

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
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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 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)

MONDAY - FEB 24 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - FEB 25 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - Joe Milko (Frank Milko)

WED - FEB 26 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - FEB 27 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - John Gruber (Ed & Joann Fink)

FRIDAY - FEB 28 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - Richard "Dee" Bevan (Ladies of Charity)

SAT - MARCH 1 - FIRST SATURDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - MARCH 2 - EIGHTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00p(Sat) - Mary P. Sabol (Loretta & Joe Sabol)
 8:00a - John Lesutis (Family)
 11:00a - Rose Kollar (Bowen Family)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - FEB 23 - SEVENTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - Carl Schulte (Wife & Family)
 9:30a - 102nd Birthday, Anna Fabian (Irene Fabian)

MONDAY - FEB 24 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Margaret Svirbel (Loretta Schneider)

TUES - FEB 25 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - FEB 26 - WEEKDAY

8:00a- Deceased Mbrs. of Francetic Family (Kitty Bialobok)

THUR - FEB 27 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - FEB 28 - WEEKDAY

(8:15 Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - MARCH 1 - FIRST SATURDAY

8:00a - Felix Steimer (M. Melnichak & Annie)

SUN - MARCH 2 - EIGHTH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - John Butsko, Jr. (Daparana Family)
 9:30a - Larry Maydak (Runge Family)

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**

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18. Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103: 1–4,8,10, 12–13. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16–23. Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38–48. My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

Reflecting on God's Word:

A 2006 movie called *Love Actually* has one of the best openings in recent years. It begins with two young people running toward each other and falling into each other's arms, kissing joyfully. Then you see a mother being hugged by her two little girls, then two older women, perhaps sisters, embracing. As these scenes give way to others, you become aware that all this takes place in an airport at the arrivals gate. Accompanying these images is a voiceover.

Whenever he feels down about the condition of the world, the speaker goes to the arrivals gate at Heathrow airport in London. Despite the fact that there is so much hatred and greed in the world, he says, Heathrow is one place where things seem different. At Heathrow love is everywhere.

All the while you hear this voice, you are watching people rush into each other's arms. For a full minute you see the world as a welcoming, warm, loving place. You know it's something of a set-up because who goes to meet people at airports other than family, good friends, people in a loving relationship? But isn't this God's plan for the world, what God wants most from us: love God; love one another.

The voiceover concludes by noting that right before the planes hit the Twin Towers in New York City, all the calls that went out were messages of love. People chose to have their final words be professions of love. Making that choice on a daily basis is what makes us perfect—that is, full-grown, complete, holy.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

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**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion is held every Monday at Holy Trinity after the 8am Mass.

The 10 minute devotional concludes with a blessing of the assembly with the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Her solemn face looks directly at us as the archangel Michael & Gabriel bring us the blessing.



On Sunday, February 16, **St. Agnes Parish welcomed Mrs. Virginia Ackerman** as a candidate in the **RICIA program**. Ginny has been attending RCIA classes since October. **On March 16 Ginny will attend the Rite of Election at St. Paul Cathedral and at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will become a full member of the Catholic Church.** Please remember Ginny in your prayers as she continues her journey towards full membership in the Catholic Church.

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 \$10.00 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.

Annual Season of Lent Begins on Wednesday, March 5th

It's that time again to begin the intensive efforts of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** to deepen and improve our spiritual life. No one can do this for us. It is indeed a personal effort and a decision to do something extra and special to come closer to the Lord our God during this Penitential Season of 2014. *The following is a schedule of spiritual opportunities:*

ASH WEDNESDAY - Ashes will be distributed at the following schedule —

St. Agnes Church, 8:15am Mass, 2:30pm (Ashes Only) and 7pm Mass
Holy Trinity Church, 11am Mass and 4pm (Ashes Only)

FAST DAYS - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, only one full meal. Binds those who are 18-59 yrs old.

ABSTINENCE DAYS - Means **no meat** for everyone 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, and on all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

DAILY MASSES-ST. AGNES - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:45am & Fridays, the school Mass at 8:15am
Wednesday evenings during Lent, 7pm

DAILY MASSES-HOLY TRINITY - Mondays and Saturdays, 8am and Wednesdays and Fridays, 11am
Also, the First Friday of the month at 8:00am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS-ST AGNES - Fridays of Lent at 2 pm with our St. Agnes students
Fridays of Lent at 7pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS-HOLY TRINITY - Wednesdays and Fridays after the 11am Mass

WORD of GOD among US-LENTEN BOOKLETS - available in the lobbies of the churches. Rice Bowls will be available during Lent.

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING MASSES AT ST. AGNES - 7:00pm with visiting priests.

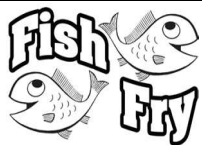


HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the family and friends of: **Bridget Midla from Holy Trinity** and **Mary Sorokacs, from St. Agnes** who were buried this past week.
May all our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father at the Banquet of Heaven unto life everlasting.

The Light is Still On for You! This year in every parish across the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on **Wednesday, March 12: at Holy Trinity from 7pm to 9pm and from 6pm to 7pm. at St. Agnes** Consider making a commitment this Lent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love. Visit www.diopitt.org/lighton for more information. **There will be penitential services at both parishes during Holy Week.**



Family Hospice & Palliative Care "Growing Through Grief – Rebuilding Hope Program, is a free six-week educational/support program for those dealing with the death of a loved one. The program will be held at **Jefferson Regional Medical Center, James Bibro Pavilion Conference Center** beginning **Monday, March 3rd** and will run through **Monday, April 7th, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Pre-registration is required.** For further information please call the **Family Hospice Bereavement Dept. at 412-572-8829.**



BEST EVER! OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th,** at **Holy Trinity Social Hall** and continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, from the hours of 11am until 7pm. **Great fellowship, delicious fish & fries and the best of all pastries! Eat in or Take Out will be available.**

Donations of new items and wine and spirit goods to help make baskets for the Chinese Auction are needed. Your gifts can be dropped off at **Holy Trinity or St. Agnes Parish Offices.**

A **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET** for the **FISH FRY** will be available in **St. Agnes Social Hall** after weekend Masses; and at **Holy Trinity,** the sheet is in the **Sacristy.**

SPRING IS HERE???

In spite of the continual snow, thank God we have been able to maintain our parking lots and sidewalks in some passable manner. It's been challenging!



Our heartfelt thanks for our maintenance men, **Bill Jakub of Holy Trinity and Jason Bevan of St. Agnes**, who faithfully and in a dedicated fashion daily make it possible for all to be passable.

Also our volunteer snow plowers, **Gene Sabol and Craig Skovranko**, have done wonderful work in a timely fashion at both parishes. Surely our gratitude!

Always my prayerful and heartfelt blessings to all who give of their time, talents and efforts in keeping our Church Alive in the Steel Valley.

Bishop Zubik/Easter Sunday

Our Easter Sunday will be a time of celebrating the Lord's Resurrection and above all, welcoming the Ordinary of our Diocese, Bishop David Zubik.

Melanie, our Music Director and Organist at the 9:30am Sunday Mass at Holy Trinity is hoping to establish a quartet group of singers to assist in the liturgy of Easter Sunday. We are looking for volunteers to assist in establishing this group—if you are willing, please contact the Parish Office (412-466-6545) and the scheduling of rehearsals will be given.

With the Bishop present at the 9:30am Mass, I pray that as many as are able, will attend.



COMPUTER CLASSES

St. Rita will be offering computer classes on Thursday evenings in the Fr. Sedlak Room from **7pm-8:30pm. The classes are free.** If you have a laptop, you can bring it with you. If you have a desktop at home that you would like to donate, please bring it as well. The classes began on January 23rd and run through April 10th. **Questions? Call St. Rita at 412-461-4204.**

Knights of Columbus (4210)

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.

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

Casino Night, April 26: Games, Raffles, Gift Baskets

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Holy Trinity

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Veronica Bujdos,
Anna Cmar, Helen Gambal, Betty Hock, 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

\$ 2,795 -- Offering for February 16
\$ 155 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013	\$ 25,758
Amount Collected PSP	\$ 28,392
Monthly School Subsidy	\$ 6,167

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$ 1,402 -- Offerings for February 16
\$ 136 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2013	\$ 23,221
Amount Collected PSP	\$ 20,509

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