

# 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

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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.

### ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN-JULY 13TH-15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - Mary Beth Klocko (Tom & Patty Klocko)  
11:00a - Martin Ott (Mike Sorokacs)

#### MONDAY - JULY 14TH - ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - JULY 15TH - ST. BONAVENTURE 7:00a - Alberta Buchleitner (Marie Steiner)

#### WED - JULY 16TH - WEEKDAY (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - JULY 17TH - WEEKDAY 7:00a - Sister Rose (Sisters at St. Agnes)

#### FRIDAY - JULY 18TH - WEEKDAY (8:00a Morning Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SAT - JULY 19TH - WEEKDAY (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN-JULY 20TH-16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - Sister Edward (Sisters of St. Agnes)  
11:00a - Nancy & Jack Funa (52nd Wedding Anniversary)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administrative Office and Rectory ..... 412-466-6545  
St. Agnes School ..... 412-466-6238  
Social Hall - Saint Agnes ..... 412-466-5500  
Social Hall - Holy Trinity ..... 412-466-9695  
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Saint Agnes Website ..... [www.stagneswm.com](http://www.stagneswm.com)  
Holy Trinity Website ..... [www.holytrinitywm.com](http://www.holytrinitywm.com)  
St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... [h.trinity@verizon.net](mailto:h.trinity@verizon.net)  
St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Fax ..... 412-466-6968

**NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS  
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

## 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.

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN-JULY 13TH - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - Robert Lucas (Wife, Marge)  
9:30a - Joseph Tkach (Wife & Children)

#### MONDAY - JULY 14TH - ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA 8:00a - Robbie & Mary Kay (Family)

#### TUES - JULY 15TH ST. BONAVENTURE (7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - JULY 16TH - WEEKDAY 8:00a - Bridget Midla (W. PA. Slovak Day Committee)

#### THUR - JULY 17TH - WEEKDAY (7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRIDAY - JULY 18TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Marianne Genes (Marzoch Family)

#### SAT - JULY 19TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Marjorie Palcsey (Knights of Columbus)

#### SUN - JULY 20TH-16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - Barbara Dudas (Daughter)  
9:30a - Joseph Bujdos (Wife Veronica)

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** As scheduled.

**RECONCILIATION:** 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**

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 55:10-11.* The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 65:10-14.* A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:18-23.* Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 13:1-23.* Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

### Reflecting on God's Word

When we see the straight rows of crops growing tall and healthy at this time of year, we know that farmers plant very carefully to guarantee the highest yield. But that's not the way the farmer in today's parable plants. This farmer takes a big risk, it seems. Throwing seed around indiscriminately, some of it falls on the rocks, some on the road, some in the brambles, and, inevitably, some falls on good cultivated soil. Yet, even though many of the seeds die, this foolish farmer's crop yields a hundred times what was to be expected.

This is how God sows the Word. Like the seed, the Word of God is to be scattered indiscriminately over the whole earth, without regard to where the good soil is that can receive and nurture it. Even though the Word does not take root everywhere, Isaiah tells us "it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." And Paul reminds us that the whole world will "share in the glorious freedom of the children of God."



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

**TODAY, Sun, July 13th.....St Agnes Blood Drive 8:00am-1:00pm (Social Hall)**

**Thur, July 17th.....91st Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood (4:00pm, Bishop Zubik, Celebrant)**

**Thur, July 24th.....H.T. Men's Club River's Casino Bus Trip (Call George 412-466-5062)**

**Fri/Sat, July 25th-26th.....The Annual St. Agnes Festival**

**Sun, August 10th.....Holy Trinity & St. Agnes Parish Picnic (grounds of Holy Trinity)**

**Fri, August 15th.....Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Mon, Sept. 1st.....Labor Day (8:00am, Holy Trinity & 9:30am, St. Agnes)**

**THE CHURCH ALIVE** ..... The first distribution of funds from *Our Campaign for The Church Alive* has arrived. **Holy Trinity Parish is scheduled to receive approximately \$20,545,** which represents 40 percent of all payments made by parishioners as of March 31, 2014. **St. Agnes is scheduled to receive approximately \$27,498.** Your pledges and sacrificial offerings will increase the monies given to our churches.

There are a number of parishioners at both parishes who have not yet contributed to *The Church Alive Campaign*. And with their pledges and contributions, we can exceed our goals which will result in our receiving 60% of those additional contributions with only 40% being retained by the diocese. Ever prayerfully grateful to the many who did contribute and are fulfilling their pledges resulting in the monies as indicated above. With such continued support, the many projects for both parishes can be initiated. The Finance Committees will review the projects and establish priorities so that the funds will be used most effectively.

Indeed it is a sacrifice to make pledges and offerings to the *Church Alive Campaign*, but it will establish beautiful parish campuses, make us financially viable and enable us to look to the future for additional ministries that will serve both parishes and make the Churches of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity truly spiritually and joyfully alive. Your understanding and continued support and efforts are gratefully acknowledged.

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY**...to the family and friends of **Margaret Gamret of Holy Trinity**



**and Josephine Hendry of St. Agnes** who were buried this past week.

*May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*



**Flowers at Holy Trinity Church in Honor of the Blessed Mother**  
Are In Memory of **Robert Lucas (Wife, Marge)**



## **ONE LINERS....!!!**

Some people are kind, polite and sweet spirited until you sit in their pew....Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.....It is easier to preach 10 sermons than it is to live just one.....The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose but stink bugs come close.....when you get to your wits end, you'll find God lives there.....People are funny: they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.....Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.....Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.....If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.....God Himself does not propose to judge anyone until he is dead. So why do you?.....Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.....Peace starts with a smile.....We were called to be witnesses not judges.....Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.....Don't wait for 6 strong men to carry you to church.....Forbidden fruits create many jams.....God grades on the cross not on the curve.....God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts".....God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.....He who angers you, controls you.....If God is your co-pilot, swap seats.....Prayer: don't give God instructions just report for duty.....We don't change the message, the message changes us.....You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him. *This article was printed in a local parish bulletin. Thanks!*

### **WHO NEEDS THE RCIA:**

The **RCIA** is primarily designed for any adult who was baptized in another Christian religion, but wants to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.

The **RCIA** is open to any Catholic who never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and has been away from active participation in the Church for a number of years.

A sponsor accompanies the candidate seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church. This sponsor acts as a guide and witness to their own faith and represents the faith Community.

**If you are interested in the RCIA simply call 412-466-6545 for further information.**

**Mass Intentions...** If you would like to have a Mass said for a special occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, or a special intention, or to remember a loved one who is deceased, please come to the **Parish Office at Holy Trinity** to take a look at the Mass Book or just give us a call and we will schedule a Mass at your request. **Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Administrative Office 412-466-6545.**

**Thank you, Thank you!** We want to thank all of the parishioners, parents, neighbors, those passing by, etc. for your support of the White Elephant Sale at St. Agnes. Our total profit is \$3,849.32. This profit includes the items sold, food and bake sale. Thank you to all who worked in setting up, pricing, cleaning the items to be sold, cooking, working at the sale, etc. Thank you to the Protz sisters for organizing everything - they are already planning for next year! God bless all of our supporters -- Sister Cynthia

### **THE ANNUAL KENNYWOOD SLOVAK DAY PICNIC, THIS THURSDAY**

Again, calling upon *all* Slovaks for our annual Western PA gathering of Slovaks in **Kennywood Park on Thursday, July 17th.** **Bishop David Zubik, Ordinary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh,** is presiding celebrant with a number of priests of the Diocese joining in the **Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00 p.m., Pavilion #4 stage of the Park.** **Tickets available** in the **Holy Trinity Parish Office (412-466-6545)** and also with our **dedicated volunteers.**

The Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a **trip to the Rivers Casino on Thursday, July 24th**. Bus departs the church parking lot at 9:00am and leaves the Casino at 4:00pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Bonus is \$15 free slot play and \$5 food. Call George at 412-466-5062. Deadline for reservations is July 16th. **Everyone welcome.**



### ***St. Agnes Annual Summer Festival***

On Friday and Saturday, July 25/26, the Parish will celebrate its **147th Annual Festival**. We are most grateful for the many volunteers and patrons who will grace this annual fundraiser for St. Agnes School. (**Remember: IF EACH of US HELPS a LITTLE, NO ONE NEEDS to HELP a LOT.**) Jason Bevan is the General Chairperson. Also, a special Saturday 4:00pm Mass will be celebrated at both worship sites. Raffle tickets can be picked up in St. Agnes Social Hall following the weekend Masses. -- *Also, if your neighbors are unable to attend Mass, please be kind enough to pick up their raffle tickets. Your understanding support will help make it the best summer festival! Join in the fun!*



**DID YOU RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS?** Please return them as soon as you sell or purchase them. Place them in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Summer Festival Raffle". Also, if you haven't already, pick up your tickets in the Social Hall after Mass or **call the Parish Office, (412-466-6545)**.

### **2014 ST. AGNES FESTIVAL INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR FORM**

In addition to businesses sponsoring our festival, we are asking our parishioners: "**Would you like to be a sponsor for \$25?**"

Your name will appear in our bulletin, in addition to our business sponsors.

If you can help, please complete this form and return it in the offertory collection. If you cannot donate \$25, any amount would be prayerfully appreciated and acknowledged.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (in case we need to call you) \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

### Holy Trinity

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

### St. Agnes

Libby Butko, Francis J. Capaleo, Nettie Conley,  
Patricia DeLuca, Florence Dugan, Irene Fontanese,  
Steve Grochalski, Mary Elizabeth Hudick,  
Mary Kosko, Dorothy Kostovny,  
Marguerite Oeler, Laura Pasternak, Dorothy Petrak,  
Loretta Sabol, Brian Saunders,  
Jim Schragl, Michael Sorokacs,  
Marie Steiner, Paul Thomas

*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	
<b>ST. AGNES</b>	
\$2,762	Offerings for July 6
\$ 991	Parish Share
PSP Assessment-2014.....	\$ 23,790
Amount Collected PSP.....	\$ 9,835
Monthly School Subsidy .....	\$ 6,167
<b>~~ REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH ~~ AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL</b>	
<b>HOLY TRINITY</b>	
\$2,545	Offering for July 6
\$1,393	Parish Share
PSP Assessment-2014 .....	\$ 24,618
Amount Collected PSP .....	\$ 8,321
<b>MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR ONGOING PROJECTS.</b>	