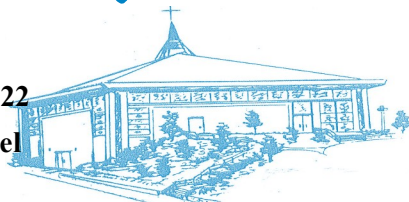


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



Administrator - Reverend Joseph R. Grosko
Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
Saint Agnes School Principal - Sister Cynthia Wessel
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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 - MAY 4 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY - MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Lawrence McElhinny** (Richard McElhinny)

WED - MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - MAY 8 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Ron Kikit** (Nancy Tascarella)

FRIDAY-MAY 9 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Josephine Abels** (Edward Fink Family)

SATURDAY, MAY 10 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - MAY 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00p(Sat) - **Mary Sorokacs** (Mike Sorokacs)
 8:00a - **George Stanicar** (Family)
 11:00a - **Roy W. Cochrane** (Wife & Children)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN - MAY 4 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY - MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Cel Morgan** (Friend)

TUES - MAY 6 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - MAY 7 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Diane Kovalsky** (Lenhart Family)

THUR - MAY 8 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY-MAY 9 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - MAY 10 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Ann Matthias** (Jim Matthias)

SUN - MAY 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p(Sat) - **Sister Mary Pius** (Sisters)
 9:30a - **Living & Deceased Mothers of Holy Trinity**

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 EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33. Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11. God will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21. You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35. Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.



Reflecting on God's Word

At the end of the day, shepherds would bring their sheep to a common sheepfold, leading them through a gate that was guarded during the night. Shepherds would give names to their sheep and call to them when daylight came, leading them back out to pasture. Because the sheep recognized the shepherd's voice there was no mix-up with sheep that belonged to others.

The idea that shepherds had a name for each of their sheep brings home the difference between a good shepherd and a stranger. The good shepherd was concerned not only for the flock but for each sheep in it. He knew them and they knew him. "They will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers" (John 10:5).

There are two words in Greek for "good"—*agathos* and *kalos*. *Agathos* refers to moral goodness, as in being a "good person." *Kalos* refers to being "good at" something. Certainly Jesus is the Good Shepherd in both senses, but the word used here is *kalos*, emphasizing his being "good at" shepherding.

Jesus knows his sheep by name, leads them to safety when darkness falls, and returns them to pasture. He was willing to lay down his life for them. Most comforting of all, he came then and comes now so we might have life and have it more abundantly. This image challenges all who have been called to be shepherds in today's church, to be good shepherds and to be good at shepherding.

A SPIRITUAL UPDATE — "Let each one remember that we will make progress in all spiritual things only insofar as we rid ourselves of self-love, self-will, and self-interest."

St. Ignatius

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

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, May 18th.....**75th Annual Eucharistic Rosary March. For more info. Call 412-885-8822**

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

~~~CONGRATULATIONS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS~~~

The joy and wonder of First Holy Communion fills our parish. Please hold our children and their families in prayer as they approach the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We welcome our communicants at the table of the Lord and pray that they always find strength, nourishment, peace, and love in this beautiful Sacrament. **We are one in COMMUNION as we all receive the one and the same Christ.**

Our patron Saint for First Communicants is St. Pius X. **May the blessings and grace of Christ be with our children in a most special way this Easter Season.** Our prayerful and heartfelt congratulations to:

Jose Alberto

Richard Beermann

Alyssa Bevan

Alexandra Bonacci

Noah Coppola

Alexandra Davis

Giavanna Feschuk

Carmella Foster

Lexie Guzel

Michael Hutchison

Preston Janusek

Jessica Le

Alayna Pedrotty

Steven Salzmann

Kaylee Shaw

Angeles Vega

Brooklyn Wilcox

Gestures at Mass

* **The Lord's Prayer** - The *bishops of the United States* have recommended that **in the Mass, as we pray the Our Father, the prayer given us by Jesus Himself, we extend our arms downward in supplication, holding both hands with the palms outward** in the ancient *orans* (latin, prayer) gesture. This gesture *signifies our need, our humble dependence on God, our openness to receive the gifts of daily bread, and the forgiveness which we seek in this prayer.*

* **The Sign of the Cross before the Gospel Reading** - We make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, our lips, and our chest, following the action of the deacon or priest at that moment. The prayer that many of us were taught to pray while making these Signs of the Cross is: *"May the Word of the Lord be on my mind (make the sign of the Cross on the forehead), on my lips (then on the lips), and in my heart (on the chest)."* *In other words, the action is the physical manifestation of a prayer, asking God to help us to understand the Gospel (mind), to proclaim it ourselves (lips), and to live it in our daily lives (heart).* The Sign of the Cross is a profession of the essential mysteries of Christianity--the Trinity and the Death and Resurrection of Christ. **Making the Sign of the Cross as we prepare to hear the Gospel is a way of professing our faith--and of asking God that we might be worthy to profess it and to live it.**

Stewardship—HELP!

Our **Sunday offerings are vital** in maintaining the financial stability of the parishes; that is, receiving the stewardship of your weekly offerings in meeting our bills, maintaining our physical plant, and receiving sufficient funds in which we monthly subsidize St. Agnes School and the Diocesan Subsidy of Holy Trinity.

Prayerfully asking of each envelope holder to maintain and upgrade your offerings, fulfill your Parish Share Program pledge, regularly meet paying the School's tuition, and above all, know that we depend on your faithful stewardship. Otherwise, there are difficulties in our budgeting and parish improvements.

Your understanding and support is a blessing for the parishes—and a prayerful thanks from your Administrator. *The Lord, truly blesses the faithful and cheerful givers!*

—This weekend, May 3rd and 4th, the Second Collection is for the Parish Share Program.



As we come to the end of the St. Agnes school year of 2013-14, and continue into the new school year, we are recommending our Christ centered school for the education of your children and grandchildren. Over the years students graduating from St. Agnes School have achieved outstanding honors and received scholarships to enter the colleges that surround the area. As they say, great foundations, and that is being a graduate of St. Agnes School, will guarantee greater success for the future. Enrollment is open from pre-school to the eighth grade. Further information is available by calling Sister Cynthia at 412-466-6238.

The parishioners of both parishes, as I am, can be truly proud that we have been able to maintain our St. Agnes School through the support of generous parishioners and endless projects from the **annual Summer Festival (July 25-26, 2014) to the success of our fish fry throughout Lent.**

My continual prayers and heartfelt gratitude for those who make for a successful St. Agnes School.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Robert Kosko**,
who was buried from *St. Agnes Church*.

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



HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY FLAGS HONORING OUR VETERANS



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



Stewardship of Treasure—Give a Portion of What We Have... By giving to the Church, we become a part of the purpose for which it was created. **To spread the Good News about salvation.** When we give of our time and talent, we are actively involved in the Church's mission. **When we give of our wealth, we support that mission with our power of life.**

JUST A REMINDER...

- If you have not received your church envelopes or have a change of address, etc., please call the *Rectory on Mondays or Tuesdays at 412 466-6545.*
- Please **mark the amount** on your church envelopes, and **do not scotch tape** the envelope.
- Be sure to **notify the ushers before Mass** if you wish to **carry the gifts at the Offertory.**

The George Irvin Green Funeral Home at 3511 Main Street, Munhall, is offering a bereavement support session on Tuesday, May 13th from 6:30—8:30pm. Dr. A. Barbara Coyne, a professional bereavement counselor, will lead the discussion.

This support session is designed to help teach individuals about the mourning process, exchange ideas and explore feelings within a small group atmosphere. Any questions, please call 412-461-6394.



The 100th Anniversary Catholic School Picnic at Kennywood Park will be held on Tuesday, June 16th. Tickets are available at the Holy Trinity Office. The cost is \$26.00.

STUFFED CABBAGE SALE

The Holy Trinity Men's and Women's Auxiliary is taking orders for stuffed cabbage. Orders must be placed by **May 4th for pick-up on Saturday, May 10th,** in the Holy Trinity Social Hall starting at Noon.

To order call George Miteff at 412-466-5062.

PRO LIFE CORNER - One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness.

—Anne von Hildebrand



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, Marlene Sersen, Bob Shivey,
Lois Soltis 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, 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

--Sean J. Bowen, Grandson of Eileen Cochrane
--Joshua J. Winter, Spc. E4, son of Ron & Mary Ann
Winter

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES

\$3,437 Offerings for April 27
\$ 0 Parish Share

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

\$1,273 Offering for April 27
\$ 183 Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014 \$ 24,618
Amount Collected PSP\$ 4,029

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