

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

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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 - 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)
MONDAY - MARCH 24 - WEEKDAY
(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
TUES - MARCH 25 - ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
 6:45a - **John Black, Jr.** (Maureen Kollar)
WED - MARCH 26 - WEEKDAY
 7:00p - **Sister De Chantal** (Sisters at St. Agnes)
THUR - MARCH 27 - WEEKDAY
 6:45a - **Checque Family** (Family)
FRIDAY-MAR 28 - WEEKDAY
 8:15a - **Sister Edward Kudla** (St. Agnes School)
SAT - MARCH 29 - WEEKDAY
(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
SUN - MARCH 30 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 6:00p(Sat) - **Joe Milko** (Marie Steiner)
 8:00a - **Rudy Saunders** (Gene Johnson)
 11:00a - **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Klocko** (Tom & Patty Klocko)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - MARCH 23 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 4:00p(Sat) - **Robert Lucas** (Bill & Amy Merletti)
 9:30a - **Joan Chunko & Jackie Shine** (Janet & Kevin Shine)
MONDAY - MARCH 24 - WEEKDAY
 8:00a - **Jane Plake** (Christian Mothers Guild)
TUES - MARCH 25 - ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)
WED - MARCH 26 - WEEKDAY
 11:00a - **Ronald Michaels** (Donna Barr)
THUR - MARCH 27 - WEEKDAY
(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)
FRIDAY-MAR 28 - WEEKDAY
 11:00a - **Daniel Onofrey** (Ethel Palyo)
SAT - MARCH 29 - WEEKDAY
 8:00a - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Csikari Family)
SUN - MARCH 30 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 4:00p(Sat) - **Bridget Midla** (Family)
 9:30a - **Thomas Wooddell** (St. Vincent de Paul Society)

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**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7*. God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9*. Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.
Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*. Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
Gospel Reading: *John 4:5-42*. Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.



Reflecting on God's Word

As witnesses come forward to testify in a court of law they are asked, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?" They must respond, "I do" before the court will hear what they have to say. Everyone expects, however, that their testimony will be colored by whether they are hostile or friendly toward the defendant.

In today's Gospel account the woman at the well must have expected Jesus to be hostile toward her. As a Samaritan woman and a sinner, she was considered unclean by the Jews. No wonder she seems afraid and defensive in her answers to Jesus. Yet Jesus tells her the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. She tells Jesus the truth, too, but it is only a partial truth, the truth that she is willing to admit to herself and to this stranger. When he responds by speaking the whole truth about her past, why doesn't she harden her heart and protest his rudeness, or simply take her bucket and go? It must be the love beneath his testimony that allows her to hear and accept the truth about who she is and who Jesus is. Then, perhaps for the first time in her life, she is free to testify the whole truth to everyone she meets.

Only love can break through the defenses that we erect to hide the truth from ourselves and others. Only love can reveal the truth about a God who responds to our thirsts and ignores our fear and faithlessness. Only love can account for the fact that "while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- Tue, March 25th.....**Feast of the Annunciation, Mass at St. Agnes (6:45am)**
- Thurs, March 27th...**Happy Birthday Father Grosko**
- Sun, April 6th.....**Jednota Branch 580 Meeting** (Following 9:30am Mass, Holy Trinity Social Hall)
- Sun, April 6th.....**First Slovak Catholic Union Meeting** (1:00pm, Holy Trinity 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 13th.....**Palm Sunday, Hosanna 2014** (Stage AE, North Shore) Info: diopitt.org/hosanna
- Sun, April 20th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** (Bishop Zubik presiding/homilist)
- Sun, April 27th.....**Canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II**
- Sat, May 3rd.....**Holy Trinity May Crowning** (following 4pm Mass)
- Sun, May 4th.....**First Communion of the Parishes** (11am Mass, St. Agnes)

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 **Q-R-S-T: Friday, March 28th**
 Last names beginning with **U-V-W-X-Y-Z: Friday, April 4th**



The Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to **the Meadows Casino on Wednesday, April 30th.** **Cost is \$25 p/p.** The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 9:00am and departs the casino at 4:00pm. Coffee and donuts beginning at 7:30am. **Call George at 412-466-5062 for reservations. Deadline is April 21st.** Everyone welcome. **Bonus is \$20 slot play and \$5 food.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Seniors for Safe Driving Class: May 6, 2014, 9:00am-1:00pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall. **Register: 1-800-559-4880.**

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Trinity
 is in memory of **Michael & Ann Fedor**
 by Mary Jane Fedor



2014 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM The Annual Diocesan Parish Share Program is now underway. Parish Share plays a critical role in meeting the needs of the Church throughout our six-county region. It assures that the ministries and services, that no parish could provide on its own, will continue to reach out to everyone in this diocese--including our Catholic education system, formation of priests, the work of our hospital and prison chaplains, Catholic Charities, and marriage preparation programs.

Through your pledge to the 2014 Parish Share Program, you are ensuring that these services will continue to support and nurture our diocesan community. Therefore, I am asking for every family and parishioner to participate in the Parish Share Program. Please help us meet our responsibility. May God bless your stewardship. 2014 Parish Share Goal for St. Agnes: \$23,790; Holy Trinity is \$24,618. If each of you were to give a pledge of \$20 for the second collection on the first Sunday of the month with a total of \$200 for the year of 2014, we would be able to meet our assessed goals for each of the parishes. Your understanding support and giving towards this annual Parish Share Program for the Diocese is deeply appreciated.

OFFERTORY AND SCHOOL TUITION: Because of the rising current bills, especially as noted by all is our utility bills and the ordinary expenses of maintaining a viable financial stability in both parishes, I am making an urgent plea that there is an increase in our Offertory collections. As you may have noticed in our financial reports in the bulletin, the Offertory incomes are as low as I have seen in my years here at the parishes.

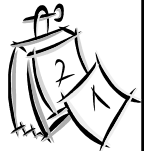
Our school tuitions in maintaining a stable monthly payroll for the teachers and the incoming bills are being challenged for the lack of the faithfulness of the parents who have their children in our school. **So I, again, make an urgent plea that the monthly tuition be paid on time and by all parents whose children receive an excellent Christ centered education in a safe environment.** Your response to this urgent plea of addressing your giving to the Church and school is prayerfully appreciated. The Finance Committees of both parishes will be reviewing these issues and hopefully solutions can be garnered with your personal giving. Prayerfully grateful for the number of parishioners who weekly send in their Offertory collections when unable the attend Mass due to our recent Winter snows.

Human Development/Catholic Home Missions & Black & Indian Missions. It will be the second collection this coming weekend of March 30th. It's the blue envelope in your packet.



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 continued support.**

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.



Our Easter Candles have been given in memory of Deceased Loved Ones.



Holy Trinity Church: In memory of **RAE CLARK** from his beloved wife, **Betty**

St. Agnes Church: In memory of **RALPH and ROSE BIAGIARELLI** from **Phyllis and Roseann**



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.** This year 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.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY... Sister Edward Kudla, member of the community of the **Sisters of the Holy Spirit**, former teacher of our students of St. Agnes School and in residence at our Convent, went to her eternal reward on Friday, March 14th, and was buried last week at the Mother House in the North Hills.

May the eternal Father embrace her in His divine intimacy of love, peace, and joy forever.

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 26TH.....FR. EDWARD LITAVEC

APRIL 2ND.....FR. LARRY ADAMS

APRIL 9TH.....FR. VICTOR ROCHA

APRIL 16TH.....PENNANCE SERVICE

A CHILD'S VIEW of a THUNDERSTORM!

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather one morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school.

As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning. The mother of the little girl was concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile.

More lightning followed quickly and with each flash, the little girl would look up at the streak of light and smile. When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?" The child answered, "I'm trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture.

May God bless you today and every day as you face the storms that come your way.

**SUMMER PROGRAM
AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE**

St. Vincent College will host the fourth annual Faith and Reason Summer Program, an intensive, one-week introduction to the Catholic, liberal arts tradition on campus from June 15-20. It will be directed by Dr. Michael Krom, associate professor and chair of the philosophy department. The program is specifically designed for advanced high school and first-year college students who are seeking an opportunity to come to a richer, deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and its integration in college education. Students age 15 and older, are invited to apply for admission to the program. For more info. contact Dr. Krom at 724-805-2844 or by email at michael.krom@stvincent.edu.

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

\$2,904 -- Offering for March 16
\$ 290 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014.....\$ 23,790
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 2,039
Monthly School Subsidy\$ 6,167
MASS ATTENDANCE: SAT: 6PM.... 97
SUN: 8AM....76 11AM....106

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$2,441 -- Offering for March 16
\$ 191 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014 \$ 24,618
Amount Collected PSP\$ 1,704
MASS ATTENDANCE: SAT: 4PM.....156
SUN: 9:30AM.... 98

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