

# 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 - 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)

#### MONDAY - 12- EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - MAY 13 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Barbara Vamos** (Blaney Family)

#### WED - MAY 14 - ST MATTHIAS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - MAY 15 - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Joe Milko** (Charlene Welsh)

#### FRIDAY-MAY 16 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Sister Edward** (Sisters of St. Agnes)

#### SAT - MAY 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN - MAY 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a - **George Lesko** (Wife Joan & Family)  
 11:00a - **Daniel Onofrey** (Wife & Family)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN - MAY 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

#### MONDAY - MAY 12 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Martin Sotis** (Family)

#### TUES - MAY 13 - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - MAY 14 - ST MATTHIAS

8:00a - **Margaret Wooddell** (Robert Wooddwell)

#### THUR - MAY 15 - EASTER WEEKDAY

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#### SAT - MAY 17 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Bridget Midla** (Irene Fabian)

#### SUN - MAY 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p(Sat) - **Mary Anne Majernik** (Len Potemra)  
 9:30a - **Sister Irene Benyak** (Stephanie Bialobok)

### 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**

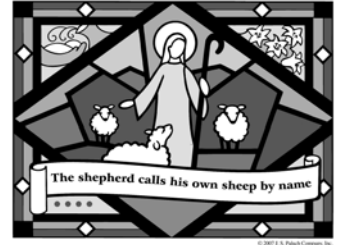
## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41.* Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 23:1-6.* The Lord is my shepherd.

**Second Reading:** *1 Peter 2:20b-25.* We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 10:1-10.* Jesus is the gate for his sheep.



### 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.

### ~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- TODAY, May 11th.....**Mother's Day**
- Mon, May 19th.....**Raising of the Avenue of Flags, Holy Trinity Cemetery**
- Sun, May 18th.....**75th Annual Eucharistic Rosary March. For more info. Call 412-885-8822**
- Thur, May 29th.....**Celebration of the Ascension of the Lord**
- Sun, June 8th.....**Pentecost Sunday, Birthday of the Church**
- Sun, June 15th.....**Most Holy Trinity**
- Sun, June 22nd.....**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**
- Sun, June 29th.....**Feasts of Saints Peter and Paul**
- Fri/Sat, July 25th-26th.....**The Annual St. Agnes Festival**



**Flowers at Holy Trinity  
are in Memory of  
Sister Mary Pius by her Sisters**

**The second collection next weekend is for Catholic  
Relief Services/Church in Latin America/Church in  
Central and Eastern Europe & Church in Africa.**

## DEACON PROGRAM

Bishop Zubik has called for a new class of Deacons for this June. I present these thoughts for our men.

### *Are You Called to Serve?*

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is initiating the nomination and application process for admitting a new class of interested and qualified men into the Deacon Formation Program. Prospective candidates should be between 30 and 59 years of age, in full communion with the Church, active in their faith, and hold at least a bachelor's degree. They should consult their pastor about submitting a nomination on their behalf. The deadline for nominations is June 30th. Applications without a pastor's nomination will not be considered. More information about the diaconate is posted on the diocesan web site at [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org). Questions may be directed to [deacons@diopitt.org](mailto:deacons@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3124.



## “Happy Mother’s Day” To All Mothers

There is one woman who was and is **Pro-Life—our Mother**. She loved life and nurtured it and gave it to us. For nine months we lived in her body, becoming flesh of her flesh, sharing her life. Then, through the miracle of birth, she brought us into this world with a body and soul that are destined one day **to share in the happiness of God in Heaven forever**. *If our mothers had done nothing more than this, they would deserve our eternal gratitude. But we know that they have done much more, and so we honor them today.* Whether they are living, or have already gone to their eternal reward, we **gratefully remember them** in our prayers and Masses today.

As we **honor our mothers** today, both living and deceased, let us **pray for them daily** and always lighten their days by our **cooperative, compassionate, joyful, and willing support**. And may we all in our own special way **pray to Mary**, for whom the title of “Mother” is her **finest and greatest!**

### A Mother’s Day Blessing

*Blessed is the Mother, who lets the Lord be her guiding hand,  
whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God,  
and whose children still stand and honor her.*

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, AND OUR MOTHER, PRAY FOR US!**



### ST AGNES SCHOOL CALENDAR UP-DATE



<b>Friday, May 16</b>	Track & Field Day
<b>Monday, June 2</b>	Pre-school Graduation
<b>Tuesday, June 3</b>	Eighth Grade Graduation, 7:00pm
<b>Thursday, June 5</b>	Kindergarten Graduation after the 8:15am Mass
<b>Friday, June 6</b>	Last Day of School
<b>June 27, 28 &amp; 29</b>	Flea Market: Friday, 8am-9am Early Birds; Saturday, 9am-3pm; Sunday, 12 noon to 2:00pm
<b>July 25 &amp; 26</b>	144th St. Agnes Festival

### THE NEW MASS SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

With the expected approval of the Diocese the schedule of the Masses beginning on Saturday, the 17th of May and Sunday, the 18th, are as follows:

**Saturday, Anticipated Mass: 4:00pm, Holy Trinity**  
**Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am, St. Agnes**  
**9:30am, Holy Trinity**

This new schedule overrides previous schedules that were given. After carefully and prayerfully watching the Mass attendance at the various Masses for the weekends I have discovered the lowest attended Mass was the 6:00pm at St. Agnes. The decision was made following Diocesan requirements that the Mass attendance should be, at a minimum, 50 percent of its capacity which, at St. Agnes, is 270. Prayerfully grateful for your understanding and for the thoughtful and insightful input of the Pastoral Councils in coming to this decision.

Our assumption is this new Mass schedule will receive the immediate approval of the Diocese.

### 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 19th 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 completed form **MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 11, 2014.**

**The People's Prayer for Priests**

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother  
Wrap her mantle around your priests  
And through her intercession  
Strengthen them for ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests  
To follow her own words,  
"Do whatever He tells you." (John 2,5)

May your priests  
Have the heart of St. Joseph,  
Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart  
Inspire them to embrace all  
Who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy,  
Filled with the fire of your love,  
Seeking nothing but your greater glory  
And the salvation of souls. Amen

**St. John Vianney, pray for us**

The George Irvin Green Funeral Home at 3511 Main Street, Munhall, is offering a **bereavement support session on Tuesday, May 13th** from 6:30 to 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.

**ST VINCENT De PAUL DAY**

**Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Milwaukee Brewers.**

**SAVE THE DATE:  
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014  
Game Time 1:35pm**

**Includes Tailgate Party!**

**For tickets and more information call  
Darlene Collier (412-1071, ext. 200)**

**LET'S GO BUCS!!!**



**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,  
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**

\$3,653 Offerings for May 4  
\$1,440 Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014.....\$ 23,790  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 6,040  
Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$1,657 Offering for May 4  
\$1,053 Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014 ..... \$ 24,618  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 4,899

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