

# 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-AUG 17TH-20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Rudy Saunders** (Jean & Family)  
 11:00a - **Joseph Munda** (Family)

#### MONDAY - AUG 18TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### TUES - AUG 19TH - WEEKDAY

*(No Mass)*

#### WED-AUG 20TH - ST. BERNARD

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### THUR - AUG 21ST - ST. PIUS X, POPE

*(No Mass)*

#### FRIDAY - AUG 22ND - QUEENSHIP OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

#### SAT - AUG 23RD - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### SUN - AUG 24TH-21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Bert Kovalsky** (Grandchildren)  
 11:00a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Family)  
 4:00p - **St. Agnes School Children & Parents**

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN-AUG 17TH-20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Marjorie Byrnes** (Vincent Horten Family)  
 9:30a - **Margaret Svirbel** (Children)

#### MONDAY - AUG 18TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Rudy Mihaljevic** (Wife, Patty & Family)

#### TUES - AUG 19TH - WEEKDAY

*(No Mass)*

#### WED-AUG 20TH - ST BERNARD

8:00a - **Helen Mullen** (Rich & Sherri Mullen)

#### THUR - AUG 21ST - ST. PIUS X, POPE

*(No Mass)*

#### FRIDAY - AUG. 22ND - QUEENSHIP OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### SAT - AUG. 23RD - WEEKDAY

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

#### SUN - AUG 24TH-21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Family)  
 9:30a - **Anthony & Alice Palocaren** (Ann Pavlan)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administrative Office and Rectory.....412-466-6545  
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 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)  
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 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**

**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**

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 56:1,6-7.* The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 67:2-3,5-6,8.* All the nations will praise God.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 11:13-15,29-32.* God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 15:21-28.* Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.



### Reflecting on God's Word

"Beggars can't be choosers!" we might say to a child who asks for a different candy bar from the one we have handed him. "Beggars can't be choosers!" we might think as we watch a struggling mother sort through hand-me-downs at the free store. "Beggars can't be choosers!" we might tell ourselves when we are mistreated by someone we rely on to supply our needs. Those four little words may seem logical and harmless. Yet, how many children, unemployed, elderly, sick, or otherwise vulnerable people have lost their self-respect and stopped voicing their needs because they believe those four little words!

Today's scriptures challenge us to stop using, or even thinking, those four words. They invite us to see that, yes, beggars *can and should* be choosers. The first and second readings seem directed to those who feel they deserve better than others. They show God's mercy extending to all who call on and love the name of the Lord, and remind us that all of us have disobeyed, thus all of us are beggars. The Gospel speaks to those who feel they deserve worse than others. The Canaanite woman is held up as a model to imitate, not someone to be scorned and rejected. We are encouraged never again to let feelings of unworthiness convince us that our needs don't deserve a hearing, respect, and a response.

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

- Thur, August 21st..... **First Day of St. Agnes School** (Half Days Thursday & Friday, 21/22)  
Sun, August 24th..... **St. Agnes Mass & Picnic for New School Year** (4:00pm)  
Mon, Sept. 1st..... **Labor Day** (8:00am, Holy Trinity & 9:30am, St. Agnes)  
Sun, Sept. 7th..... **St. Vincent De Paul Meeting** (Following 9:30 Mass in HT Social Hall)  
Thur, Sept. 11th..... **St. Agnes Seniors** (1:00pm, Social Hall)  
Mon, Sept. 15th..... **Mass in honor of our Lady of Sorrows**, (7:00pm, Holy Trinity)  
Tue, Sept. 16th..... **Lowering of Avenue of Flags** (9:00am)  
Wed, Sept. 17th..... **H.T. Men's Club & Women's Auxiliary Steak Out** (4:30pm)  
Tue, Oct. 7th..... **Queen of Rosary, Benediction & Rosary** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity)  
Sat, Oct 11th..... **K of C Night at the Races** (Holy Trinity Social Hall)

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Agnes  
is in Memory of **Mary Elizabeth Hudick**



The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Trinity  
is in Memory of **Debbie Sabo LaBedda**  
By Mom and Sisters

### ~~~ New Mass Schedule Begins August 21st ~~~

**Daily Mass schedule for ST. AGNES will be at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays, & 8:15 a.m. on Fridays. On Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays, the Masses will be at HOLY TRINITY at 8:00 a.m. On Mondays at Holy Trinity, the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows the Mass.**

—*Become more Eucharist Parishes by your presence at our daily Masses.*

**The Holy Trinity Men's Club and Women's Auxiliary "Steak Out" meeting is Wednesday, September 17.** The event begins at 4:30pm and dinner is 5:00pm. Members **MUST** call George at 412-466-5062 for reservations by September 10th.

**The Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to the Rivers Casino Wednesday, September 24th.** Bus leaves the Church parking lot at 9:00am and departs the Casino at 4:00pm. Cost is \$25 p/p. Call George by Sept. 17th for reservations at 412-466-5062. Bonus is \$15 free slot play and \$5 food. Everyone welcome.



### ***IF I KNEW...!!!***

If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord your soul to keep...If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more...If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted in praise, I would video tape each action and word so I could play them back day after day...If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute to stop and say, "I love you" instead of assuming you would know I do...If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more so I can just let this one slip away...For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right...There will always be another day to say, "I love you" and certainly there's another chance to say, "Anything I can do?...But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and how I will never forget...Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved ones tight...So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day that you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug or a kiss. And you were too busy to grant someone what turned out to be their last wish...So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear. Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear...Take time to say, "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "it's okay."...And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have not regrets about today.

*Anonymous*

### ***The St. Agnes School Year of 2014-2015***

The school days will begin with half days at St. Agnes on Thursday and Friday, August 21st/22nd, with our *dedicated teaching staff under the steady and experienced leadership of Sr. Cynthia Wessel, Principal.* This coming Friday, the school **children will participate in the Eucharistic Celebration at 8:15 a.m. as they will on all the Fridays of the school year** in a *spirited, joyful and prayerful manner. What a wonderful way to begin our school year at St. Agnes!*



If you wish to enroll your child/children in St. Agnes School—"THE MOLDER OF A CHRIST-CENTERED YOUTH"—room is available on all class levels, beginning with pre-school to the eighth grade. For enrollment or information, please call **Sister Cynthia, 412-466-6238.** We at St. Agnes Parish can be proud that we have such a Catholic school with a history of many years, wonderful graduates, and a tradition that extends over a hundred years. *We call upon all parishioners to be truly proud of our school and ever grateful for their continual and loving support.*



### **CALLING ALL SCHOOL PARENTS OF ST AGNES....**

**Sunday, August 24th, a Eucharistic Celebration** will be held at **4:00 pm**, to *seek the Lord's blessings and graces as we begin the School Year of 2014-15.* With a gathering of our school children and parents, may the Lord hear our fervent petitions and prayers as we begin the new school year. **A picnic will follow immediately after Mass.** *This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation and all are welcome in this faith gathering of the St. Agnes community.*

### **CALLING ALL SENIORS!!!**

**The St. Agnes Seniors (formerly 45+ Club)** will be starting their annual renewal of monthly meetings at St. Agnes Social Hall at 1:00pm on **Thursday, September 11, 2014.** **The club is seeking new members from St. Agnes and Holy Trinity. ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

In addition to timely Diocesan information from Father Grosko, guest speakers from elected officials, health organizations and others provide the latest news beneficial to seniors. Since there is a meal at all of our meetings, please **call Ed Ferchak, 412-462-0904 at least 3 days before each monthly meeting to ensure sufficient place settings.** Get to know some of your fellow parishioners better. Come and enjoy time with old friends and make some new ones!



### *Five Finger Prayer*



1. Your thumb is nearest you so begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a “sweet duty.”
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

### **Protecting God’s Children Workshop**

Holy Spirit Church, West Mifflin, will host a **Protecting God’s Children Workshop on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00am - noon** in the Religious Education Center. Attendance at one of these workshops is a requirement for all clergy, religious, employees and volunteers in the Diocese. For a list of all workshops and to register go to [diopitt.org](http://diopitt.org).



### ***Football Mania Sweepstakes***

Tickets benefiting our school are now available!! Tickets are \$20 for 17 weeks of the regular football season.

**Contact Sister Cynthia after Masses or in school at 412-466-6238.**

**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 Kosko, Dorothy Kostovny,  
Marguerite Oeler, Laura Pasternak, Dorothy Petrak,  
Loretta Sabol, Brian Saunders, Jim Schragl, Diane  
& Alan Soltis, 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**

**ST. AGNES**

**\$4,509 Offering for August 10\***

**\$ 615 Parish Share for August 10**

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

**Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 11,709**

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

*\*includes monies for all purposes such as Angel Fund, candles,  
diocesan collections, hall rental, etc.*

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

**HOLY TRINITY**

**\$2,558 Offering for August 10**

**\$ 261 Parish Share for August 10**

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

**Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 10,988**

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