

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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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 - 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**
MONDAY - APRIL 14 - HOLY WEEK
(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
TUES - APRIL 15 - HOLY WEEK
 6:45a - **Teresa Schaff** (Roger & Rita Jennings)
WED - APRIL 16 - HOLY WEEK
(11:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
THUR - APRIL 17 - HOLY THURSDAY
 7:00p - **Sister DeChantal** (Sisters at St. Agnes)
FRIDAY-APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY
 2:00p - **Stations of the Cross**
 3:00p - **Liturgy**
 8:00p - **Tenebrae**
SAT - APRIL 19 - EASTER VIGIL
 8:00p - **Sister Edward Kudla** (Jack & Fran Walters)
SUN - APRIL 20- EASTER SUNDAY
 8:00a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Family)
 11:00a - **Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY
 4:00p(Sat) - **Mary Palyo** (Family)
 9:30a - **Living Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul**
MONDAY - APRIL 14 - HOLY WEEK
 8:00a - **George & Anna Checque** (Family)
TUES - APRIL 15 - HOLY WEEK
(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)
WED - APRIL 16 - HOLY WEEK
 11:00a - **Marie Belancik** (Christian Mothers Guild)
THUR - APRIL 17 - HOLY THURSDAY
 4:00p - **Fr. Edward Bunchek** (Parish)
FRIDAY-APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY
 1:00p - **Stations of the Cross**
 1:30p - **Liturgy**
SAT - APRIL 19 - EASTER VIGIL
 4:00p - **Robert Lucas** (Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola)
SUN - APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY
 9:30a - **Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

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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**

PALM SUNDAY

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*. The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*. A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*. Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 26:14—27:66*. Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

Reflecting on God's Word

Today's Gospel before the blessing of the palms presents an exuberant scene. Imagine the large crowd just outside Jerusalem spreading their cloaks on the road, breaking off palm fronds, strewing them about and waving them as Jesus passes by. Hear the people shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David." As Jesus enters the city, the people there are asking, "Who is this?" The crowd accompanying him answers: "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee. This is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." A journey of joy.

But a few days later Jesus took his last journey: a winding walk from the upper room on Thursday night out to the garden of Gethsemane, then to the house of Caiaphas, on to Pilate's house and courtyard, and, finally, to the hill of Calvary. During this time, he was spat on and struck, stripped, scourged, and crowned with thorns; he was denounced, mocked, and ridiculed. Most likely some of the same crowd that cried out "Hosanna" cried out, "Crucify him!" It ended with his being nailed to a cross, and after three torturous hours, he died. At this journey's end, there was one final cry from a small group, a centurion and the men with him: "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54). Allow some time to relive these two journeys. You might hear some things you haven't noticed before. Perhaps the words of one of the secondary characters or Jesus' response to a particular situation or his silence before another will speak to you this time.



~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Sun, April 20th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Bishop Zubik presiding/homilist)**

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**

WE ARE BLESSED AND EVER GRATEFUL THAT BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK, THE ORDINARY OF OUR DIOCESE, WILL GRACE US WITH HIS PRESENCE ON EASTER SUNDAY AT THE 9:30AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY. IN SPITE OF HIS ENORMOUSLY BUSY SCHEDULE HE WILL COME TO CELEBRATE WITH THE PARISHES THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.

ALSO, ON THURSDAY, JULY 17TH, BISHOP ZUBIK HAS ACCEPTED OUR INVITATION TO BE WITH US ON SLOVAK DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK. HE WILL BE THE CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST FOR THE 4:00PM MASS. IT IS THE 82ND ANNUAL SLOVAK DAY.

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 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. 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.



The Beginning of Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY, April 13th - The **blessed palms** you received today are a Sacramental and are a reminder that we are **followers of Jesus Christ**. Place the palm in a prominent place at home, like behind a crucifix, as a year-long reminder. And as we participated in **reading the Passion** today, may it be a week-long and a year-long **reminder** of what our **Divine Lord had to suffer for our sins**. This holiest of all weeks in the Church's Liturgical Calendar beckons and calls us to journey with the crucified Lord into the very paschal mystery of his crucifixion, death and resurrection. Let all of us give time and effort to make this final pilgrimage of Lent with the Lord Jesus. And then, fulfilling within ourselves the very sufferings of Christ, we too can resurrect.

PENANCE SERVICE will be held at **ST. AGNES, Wednesday, April 16th, 7:00 p.m.** with **Fr. Edward Litavec, Retired Priest of the Diocese**, as the homilist and a number of priests assisting with individual confessions. **HOLY TRINITY will have the usual weekend penance opportunities.**

The Sacrament of Penance restores our friendship with our Lord and Savior. It is the interior healing that is so necessary in our spiritual life and in our relationships with one another. Thus, confession is our answer and truly contributes to our spiritual development and in our daily struggles and difficulties.

Weekly, confessions are heard a half hour before the Saturday evening Masses. At Holy Trinity, they begin at **3:30 p.m.** and then at St. Agnes confessions will begin at **5:30 p.m.** *Personal appointments can be made with the priest for individual confessions at the penitent's convenience.* Also, **your Easter duty can be made during these times and up until the 15th of June, that is, Trinity Sunday.**

Holy Land Collection - From the daily news we all know of the *challenges in the Middle East*. Christians in the Holy Land urgently need our help. **You can help fellow Catholics in the cradle of Christianity** through your generosity during the **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION.** *Thank you for supporting the works of the Catholic Community and helping to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines.*

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 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 in faithfully attending and participating in the Eucharistic celebrations weekly. The Lord expects it of us all!



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!



HANG IT ON THE CROSS

If you have a secret sorrow,
a burden or a loss,
an aching need for healing . . .

Hang It On The Cross.

If worry steals your sleep
and makes you turn and toss,
if your heart is feeling heavy . . .

Hang It On The Cross.

Every obstacle to faith
or doubt you come across,
every prayer unanswered . . .

Hang It On The Cross.

For Christ has borne
our brokenness
and dearly paid the cost.
To turn our trials to triumph . . .

Hang It On The Cross.

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.

Second Collections TODAY, Palm Sunday

St. Vincent de Paul Society...It exists to help those in need. This collection will assist the Society in their work. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **(PLEASE NOTE: This is a loose collection for both parishes. There is no envelope for this collection).**

Easter Blessing of the Families

On **Easter Sunday, April 20th, Bishop David Zubik, William Waltersheid, and William Winter** will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at **St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland**, beginning at **2:00 pm**.

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to The Faith. Come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gift that you bring to our Diocese. Each family will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.



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

Due to Early Bulletin Publication Deadlines the Offering
for April 6, 2014 will appear at a later date

PSP Assessment-2014.....	\$ 23,790
Amount Collected PSP.....	\$ 2,194
Monthly School Subsidy	\$ 6,167

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AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

HOLY TRINITY

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for April 6,2014 will appear at a later date

PSP Assessment-2014	\$ 24,618
Amount Collected PSP	\$ 1,924

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