

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



Administrator - Reverend Joseph R. Grosko
Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
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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 - APRIL 6 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00p(Sat)- **Delena Bevan** (Jim & Family)
 8:00a - **Alice Stanicar** (Vince Stanicar)
 11:00a - **Barbara Joyce** (Donna Milko)

MONDAY - APRIL 7 - ST. JOHN BAPTIST de la SALLE (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - APRIL 8 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Marie Belancik** (Potosnak Family)

WED - APRIL 9 - ST. WEEKDAY

7:00p - **Mary Sorokacs** (Mike Sorokacs)

THUR - APRIL 10 - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Sister Edward Kudla** (Sisters of St. Agnes)

FRIDAY-APRIL 11 - ST. STANISLAUS

8:15a - **Bill Bevan** (Jack & Fran Walters)

SAT - APRIL 12 - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - APRIL 13- PALM SUNDAY

6:00p(Sat) - **Elizabeth Kukta** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)
 8:00a - **Joe Milko** (Frank Milko)
 11:00a - **Living Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society**

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - APRIL 6 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p(Sat) - **Albert Kapples** (Family)
 9:30a - **Bess Cvejkus** (Ondechek Family)

MONDAY - APRIL 7 - ST. JOHN BAPTIST de la SALLE 8:00a - **Marianne Genes** (Taylor Family)

TUES - APRIL 8 - WEEKDAY (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - APRIL 9 - WEEKDAY

11:00a - **Bridget Midla** (FCSLA)

THUR - APRIL 10 - WEEKDAY (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY-APRIL 11 - ST. STANISLAUS

11:00a - **Helen Klich** (Christian Mothers Guild)

SAT - APRIL 12 - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Slepecki Family)

SUN - APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY

4:00p(Sat) - **Mary Palyo** (Family)
 9:30a - **Living Benefactors of 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**

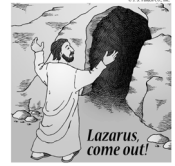
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: *Ezekiel 37:12-14*. God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 130:1-8*. With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:8-11*. The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: *John 11:1-45*. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.



Reflecting on God's Word

James was a new man. When the nurses and his brother told him how close he had come to dying, he realized he'd been given a second chance, a new lease on life. The new Jim was as different from the old Jim as a newborn baby is from a child in the womb. No longer was he alone and confined in the dark spirit of depression. His tomb of illness had become a womb of new life, releasing him from bondage, giving him a spirit of energy and hope, and connecting him with a helping, compassionate community.

When we hear the promises of new life and invitations to believe in this Sunday's scripture it is easy to think of something after we die. But we have already died with Christ in baptism and, like Lazarus, we have received a new lease on life, this time with the Spirit of God dwelling in us. He was raised from his tomb to embrace a new and richer life of following Jesus. Like Lazarus, whose tomb became a womb of new life, we also have "new" and richer lives to live in the Spirit of faith, gratitude, love, and hope.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

TODAY, April 6th...**Jednota Branch 580 Meeting** (Following 9:30am Mass, Holy Trinity Social Hall)

TODAY, April 6th...**First Slovak Catholic Union Meeting** (1:00pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)

TODAY, April 6th...**St. Agnes School Annual Calendar Party** (1:00pm)

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**

Wed, April 30th.....**H.T. Men's Club Meadows Casino trip** (\$25 p/p: Call George 412-466-5062)

Sat, May 3rd.....**Holy Trinity May Crowning** (following 4pm Mass)

Sun, May 4th.....**First Communion of the Parishes** (11am Mass, St. Agnes)

Tue, May 6th.....**Safe Driving Class for 55+** (Holy Trinity Social Hall, 9-1pm)

Fri, May 9th.....**St. Agnes May Crowning** (following 8:15am Mass)

Sun, June 8th.....**Pentecost Sunday, Birthday of the Church**

Please Note if You Have Shellfish Allergies: The fryer grease will be changed on Friday, April 11th. To lessen the chance of cross contamination you may come between 11:00am and 1:00pm for your fish order. When you arrive, please alert the kitchen that you have a shellfish allergy so that precautions can be taken. However, we cannot 100% guarantee that you will not have a reaction.

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

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

TAKE OUT PHONE: 412-466-9695



**DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR \$5 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
A LG 55" LED FLAT SCREEN TV (1080 HD)**

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

Last names beginning with **A-B-C-D: Friday, April 11th**

Last names beginning with **E-F-G-H, Good Friday, April 18th**



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. Call George at 412-466-5062 for reservations. **Deadline is April 21st**. **Bonus is \$20 slot play and \$5 food**.

OUR LENTEN CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST AT THE SPECIAL 7:00PM Mass at ST. AGNES CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH, WILL BE FATHER VICTOR ROCHA.



Next Sunday, April 13th, is Palm Sunday — Beginning of Holy Week
BLESSING OF PALMS will take place at **all the weekend Masses**, as those in attendance hold the palms. At **ST AGNES** before the **Saturday 6:00pm** and the **Sunday, 8:00am and 11:00am Masses**, you may gather in the **Social Hall or body of the church** after receiving your palms as you enter church. At **HOLY TRINITY**, the **Solemn Procession of Palms** will be at the **9:30am Mass**.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN THE MASS SCHEDULES FOR BOTH ST. AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY beginning the weekend of May 10th & 11th: A recent survey taken at both parishes indicated overwhelmingly that we need to continue with the 4:00pm and 6:00pm anticipated Masses at both parishes. Therefore, the Sunday Masses will be at 9:00am at Holy Trinity (one half hour earlier than previously scheduled) and 11:00am at St. Agnes (eliminating the 8:00am Mass).

The need for change in the Mass schedule is due to Mass attendance dropping to less than 50 percent at individual Masses. Also, the Diocese clearly indicates that Mass attendance on any weekend should be greater than 50 percent of the congregation. Presently the only Masses that have better than 50 percent of the congregation in attendance are the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday and the 9:30am Mass on Sunday at Holy Trinity. Prayerfully, these changes will become acceptable to our faith communities and they will make the necessary adjustments so that we will begin to fill the pews. Do make an extra effort in accepting these Mass changes and faithfully attending and participating in the Eucharistic celebrations weekly. The Lord expects it of us all!

Palm Sunday, St. Vincent de Paul Collections

The St. Vincent de Paul Society exists to help those in need. To assist the Society in their work, the second collection on Palm Sunday weekend will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. In appreciation for your kindness, the Holy Trinity and St. Agnes Masses on Palm Sunday are dedicated to the Living Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. (PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A LOOSE COLLECTION; THERE ARE NO ENVELOPES IN YOUR PACKET FOR THIS COLLECTION.)

ALSO, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will do their **EASTER VISITS to the sick and homebound starting on Palm Sunday**. If you or someone you know is sick, in the hospital or nursing home and would like a visit, please let us know. Please contact the SVdP Society (412-656-7447) or call the parish office.



Easter Flower Memorials for Living/Deceased

As in the past, the lilies and other flowers that will enhance our Sanctuary at Easter can be memorials for the living or deceased. If you wish to make a donation toward these flowers in memory of someone, please put it in the special yellow envelope found in your monthly packet of envelopes. 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.

Hoagies: If anyone would like to order Hoagies for **April 30th**, please place your order through St. Agnes school by **April 16th**. We will not be in school from April 17th through April 24th. We will not be selling hoagies after the Masses on the weekend of May 3rd and 4th because of First Communion. So all hoagies will be made fresh on April 30th and must be picked up between 2:30pm and 5:30pm. And as always, the best made in the Steel Valley!



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.

REMEMBER THE PROMISE?

Years ago, a young man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed to God his tithe. His first week's pay was \$10.00 and the tithe was \$1.00. As he grew older he became more prosperous and his tithe was \$7.00 a week, then \$10.00. He moved to another city and soon his tithe was \$100 a week, then \$200, then \$500. One day the younger man sent his old friend a wire, "Please come see me." The pastor arrived at the man's house. They had a good time talking over old times. Finally the man came to his point. "You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe. How can I get released?" "Why would you want to get released?" asked the pastor. "It's like this," replied the man. "When I made the promise I only had to give \$1.00, but now it is \$500. I can't afford to give away money like that."

The old pastor looked at his friend, "I am afraid we cannot get released from the promise, but there is something we *can* do. *We can kneel and ask God to shrink your income so you can afford to give \$1.00 again.*"

White Elephant Sale

The **White Elephant Sale** will *not* be scheduled during the *Summer Festival of St. Agnes*, Friday and Saturday, *July 25th and 26th* but at a **date in June**.

We will be in need of your items for this sale, but the *White Elephant Sale* will be scheduled at a future date in June with the drop-off details.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a tune-up for your marriage. There's still room in the June weekend. Info and apply by calling 412-635-7775.

HEALTH for HER Keeping Women Informed

The award-winning Health for Her initiative at Jefferson Regional is dedicated to providing free women's health education programs, empowering women so they can play a more active role with their physicians in making healthcare decisions.

Medical staff and other healthcare professionals commit their time and effort to educating women in the community on relevant health topics.

Then next Health for Her program, Learning to "Exhale: Expert Approaches to Lung Cancer," is on Monday, April 21st from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. To register call 412-469-7100

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

\$2,232.50 - -Offering for March 31
\$ 40.00 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014.....	\$ 23,790
Amount Collected PSP.....	\$ 2,234
Monthly School Subsidy	\$ 6,167

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

HOLY TRINITY

\$1,886 - - Offering for March 31
\$ 150 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014	\$ 24,618
Amount Collected PSP	\$ 2,074

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