

“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you,” says Ben Sira (Sirach 15:15). For the Jewish people the law was a blessing and those who chose to keep the law would be blessed with life. That choice is still before us.

Jesus’ teachings reveal his wisdom in understanding the law of the Mosaic covenant. His grasp of what was at the heart of the law can be clearly found in the long form of today’s Gospel. While there is an option for a shorter version, spend some time with the longer reading (Matthew 5:17–37).

We are to live as kin in what has been called the “kin-dom” of God. In a world that justifies preventative strikes, Jesus forbids not only killing but even getting angry and bearing a grudge. He teaches that reconciliation takes priority over worship, that the prohibition against adultery extends even to looking with lust at another, reducing a person to an object for self-gratification. Finally, he asks us not to swear but to speak with simplicity and integrity. Some might dismiss all this as impossible to achieve. But, as a young virgin was once told: “Nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37).

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

- TODAY, Sun, Feb 16th...**Annual SS Cyril & Methodius Appeal** (Holy Trinity Church)  
Tues, Feb 18th.....**Holy Trinity & St. Agnes Pastoral Council Mtgs.** (Holy Trinity Social Hall)  
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** (St. Agnes 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, March 15th.....**K of C St. Patrick’s Day Dinner** (7-11pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall, \$10p/p)  
Sun, April 20th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
Sat, April 26th.....**K of C Casino Night** (7-11pm Holy Trinity Social Hall, \$25p/p)  
Sun, May 4th.....**First Communion of the Parishes** (11pm Mass, St. Agnes)  
Sun, May 11th.....**Mothers Day**  
Sun, June 15th.....**Fathers Day**  
Sun, June 15th.....**Feast of the Holy Trinity**

**WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE ORDINARY OF OUR DIOCESE, BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK, WILL BE WITH US ON EASTER SUNDAY AT THE 9:30am MASS, HOLY TRINITY.**

**Penguin Tickets:** We are raffling 2 tickets to the **Penguins Game on March 11**. The Penguins are playing the Capitals (Section 217, Row M). **Tickets are \$5** and the winning ticket will be drawn on March 1 at our Night at the Races. **LET’S GO PENS!**



**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**. Join the fun and support St. Agnes School.

**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.



## ***Parish Share Campaign 2014***

As the time of Lent approaches, Catholics everywhere become increasingly focused on the gospel, what it means to **live as Christ taught us to live**, what it means to **be true disciples**. Prayer and fasting are two of the traditional ways in which we **reaffirm our Christian purpose**. **Sharing** what we have with our brothers and sisters is perhaps **our most tangible demonstration of faith**, Christ's word of the "*Good News*". **Your stewardship for the Parish Share Program is truly a blessing for our faith communities.**

The Parish Share Program allows us to express our solidarity with each other, with our parish and with the diocese. The contributions from this program support the **bishop's ministry** and **all of the diocesan programs** that one parish alone could not possibly do. Among the ministries and programs that Parish Share income supports are the **seminary program**; for example, the **vocation office** and **needed ministries**.

The new **Parish Share Campaign begins on Saturday, March 1st**. **St. Agnes Parish exceeded their 2013 Goal of \$25,758** and the new **assessed P.S.P. Goal for 2014 is \$23,790**. **Holy Trinity Parish did not meet their Goal of \$23,221 for 2013** and the new **assessed P.S.P. Goal for 2014 is \$24,618**. Your faithful concern and contributions in the Parish Share speaks well of your blessed stewardship.

Please note on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR OUR PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**, and that is, for **both** parishes. This collection will **begin on March 1st** and will continue for the next eleven months. **Funds that are given in excess of our Assessed Goals will be not taxable, but benefit the finances of our Parishes.** —*Our prayerful gratitude for the many who helped the Parish to meet the Parish Share Goal of this past year and pray that it continues.*

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

The *bishops of the United States* have recommended that **in the Mass, as we pray the Our Father, the prayer given us by Jesus Himself, we extend our arms downward in supplication, holding both hands with the palms outward** in the ancient orans gesture. This gesture *signifies our need, our humble dependence on God, and our openness to receive the gifts of daily bread and the forgiveness*, which we seek in this prayer. **Daily we need to call upon the heavenly Father on our pilgrimage of faith and trust.**

## ***Stewardship—YOUR PRAYERFUL RESPONSE!***

Our **Sunday offerings are vital** in maintaining the financial stability of the parishes; that is, receiving the stewardship of your weekly offerings in meeting our bills, maintaining our physical plant, and receiving sufficient funds in which we monthly subsidize St. Agnes School and the Diocesan Subsidy of Holy Trinity.

**Prayerfully asking of each envelope holder to maintain and upgrade your offerings, fulfill your Parish Share Program pledge, regularly meet paying the School's tuition, and above all, know that we depend on your faithful stewardship.** Otherwise, there are difficulties in our budgeting and parish improvements.

**Your understanding and support is a blessing for the parishes—and a prayerful thanks from your Administrator.** *The Lord, truly blesses the faithful and cheerful givers!*

—The Weekend of March 1st, the **Second Collection** is for the **Parish Share Program** —

**To the Parishioners of Holy Trinity and St. Agnes** At this time of the year when our thoughts and intentions turn toward Valentine's Day, our St. Vincent de Paul conference wants to express our heartfelt thanks for your continued generosity to our mission in this community. **If it were not for the weekly donations in the Poor Boxes and the collections that Fr. Grosko permits us to have on Palm Sunday and Thanksgiving, we could not financially continue to serve the less fortunate in this area.** We have placed a box of candy in the back of each church this weekend for your consumption as a token of thanks to our benevolent brothers and sisters. God's love has given us the means to operate through your help and we do not take this for granted.



**Important (Holy Trinity & St. Agnes) Meetings on Tuesday, February 18th at Holy Trinity Social Hall: 6:30 Finance Committees; 7:00 Pastoral Councils. The presence of council members is needed.**



## BIBLICAL BABY NAMES

“Biblical names surging back into our culture is a great turn for the better. After many years, it shows that people are feeling stronger about their faith... (and want to) go back to original values and traditions,” Lucie Wisco, editor of Belly Ballot, told Catholic News Agency.

The Social Security Administration’s list of top 10 most popular names includes Noah, Ethan, Michael and Abigail, but parents are considering other Bible names, such as Naomi, Caleb, Judith or Levi, too.

Wisco added that biblical names are a way for parents to “honor” Pope Francis: “Pope Francis is focusing more on the need for humility, mercy and compassion, and thus bringing ordinary people much closer to the Church again.”

### *Understanding Stewardship*

#### *What is Stewardship?*

*Stewardship describes our entire relationship with God. God loved and trusted us so much that he made us his stewards. Our challenge is to strive to be good stewards by:*

*Recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. Taking time to be grateful for the gifts that God has given us.*

*Realizing that God gives each of us all we need, plus enough to share. Turning to the Holy Spirit for guidance in sharing our gifts as God intended.*

**Knights of Columbus** are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie, it is being involved with your community. It is supporting your local Catholic Church while enhancing your own faith. It is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about.

For more information and to purchase tickets for upcoming events, call the Grand Knight, Tim Richards, at 412-896-3290 or email at [timmy1825@aol.com](mailto:timmy1825@aol.com).

**St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, March 15th: Corned beef and cabbage, DJ Nick Funn, \$10 (\$12 at door)**

**Casino Night, April 26th: Games, Raffles, Gift Baskets & More (\$25 includes \$3,000 play money, Raffle Ticket, Heavy hors d’oeuvres, soda)**

**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, 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**

\$ 3,744 -- Offering for February 9  
\$ 220 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....	\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP .....	\$ 28,174
Monthly School Subsidy .....	\$ 6,167

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$ 2,279 -- Offerings for February 9  
\$ 130 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013 .....	\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP .....	\$ 20,373

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