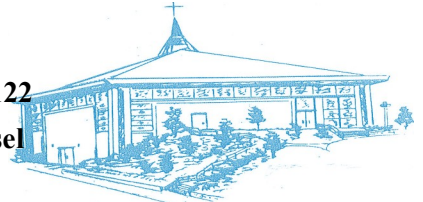


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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 - APRIL 27 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

#### MONDAY - APRIL 28 - ST PETER CHANEL

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

6:45a - **Teresa Schaff** (Family)

#### WED - APRIL 30 - ST PIUS V

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - MAY 1 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Edmund Gruber** (Wife, Ann)

#### FRIDAY-MAY 2 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:15a - **Bill Bevan** (Chuck & Joan Naccarota)

#### SATURDAY, MAY 3 - STS PHILIP & JAMES

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN - MAY 4 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p(Sat) - **Marie Belancik** (Vogel Family)  
 8:00a - **Sister Edward Kudla** (Ladies of Charity)  
 11:00a - **First Holy Communicates & Families**

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN - APRIL 27 - DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

#### MONDAY - APRIL 28 - ST PETER CHANEL

8:00a - **Larry Maydak** (Wife, Ethel)

#### TUES - APRIL 29 - ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - APRIL 30 - ST PIUS V

8:00a - **George Ondeck** (Christian Mothers)

#### THUR - MAY 1 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRIDAY-MAY 2 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:00a - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Ron & Mary Mital)

#### SAT - MAY 3 - STS PHILIP & JAMES

8:00a - **Margaret Svirbel** (Loretta Schneider)

#### SUN - MAY 4 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p(Sat) - **Paul Varley** (Sue Finnegan)  
 9:30a - **Ann Sotak** (Debbie Gaydos)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Holy Trinity Website.....[www.holytrinitywm.com](http://www.holytrinitywm.com)  
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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**

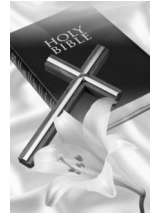
## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47.* The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24.* God's love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** *1 Peter 1:3-9.* We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 20:19-31.* Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.



### 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~~~

- TODAY, Sun, April 27th...**St. Agnes Festival Mtg.** (Following the 11:00am Mass in St. Agnes Social Hall)  
TODAY, Sun, April 27th...**St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Joint Pastoral Council Mtg.** (12:30pm, SA Social Hall)  
Wed, April 30th.....**H.T. Men's Club Meadows Casino trip** (\$25 p/p: **Call George 412-466-5062**)  
Sat, May 3rd.....**Slovak Kennywood Day Committee Mtg. & lunch (11:00am, HT Social Hall)**  
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)  
**To Register call: 1-800-559-4880**  
Thurs, May 8th.....**45+ Club Mtg.** (1:30pm, SA Social Hall) **Reserv: Ed Ferchak 412-462-0904**  
Fri, May 9th.....**St. Agnes May Crowning** (following 8:15am Mass)  
Sun, June 8th.....**Pentecost Sunday, Birthday of the Church**



***HEARTFELT SYMPATHY*** to the family and friends of **ALBERT T. SOLTIS**,  
who was buried from *Holy Trinity Church*;

*May all of our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father in that divine  
ecstasy of ever lasting peace, joy and happiness.*

## SEVENTY-FIFTH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

EPIPHANY CHURCH, 164 Washington Place, Uptown, Pittsburgh

**2:30pm – Holy Mass with Bishop David A. Zubik presiding.** Holy Mass is followed by Procession, with the Most Blessed Sacrament and statue of Our Lady of Fatima through the city to St. Mary of Mercy Church where there will be Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament and Crowning of Our Lady. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary. **For more information call Legion members at one of the following numbers: 412-885-8822, 412-881-0311, 412-884-3213.**

## ***Heartfelt Thanks to the Communities of Holy Trinity and St. Agnes***

Our **Holy Week Liturgies** were ever so impressive as the **Church celebrated the Divine Life**, focusing upon the central theme of our faith; namely, the **Resurrection of our Lord**. Helping to highlight this awesome truth is the greater number of parishioners who came to the services and the countless hours of involvement from the many of our ministries which assured the prayerfulness and the devotional beauty of the liturgies; namely, the **Worship Committees, Music Directors and Choirs, Liturgical Arts Committees, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans**, and the **endless volunteers on all levels**, and **all individuals who, directly or indirectly, involved themselves** in adding to the spiritual richness of this past Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Not only was the attendance outstanding, but the *contributions of the many collections was truly a blessing for the Parishes*. Yes, we can pay our bills and continue to meet our Parish Share commitment, by your faithful stewardship. ***May the Lord bless those who give so cheerfully of their time, talents, and gifts. Yes, you are truly lovable Faith Communities!***

A special thanks to the many who in their stewardship did contribute strongly so that our offertory collections did enable us to meet all our pending bills and, in particular, for the utilities. My prayer that this stewardship continues strongly each Sunday and a fervent prayer for those who through the mail make the weekly Offering when they are unable to attend the Eucharistic celebration for whatever personal reasons.

**Our Church Alive Campaign does continue and our thanks for those who are fulfilling their pledges.**

### ***REASONS TO COME TO MASS - NOT JUST FOR EASTER, BUT ALL YEAR***

1. The Mass provides us with an ***opportunity for intimate union with Jesus, our Savior, through His REAL PRESENCE--Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity--in the Holy Eucharist.*** (John 6) Only the Catholic faith holds this truth. We are different!
2. **Spiritual riches** of the Mass include...**grace, consolation, confidence, peace, deep happiness and strength.** The Mass will enrich our spiritual and personal lives in ways that we never imagined! God, Our **Father**, desires to touch our hearts and lives with His amazing grace and saving love, and we are **never closer to Him than when we are caught up in the celebration of the Eucharist.**
3. We are invited to **bring our brokenness to Mass** for *God's healing and forgiveness.*
4. God said to Moses: **"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."** (Exodus 20:8).
5. Jesus said: **"Do this in memory of me."** When the hour came, He (Jesus) took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, **"This IS My body**, which will be given for you. Do this in memory of Me" (Luke 22:14,19). **When we celebrate Mass, we repeat the Last Supper, as Jesus commanded.**
6. The **Church teaches** that we must **fulfill the command of Jesus** to *"Do this in memory of Me"* by **attending Sunday Mass** (or the Vigil Mass the night before) each week...
7. ...and, **the Church speaks with the authority of Jesus.** (Matthew 16:18-19)
8. The Mass is a sacrifice, the perfect one, **created by Jesus; the Mass is also a meal.**
9. God made us **social beings** and wants us to **come together in community.** **"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I."** (Matthew 18:20). Prayers at Mass are *Scripture-based.*
10. Mass and our faith have **sustained families for generations.** We must continue to **pass on our faith.**



CONGRATULATIONS TO **PAT WILLS**, winner of the St. Agnes School Pirate Ticket Raffle!



### **HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY FLAGS HONORING OUR VETERANS**

This year will be the 13th year for the **AVENUE OF FLAGS**. The flags will be ordered and will be raised on the 20th or 21st of May. **We are in desperate need of volunteers.** The replacement flag form and a list of the veterans that need a new flag are listed on the insert. The price of the flags will be \$25. **The money and completed form MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 11, 2014.**

**Keeping Your Children Catholic. Feed Your Children Catholic “Soul Food.”** The best soul food a Catholic parent can dish up is a **heaping helping of Catholic tradition**. Catholicism is special for its **physical ways of reminding us** that God is always near us, waiting for us to let Him love us better.

Try making these your own family traditions:  
**Sacramentals** Keep holy water in your home. Use it to bless each other when leaving for the day, whenever someone needs particular help from God, and with morning and night prayers.

**Patron Saints** Read about each family member’s patron saint and throw a special “feast day party.” Don’t forget to ask that saint for his or her special intercession.



**Prayer in Action** As a family, find ways to serve the poor. Help the homeless and those less fortunate. Donate gently used items or clothing; give of your time and talent.

**Parish Mission at Resurrection/St. Rita  
May 5-7, 2014**

Sessions on Monday (May 5) and Wednesday, (May 7) are at Resurrection and Tuesday (May 6) is at St. Rita. All times are 7:00pm. Come and enliven your faith with two deacons: Deacon Ensley and Deacon Herrmann. Deacon Ensley is the author of many books and articles, including *Prayer that Heals Our Emotions* and his most recent book, *Visions*. Deacon Herrmann holds a widely respected expertise in spiritual journaling and teaching contemplative prayer.



**OUT OF THIS WORLD RECIPIES & MORSELS OF MERCY COOK-BOOK** featuring a collection of fantastic foods for the body, with recipes submitted exclusively by bishops, clergy, religious and deacons globally will be available for purchase at Holy Trinity following the 9:30am Mass on May 4 in time for Mother’s Day gift giving. Don’t forget to look for the special recipe and blessing submitted by Bishop Zubik and Fr. Edward Litavec. The 250 pg. book is \$22 (tax incl.).

**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**

\$6,503 Offerings for April 6, 13, 20  
\$3,838 Easter Offering  
\$2,366 Parish Share for April 6, 13, 20

PSP Assessment-2014.....\$ 23,790  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 4,600  
Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$5,830 Offerings for April 6, 13, 20  
\$3,628 Easter Offering  
\$1,772 Parish Share for April 6, 13, 20

PSP Assessment-2014 ..... \$ 24,618  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 3,846

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