

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 - APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00p(Sat) **Sister Edward Kudla** (Jack & Fran Walters)
 8:00a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Family)
 11:00a - **Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

MONDAY - APRIL 21 - EASTER MONDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - APRIL 22 - EASTER TUESDAY

6:45a - **Michael Slezak** (Wife, Irene)

WED - APRIL 23 - EASTER WEDNESDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - APRIL 24 - EASTER THURSDAY

6:45a - **Louise Deguilio Smith** (Ladies of Charity)

FRIDAY-APRIL 25 - EASTER FRIDAY

8:15a - **Anne Marie Galasco** (Husband, Ray)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 - EASTER SATURDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - APRIL 27 - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p(Sat) **John Cielieska** (Charles & Patty Gross)
 8:00a - **Joe Milko** (Charlene Welsh)
 11:00a - **Leo & Philomeno Schaff** (Daughters)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

4:00p(Sat) - **Robert Lucas** (Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola)
 9:30a - **Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

MONDAY - APRIL 21 - EASTER MONDAY

8:00a - **Jason & Jennifer Checque** (Family)

TUES - APRIL 22 - EASTER TUESDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - APRIL 23 - EASTER WEDNESDAY

8:00a - **Daniel Onofrey** (Bea Miller)

THUR - APRIL 24 - EASTER THURSDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

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(8:15 Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - APRIL 26 - EASTER SATURDAY

8:00a - **Susan Kudrec** (Dolly & Ken Burdick)

SUN - APRIL 27 - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p(Sat) **Living & Deceased. Members of Slovak Catholic Sokol #295**
 9:30a - **Bridget Midla** (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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43.* Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 118:1-2,16-17,22-23.* Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 5:6b-8.* Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-9.* Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.



Reflecting on God's Word:

Once in a while I find myself in the pew at a liturgical celebration, and I confess I like to sit near the front and watch all the people as they come back from receiving Holy Communion. I know what all the books say about that, what my teachers taught, and what the priests I've listened to have preached. They said you're supposed to be praying, but I can't help it. I just like to watch all the folks. I think God may even like it as much as I do.

When I sit there watching them, I think about how we're all believers of one sort or another. George, who every week comes alone, without his family. And Melissa, who flirts with all the boys more than she should, and whose parents hardly ever seem to smile. And Mr. P., who always casts his eyes downward and folds his hands upward. And Agnes, who seems to have been caring for her aging mother for as long as anyone in the church can remember and who herself is now beginning to show signs of aging as well. And the lanky high schooler who must play basketball well, because he's certainly tall enough and wears a letter proudly on his school jacket. And Arthur, whose wife just died. And a couple hundred other believers as well. They're all here, every Sunday, and they're all part of the Body of Christ. It's also why I'm a believer, because they're believers; and most of the time I need them to be believers just so I can be a believer.

Thomas of this week's Gospel couldn't be a believer on his own. Having missed the Sunday gathering, he just couldn't say yes on his own. But one week later when he was there with all the others, that made all the difference in the world. In fact it made him a believer. So that's why I watch all the folks processing by after they receive Holy Communion. They make me a believer.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- Sun, April 20th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Bishop Zubik presiding/homilist)**
- Tue, April 22nd.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)
- Sun, April 27th.....**St. Agnes Festival Mtg.** (Following the 11:00am Mass in St. Agnes Social Hall)
- Sun, April 27th.....**St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Joint Pastoral Council Mtg.** (12:30pm, St. Agnes Social Hall)
- 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**

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Agnes
is in memory of **Michael Slezak** (Irene Slezak)



The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Trinity
is in memory of **Raymond Sabo**
& **Debbie Sabo Labedda** (Mary Sabo)

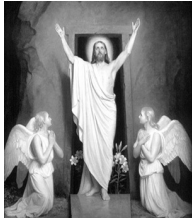
Flowers in Honor of the Blessed Mother at Holy Trinity
are in memory of **Susan Kudrec** (Dolly & Ken Burdick)



White Elephant Sale

The **White Elephant Sale** will *not* be held during the *St. Agnes Summer Festival*, Friday and Saturday, *July 25 and 26*, but at a **date in June**. We will be in need of your **donated items for this sale**. *Watch the bulletin for the date and item drop-off details.*

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.**



Joy of Easter

*To the Paschal Victim let Christians offer a sacrifice of praise.
The Lamb redeemed the sheep.*

*Christ, sinless, reconciled sinners to the Father.
Death and life were locked together in a unique struggle.
Life's captain died; now He reigns, never more to die.*

*Tell us, Mary, "What did you see on the way?"
I saw the tomb of the now living Christ.*

*I saw the glory of Christ, now risen.
I saw angels who gave witness; the cloths too which had once covered head and limbs.
"Christ my hope has arisen. He will go before His own into Galilee."*

*We know that Christ has indeed risen from the dead
Do you, conqueror and king, have mercy on us. Amen. Alleluia.*

May our Faith Communities be a sign of the joy, peace, and light of our Risen Lord.

The Priest, Sisters, & Staff prayerfully and joyously do wish the same for our Parish Faith Communities.



Paschal Candle

From the Easter Proclamation at the Easter Vigil we prayed:

***"Rejoice, O earth in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!"***

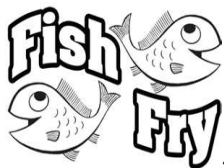
The light of the Easter Candle, so prominently displayed in our church sanctuaries, is the representation of the Risen Christ, Light of the World. It will remain in the sanctuary until Pentecost Sunday. It will be lit for all liturgical prayer between now and that date. From then until the 2011 Easter Vigil it will be burning for Baptismal and Funeral liturgies. —*Truly the Paschal Candle symbolizes the Light of Christ among us, a Light that scatters the darkness of sin and death!*

PRACTICAL/SCIENTIFIC REASONS to COME to CHURCH.....

1. Reduced Blood Pressure and Reduced Stress
2. Answers to Prayers
3. Happier Marriages
4. Better Behaved Teenagers
5. Improved Self Image
6. A Sense of Purpose
7. Increased Ability to Cope
8. Influence on Future Generations
9. Higher Self-Esteem among Teenagers
10. Stronger Marriage

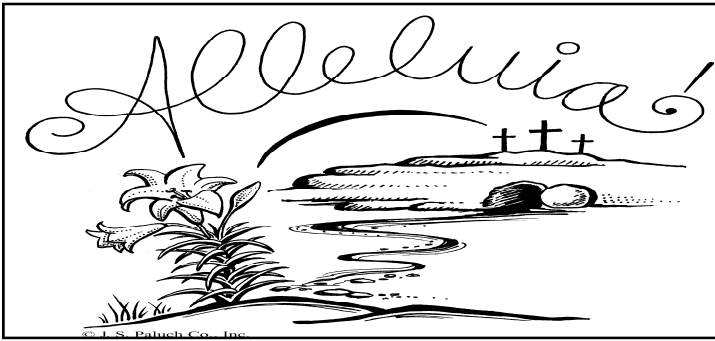


11. Improved Personal Satisfaction and Happiness
12. Fewer Children Impacted by Divorce
13. Better Parenting Practices
14. Food, Folks, and Fun
15. Safer Communities
16. Fathers Spend More Time with Children
17. Care for the Poor and More Good Samaritans
18. More Affectionate Parents
19. Better Personal Health; Boosted Immune System
20. Friendlier People



The wonderful success of our *Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Fish Fry* was made possible by the excellent leadership skills of **Jason Bevan**, who coordinated all the needed efforts of the hard working and giving **volunteers of both parishes and the children of St. Agnes School**. Their willingness to give of the many hours in *perseverance, dedication, and joyful service*, truly made for Faith Communities in cooperative service. And then, the "icing on the cake" were the **donations in the diversity of baked goods given by the wonderful bakers of both parishes**. As always this annual event continues to be the "best in the Mon Valley."

And to each and every one of you who made the Fish Fry a joyful blessing, and that is the volunteers and the patrons of both parishes, you have my heartfelt prayers and remembrance of the "wonderful Lenten Friday experiences" in the spirit of serving, attending and fellowship. The Lord bless you all!!



Easter Season Blessings and Prayers

~ Eastertime Table Prayer ~

Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:

You were known to your disciples
in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia! Send your blessing as bread is broken here.

Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:

Your friends came to believe in the resurrection
as you ate with them.

Alleluia! Send your blessing as bread is broken here.

Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:

You sent your Holy Spirit to lead us
to the eternal feast of heaven.

Alleluia! Send your blessing as bread is broken here.

Give daily bread to your Church
through these days of Easter joy.

We pray to you, source of all blessing:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen, Alleluia!

Easter Blessing of the Families

This afternoon, **Easter Sunday, Bishops David Zubik, William Winter, and William Waltersheid** will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at **St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to 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 and the children will receive a sweet treat.

PLEASE NOTE: If you or a family member is hospitalized, please **call the rectory (412-466-6545)** so that Father can visit. The hospitals no longer notify us when parishioners are admitted.

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Holy Trinity

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Veronica Bujdos,
Anna Cmar, Helen Gambal, Betty Hock,
Mary Lisa Holzwarth, Zander Holzwarth (toddler),
Flo Husfelt, Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac,
Louis Kruszewski, Ethel Palyo, 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, Lois Soltis, 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

--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 Offerings for April 6, 13, 2014 will appear at a later date

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

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AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

HOLY TRINITY

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

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