

# 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 - 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)

#### MONDAY - MARCH 17 - ST PATRICK

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### TUES - MARCH 18 - ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

6:45a - **William George Schuchert** (Family)

#### WED - MARCH 19 - ST JOSEPH

7:00p - **Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

#### THUR - MARCH 20 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Roberta Johnson** (Ladies of Charity)

#### FRIDAY-MAR 21 - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Josephine Abels** (Edward Fink Family)

#### SAT - MARCH 22 - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### SUN - MARCH 23 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00p(Sat) - **Catherine Costello** (Cathy & Bernie Kelly)  
 8:00a - **Jim Miller** (Sisters at St. Agnes)  
 11:00a - **Rose Kollar** (Stavor Family)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

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

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

#### MONDAY - MARCH 17 - ST PATRICK

8:00a - **Diane Kovalsky** (Dave Evanovich)

#### TUES - MARCH 18 - ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### WED - MARCH 19 - ST JOSEPH

11:00a - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Frances Bost)

#### THUR - MARCH 20 - WEEKDAY

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#### FRIDAY-MAR 21 - WEEKDAY

11:00a - **Bridget Midla** (Bea Miller)

#### SAT - MARCH 22 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Marie Belancik** (Artim Family)

#### SUN - MARCH 23 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p(Sat) - **Robert Lucas** (Bill & Amy Merletti)  
 9:30a - **Joan Chunko & Jackie Shine** (Janet & Kevin Shine)

### 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**

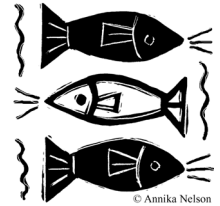
## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading:** *Genesis 12:1-4a.* God promises Abram a great blessing.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22.* God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

**Second Reading:** *2 Timothy 1:8b-10.* Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 17:1-9.* Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.



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### Reflecting on God's Word

Lent is an invitation to journey more deeply into the heart of God. What God asks of Abram is a willingness to trust that God will lead him. Abram is called from the very beginning to place his trust in the Lord and in the Lord's promises. We are told that Abram is seventy years old at the time he goes forth. I remember someone remarking, "Imagine coming in the house and saying to your wife, 'Honey, we have to pack up and go I know not where.'" We are told simply: "Abram went as the LORD directed him" (Genesis 12:4a). Abram's faith translates into trust that God is leading him.

Jesus brought the three apostles up a high mountain. Mountains often served as the meeting place of God and the prophets—Moses and Elijah come to mind. When Jesus and the three reach their destination, Jesus is transformed before them, face and clothes shining. Suddenly Moses and Elijah are talking with him. You can understand Peter wanting to stay there. But this is not journey's end. That will happen on a hill outside Jerusalem. For now they hear words meant also for us this day: "This is my beloved Son . . . listen to him" (Matthew 17:5).

We are asked to journey with Jesus for forty days—sometimes it may be into the desert of testing, sometimes up a mountain for a moment of blinding clarity. In both places we know Jesus as the beloved Son who trusts in the Father's will. Lent invites us to make that same journey into trusting the Father.

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

- Wed, March 19th... **St. Agnes 7:00 pm Mass celebrant & homilist Fr. Litavec**  
Thur, March 20th... **Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Joint Finance & Pastoral Council Mtgs.** (7pm, HT Social Hall)  
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, 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 8:15am Mass)

**Important (Holy Trinity & St. Agnes) Meetings on Thursday, March 20th at Holy Trinity Social Hall: 6:30 Finance Committees; 7:00 Pastoral Councils. The presence of council members is needed to discuss and confirm the future Mass scheduling for both parishes.**

**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 **M-N-O-P: Friday, March 21st**

Last names beginning with **Q-R-S-T: Friday, March 28th**



**Please Note if You Have Shellfish Allergies:** The fryer grease will be changed on Friday, March 21st. To lessen the chance of cross contamination you may come between 11am and 1pm for your fish order. When you arrive, please alert the kitchen that you have a shellfish allergy so that precautions can be . However, we cannot 100% guarantee that you will not have a reaction.



**Flowers at Holy Trinity  
are in memory of Andrew Moran  
by his daughters**



**"May your troubles be less, your blessings  
more, and may nothing but happiness  
come through your door."—Irish Blessing**



## Feast of St. Patrick, Monday, March 17th

**Saint Patrick**, bishop, born about 389 of Romano-British origin, perhaps in Wales, founded the metropolitan See of Armagh, authored *Confessio* and the famous *Lorica*, a work praising Christ, is probably his. He is the patron of Nigeria and an apostle and **patron of Ireland**. **For all our beloved Irish, may St. Patrick bless you with a joyful day and everlasting peace. For the rest of us, may the Lord help us to be understanding and gracious!**



St. Patrick

## Anniversary of St. Agnes Parish Founding

It was on **March 19th, 1867**, that a Mission of St. Peter's Parish in McKeesport was canonically established as a **Parish** by Bishop Michael Domenic, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and placed under the **patronage of Saint Agnes**. So on Wednesday, we as a parish, will be **147 years old**. For all these years the Catholic Faith has been passed on, and continues to be passed on from parents to children. And while we are long in years, we are ever young at heart. May the Lord continue to bless and guide our Faith Community. So we wish all parishioners a **Happy 147th Anniversary**.



St. Agnes

## Feast of St. Joseph Celebrated on Wednesday, March 19th

**Saint Joseph** was chosen by God to be the **Foster-Father of Jesus** and the **Husband of Mary**, who herself was chosen by God to bear and bring forth the Son of God in human form. Joseph was honored on March 19th since the end of the 10th century; declared the **Patron of the Universal Church** in 1870 by Pope Pius IX and **Guardian of the Redeemer** in 1989 by Pope John Paul II; patron of **workers and carpenters**; also of Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Peru and (south) Vietnam; mentioned in the Roman Canon. As we celebrate his feast on **Wednesday, March 19th**, we pray, "**St. Joseph, intercede for our Faith Communities.**"




St. Joseph

**BE A PARTICIPATOR at MASS** - Ask yourself, "What can I do to participate in the Mass more fully?" Make an effort to listen, follow the readings (even before Mass), and SING! You can be a role model for our youth. Those who sing, pray twice. Imagine!

**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.



 **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.

## 24th Annual Slovak Mass & Easter Custom Breakfast

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.**

**ST. AGNES SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**7:00 pm MASSES**

THROUGHOUT THE SEASON OF LENT, A SPECIAL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BY A VISITING CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST: THE THEME FOR OUR LENTEN SERVICES WILL BE "WALKING WITH THE CRUCIFIED LORD." ALL WELCOME.



**MARCH 19TH.....FR. EDWARD LITAVEC**  
**MARCH 26TH.....FR. EDWARD LITAVEC**  
**APRIL 2ND.....FR. LARRY ADAMS**  
**APRIL 9TH.....FR. VICTOR ROCHA**  
**APRIL 16TH.....PENNANCE SERVICE**

**MUSTARD SEEDS**

*"It is one thing to pray, it is another to live what you discover in prayer. May God grant you the wisdom enough to pray and strength enough to live what you discover in prayer."*



**Pittsburgh Pirates Ticket Raffle**

Two tickets (Sec. 108, Row T) to the **April 24th Cincinnati Reds Game** will be raffled off on **April 14th**. Tickets may be purchased after Masses. **\$5 per ticket.**

Yes, Spring is really here –at least it will be by April 24th. Cheer on our Buccos and **help support St. Agnes School.** Thank you for your generosity!

**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.

**AN OLD IRISH WISH**



*May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow  
May the soft winds freshen your spirit  
May the sunshine brighten your heart  
May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you  
And may God enfold you in the mantle of His love.*

**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**

\$3,858 -- Offering for March 9  
\$ 594- - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014.....	\$ 23,790
Amount Collected PSP.....	\$ 1,749
Monthly School Subsidy .....	\$ 6,167
MASS ATTENDANCE: SAT: 6PM....	83
SUN: 8AM....	71 11AM....94

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$1,646 -- Offering for March 9  
\$ 458 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014 .....	\$ 24,618
Amount Collected PSP .....	\$ 1,513
MASS ATTENDANCE: SAT: 4PM.....	140
SUN: 9:30AM....	93

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