

# 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 - MARCH 9 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00p(Sat)- **Teresa Schaff** (Dolores & Delphine Schaff)  
 8:00a - **Richard Jordan** (Joe Stavor)  
 11:00a - **Joe Milko** (Maura & Paul Thomas)

#### MONDAY - MARCH 10 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - MARCH 11 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Rudy Saunders** (Joan Lesko & Family)

#### WED - MARCH 12 - WEEKDAY

7:00p - **Richard "Dee" Bevan** (Joe & Joan Naccarato)

#### THUR - MARCH 13 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **George Spirnak** (Paul & Kaye Milko)

#### FRIDAY-MAR 14 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Barbara Vamos** (Blaney Family)

#### SAT - MARCH 15 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN - MARCH 16 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00p(Sat) - **Mary Sorokacs** (Mike Sorokacs)  
 8:00a - **Martha Gruber** (Jim Matthias)  
 11:00a - **Richard Jordan** (Jim & Bev Stavor & Family)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN - MARCH 9 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p(Sat) - **Marjorie Byrnes** (Husband & Daughters)  
 9:30a - **Robert Lucas** (Tony & Barb Salopek)

#### MONDAY - MARCH 10 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Diane Grace Tarczy** (Dr. John Pratt)

#### TUES - MARCH 11 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - MARCH 12 - WEEKDAY

11:00a - **Marie Kapples** (Christian Mothers Guild)

#### THUR - MARCH 13 - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRIDAY-MAR 14 - WEEKDAY

11:00a - **Daniel Onofrey** (Alice Svirbel)

#### SAT - MARCH 15 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John Butsko, Jr.** (Family)

#### SUN - MARCH 16 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p(Sat) - **Carl Schulte** (Carol Davelli)  
 9:30a - **Andrew Moran** (Daughters)

### 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**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading:** *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7.* Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17.* A prayer for mercy

**Second Reading:** *Romans 5:12-19.* Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 4:1-11.* Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

### Reflecting on God's Word

Twice a year the Gospels take us to the desert. John the Baptist cries out on two Sundays every Advent, and Jesus encounters Satan every Lent. What makes the desert so ideal a setting as we prepare to celebrate the two great mysteries of our faith?

The desert is a place of testing, as God's people learned when they wandered around it for forty years. With hardened hearts, they had rejected the God who had liberated them from slavery in Egypt, losing faith even while God was talking to Moses and setting down the conditions for their adoption. Up went the golden calf and out went the memory of what God had just done for them.

Even Eden wasn't enough to keep the human heart open. Even there it was clear that we could be seduced by anything that looked good and promised more than it could deliver. But Jesus showed that one of us could measure up to the test and reveal himself as the "beloved Son" that he had been called at his baptism (Matthew 3:17).

The desert is also for wooing. The prophet Hosea quotes God saying, "So I will allure her [Israel]; I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart" (Hosea 2:16). And when Satan left Jesus, God sent "angels [who] came and ministered to him" (Matthew 4:11).

So we come to this Lent and the possibility that God wishes to draw us out into a quiet, lonely place to have us meet the One who made us, redeemed us, and continues to shape us into temples of the Holy Spirit.



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

- Wed, March 12th.....**Light is Still On For You Reconciliation** (Holy Trinity: 6-7pm; St. Agnes 7-9pm)  
Thur, March 13th.....**45+ Club Meeting 1pm St. Agnes S.H.** (Reserve: call Ed Ferchak 412-462-0904)  
Fri, March 14th.....**11am-6pm Fish Fry** (Holy Trinity Social Hall) Take Out Phone: 412-466-9695  
Sat, March 15th.....**K of C St. Patrick's Day Dinner** (7-11pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall, \$10p/p)  
Sun, April 6th.....**St. Agnes School Annual Calendar Party** (1pm, \$20p/p) Tkts: School Office  
Sat, April 12th.....**9th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men - COME AND SEE - AJ Palumbo Ctr.**  
Sun, April 20th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** (Bishop Zubik presiding)  
Sat, April 26th.....**K of C Casino Night** (7-11pm Holy Trinity Social Hall, \$25p/p)  
Sat, May 3rd.....**Holy Trinity May Crowning** (following 4pm Mass)  
Sun, May 4th.....**First Communion of the Parishes** (11am Mass, St. Agnes)  
Fri, May 9th.....**St. Agnes May Crowning** (following 8:15a Mass)

**BEST EVER! OUR ANNUAL LENTEN *FISH FRY* at Holy Trinity Social Hall**

continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, **11am until 6pm.**

**VOLUNTEERS for the *FISH FRY* ARE STILL NEEDED.**

**Please Stop Down and Lend a Hand**

**TAKE OUT PHONE: 412-466-9695**

**REMINDER:** Your **BAKED GOODS** for the **FISH FRY** are much appreciated!

Last names beginning with **I-J-K-L: Friday, March 14th**

Last names beginning with **M-N-O-P: Friday, March 21st**

The flowers at Holy Trinity are in memory of **Marjorie Byrnes** by her daughters.



**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of **Barbara Dudas** who was buried from **Holy Trinity** last week. *May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

One of the *beautiful, devotional prayers of walking and reflecting* is the **Via Crucis**, our **Way of the Cross**. At **St. Agnes**, each **Friday**, the Stations are scheduled at **2:00 p.m.** with the *St. Agnes School children present* and at **7:00 p.m.** on Friday evenings of Lent. **Holy Trinity** schedules the Stations every **Wednesday** and **Friday** after the **11:00 a.m. Mass**.

— DO JOIN THE PARISHES WEEKLY IN WALKING WITH THE CRUCIFIED LORD. —



***Do Something Extra This Lent--Attend a Daily Mass.*** As Catholics we have a serious obligation to attend a Mass on Sundays & Holy Days. But as you notice in our bulletin, a daily Mass is also offered at St. Agnes & Holy Trinity--a blessed opportunity and a luxury that we may not have in the future if the shortage of priests continues to mount. Through the year we have a small number of parishioners who attend this daily Mass, but the number can be greater, and in particular, during this season of Lent. The morning Masses at St. Agnes & Holy Trinity are as listed in the bulletin. ***But please note that on Wednesdays & Fridays, Holy Trinity has a Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.*** Attending a weekday Mass is a beautiful way to begin your day and to receive our Lord in Holy Communion not just on Sunday, but more often during this gifted season of Lent! *In the Mass, we place ourselves in the presence of the Lord to hear the "Good News" & receive His Body & Blood to strengthen us in our daily work.*



### ***Importance of Sacrament of Penance***

The attitude among many Catholics toward the Sacrament of Reconciliation has changed significantly and, to be true, not for the best for the Church's membership. Ever so many individuals today have a personal psychologist or counselor for the purpose of maintaining focus in their topsy-turvy world. **Might we be overlooking the availability of a spiritual resource commonly known as one's Confessor?** *Peace of soul is a natural by-product of a good confession. The Sacrament of Penance restores friendship with one's Lord and Savior. If it is inner healing that is needed, then Confession is your answer.* The Sacrament of Penance contributes to the spiritual development of the Christian life. **Jesus provided the avenue to unload guilt. More of our Catholics need to use this instrument of grace in order to experience inner relief and consolation.**

The journey to Easter must include reconciliation with our Savior. **Lenten Penance Services** will be held at 7pm on **Wednesday, April 16th, at St. Agnes.** and at 7pm on **Tuesday, April 15th at Holy Trinity.** *And as always, confessions are before the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass at Holy Trinity and the 6:00 pm Mass at St. Agnes.*

***THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU:*** Haven't been to confession for awhile? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to make a good Confession? No problem. Visit [www.diopitt.org/lighton](http://www.diopitt.org/lighton). Read "A Short Guide to Confession." **Stop by on Wednesday, March 12 from 6-7pm at Holy Trinity and from 7-9pm at St. Agnes** or any Catholic church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh from 6-9pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Not only do we fulfill our Easter Duty, but are ever reconciled with the Lord and self.



***Easter Flower Memorials for Living/Deceased.*** As in the past, our beautiful Easter flowers can be in honor of the living or memorials for the deceased. If you wish to **make a donation** toward these flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please put your offering in the **special flower envelope found in your packet.** As in past years we **will not** be listing the names of your loved ones in the bulletin but in making these flower offerings you are indeed honoring your loved ones.

On Saturday, **March 29th, Prince of Peace Parish (South Side)** will celebrate the **24th annual Slovak Mass and Easter Customs Breakfast.** The Holy Rosary will be prayed in Slovak at **9:45am** at **St. Adalbert Church** (162 S. 15th Street) immediately followed by the **Holy Liturgy at 10am.** After Mass everyone is invited to the **Prince of Peace Parish Center** (81 S. 13th Street) to enjoy a sample Slovak Easter breakfast of ham, kolbasy, paska, homemade nut rolls and more. **Cultural displays, crafts, a bake sale, unique gifts and a "Slovak Auction" will also be available.** The Slovak Easter Customs Breakfast is FREE, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information please call the Prince of Peace Parish "Center at 412-481-8380.

### *Count Your Blessings*

*Count your blessings instead of crosses;*

*Count your gains instead of your losses.*

*Count your joys instead of your woes;*

*Count your friends instead of your foes.*

*Count your smiles instead of your tears;*

*Count your courage instead of your fears.*

*Count your full years instead of your lean;*

*Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.*

*Count your health instead of your wealth;*

*Count on God instead of yourself*

*—Author Unknown*

**CHURCH ALIVE CAMPAIGN:** Please note that you will receive a thank you letter from the Diocese a month after making your pledge. Do not start your payments until you receive a statement and return envelope from the Campaign Office. Please **Do NOT** place your payments in the collection basket. They are to be mailed directly to the Campaign Office in the return envelope provided with your statement. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY—St. Agnes**

School will hold its annual Calendar Party on April 6th. Doors open at **12 noon** for a relaxing afternoon out. A luncheon will be served at **1 pm**. There will be **auction baskets, good fellowship, and entertainment**. Tickets are \$20 for a seat or \$144 for a table of 8 (\$18 a seat). Tickets can be purchased through the school office and after Mass.



### **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](mailto: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 & 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, 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**

\$ 2,298 -- Offering for March 2

\$ 1,155 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014.....\$ 23,790

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 1,155

Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167

MASS ATTENDANCE: SAT: 6PM....83

SUN: 8AM....93 11AM....55

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$ 2,194 -- Offering for March 2

\$ 1,055 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014 ..... \$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 1,055

MASS ATTENDANCE: SAT: 4PM.....170

SUN: 9:30AM....130

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