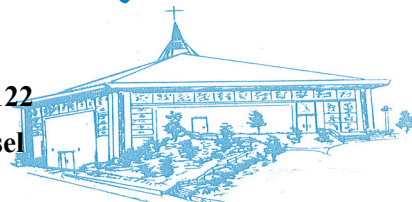


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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-JULY 20TH-16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### MONDAY - JULY 21ST - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - JULY 22ND - ST. MARY MAGDALENE

7:00a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** Month's Mind (Parish)

#### WED - JULY 23RD - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - JULY 24TH - WEEKDAY

7:00a - **Sister Rose** (Sisters at St. Agnes)

#### FRIDAY - JULY 25TH - ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

(8:00a Morning Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SAT - JULY 26TH - STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN-JULY 27TH-17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - **Robert Kosko** (Mary Kosko)  
 8:00a - **Marie Beney** (Ellie & Joel Dobos)  
 11:00a - **Leo & Susanne Snyder** (Family)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

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

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

#### MONDAY - JULY 21ST - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Albert Soltis** (Arlene & Jay Jabbour)

#### TUES - JULY 22ND ST. MARY MAGDALENE

(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - JULY 23RD - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **David Robinson** (Mom & Dad)

#### THUR - JULY 24TH - WEEKDAY

(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRIDAY - JULY 25TH - ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

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

#### SAT - JULY 26TH - STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

8:00a - **Edward Pavlan** (Ann Pavlan)

#### SUN - JULY 27TH-17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Robert Morningstar** (Sue Finnegan)  
 9:30a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Ann Pavlan)

### 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:** 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**



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 12:13,16-19.* God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16.* A prayer to God for mercy.  
**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:26-27.* The Spirit intercedes for us with God.  
**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 13:24-43.* Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

**Reflecting on God’s Word**

Our experience of the world is often an experience of opposites: truth and lies, goodness and evil, beauty and ugliness. They are found in intimate proximity, often on the same page of the newspaper or in the same half-hour news report, and intertwined in the same human heart. Their existence is connected to human freedom as well as to the power of sin and evil in our world.

Jesus tells a parable that makes the same point as the author of Wisdom: God’s exercise of power is tempered by leniency and mercy; God’s justice is balanced by loving-kindness. Our desire to pull up and destroy the weeds prematurely could destroy the good wheat. While the interpretation in the Gospel applies this image to different groups in a community, we can also hear this parable as referring to the weeds and wheat, the evil and goodness residing in the heart.

Jesus says God’s active presence in the world is something as small as a mustard seed and as fragile as a pinch of yeast, yet each contains a power that, when released, will bring about growth and expansion. In the meantime, the challenge is being as patient with others as God is, while working with God to purify our own hearts. Last week Jesus warned about the sluggish heart; today he pictures a contaminated heart, good penetrated by evil. But the power of God is stronger than the power of evil and death. Be patient, and remain open to the workings of God’s grace.

~~~**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**~~~

- 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.....**K of C, 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)

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be a 4pm Mass at St. Agnes on Saturday, July 26th!**



**DIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The **Diocese of Pittsburgh** is once again planning its annual **Golden Wedding Celebration** for the couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. This year’s event will begin with Mass at **St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at 2:30pm.** Bishop Zubik will be the main celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. Cathedral and hall are both accessible.

If you are one of the couples celebrating your 50th anniversary in 2014, and would like to receive an invitation to this event, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection **basket no later than August 10th.**

**ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4210**  
**FAMILY PICNIC**  
**WITH HOLY TRINITY & ST. AGNES PARISHES**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH**  
**Holy Trinity Church Ground**  
**12 noon - 5:00pm**



**The Council will provide: Hamburgers, hot dogs, cold drinks. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share. Call Dave Palcese at 412-672-6222 with reservations by Sunday, August 3rd.**



## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: Some friendly reminders for all SAINTS-IN-THE MAKING.

Please review this regularly with your children.

- \* The sacred Host is the Real Body of Jesus; when we touch it, we physically touch the Lord. So, we should think very seriously about what we are doing when we go up for Holy Communion.
- \* We FAST one hour before Communion (exceptions are water, medication and the very elderly)
- \* Before approaching the minister of Holy Communion, a slight bow of the head is a mark of reverence. The expected response to "The Body of Christ" is "AMEN."
- \* When receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, please open your mouth wide, stick your tongue out, far; allow the Sacred Host to be placed on your tongue.
- \* If you are carrying a child in your arms, please receive the Eucharist on your tongue; then you will not drop your child or Jesus.
- \* **If you choose the option of receiving the Sacred Host in your hand, please do not reach out with your fingers and "take" the Host.** Place your right hand under your left hand, slightly cupped and hold your hands out in front of you, at about the level of your heart (meaning, my hands wish to receive what my heart desires). After the Host is placed on your hand, step either left or right, pause and immediately use your right hand to place the Sacred Host in your mouth. If you are left-handed, simply reverse the hand position. Immediately consume the Sacred Host. **DO NOT WALK AWAY WITH THE HOST IN YOUR HAND. With regard to receiving the Precious Blood,** don't be afraid of germs. The precious metal plus the alcohol in the wine before consecration prevents it. Also, would Jesus tell us to take and drink if it were going to hurt us? If you are sick with the cold or flu, simply don't approach the cup!

### *A Prayerful Environment...!!!*

It's summertime, and for many of us, summer means time at a beach somewhere. What a great place to pray! What a perfect place in which to blend our prayer with play. Might we allow ourselves to get lost in the activity of building things in the sand? Might we create homey spaces with umbrellas, chairs, mats, towels? Might we gaze into clouds or across the water and allow that gaze to be a prayer of thanksgiving? Or a prayer of surrender, letting go, asking for help, offering our wounds?

We can do the same kind of spiritual meditation in the woods or the mountains, or out in the middle of full summer fields. We can gaze or surrender when we're in a city park even if part of that gaze is watching over children or grandchildren. We can get lost in the intricacies of their journey's around a jungle gym or in their wide swaying arcs on the swings above our heads.

Allow the space you're in to become a prayerful environment. And although outdoor spaces can especially be good for this, a closed office with a beam of light coming across the floor can serve a prayerful purpose too. Or a tiny balcony in the nighttime. Take some visual, sensual clues from where you are, and ask God, "How do I pray here? What do I pray? What are you showing me? What do I need? What can I give?"

### MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH

Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on August 16th, from 9am to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Kathy Wabick share her faith journey. Kathy experienced a deep conversion of faith at the bedside of her dying mother. Her mother was blessed with a Divine vision at the time of her passing which deepened Kathy's faith dramatically and led to the founding of a ministry that prays at the bedside of the sick and dying. Cost is \$20. Register at [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org) or call Christine at 724-443-5473 or Pam at 412-461-8906. Registration deadline is August 8th.



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. Everyone welcome.



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## Why Can't Everyone

### Receive the Eucharist?

The **Committee on Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** has clearly stated that ***all people***—whether they believe in Jesus or not—are **welcome to pray in Catholic Churches and to attend our Masses and other celebrations, but we can't welcome *all people* to Communion for several reasons. *For one, the Catholic belief that the consecrated host is Jesus' Body and Blood is unique, so we can't welcome those who don't believe what we believe about the Eucharist.*** And for a variety of reasons, *some Catholics* cannot receive the Eucharist.

Too often we Catholics sit in judgment of others, and that's wrong. ***But if we offer the Eucharist to people—who don't believe they are receiving the actual Body and Blood of Jesus, or to Catholics who believe but aren't properly disposed to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we're not respecting the Eucharist.***



### **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 Gambal, 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 Sorokaacs,  
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**

**ST. AGNES**

\$2,762 Offerings for July 13

\$ 991 Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014.....\$ 23,790

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 9,835

Monthly School Subsidy .....\$ 6,167

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

\$2,824 Offering for July 13

\$ 205 Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014 .....\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 8,526

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