

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.

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-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

MONDAY - AUG 25TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - AUG 26TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - Rudy Saunders (Jean & Family)

WED-AUG 27TH - ST. MONICA

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - AUG 28TH - ST. AUGUSTINE

6:45a - Josephine Hendry (Jack & Fran Walters)

FRI-AUG 29TH-PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

SAT - AUG 30TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - AUG 31ST-22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - Josephine Marie Hendry (Pat & Tony Wills)
 11:00a - Ralph & Rose Biagiarella (Rose Ann & Phyliss)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

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

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

MONDAY - AUG 25TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Mary Elizabeth Hudick
 (Sister Marie Joniata & MJ Fedor)

TUES - AUG 26TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED-AUG 27TH - ST. MONICA

8:00a - Albert Soltis (Kathy & Ray Stell)

THUR - AUG 28TH - ST. AUGUSTINE

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI-AUG. 29TH-PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - AUG. 30TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Elizabeth Spirnak (Mary, Ray & Eleanor)

SUN - AUG 31ST-22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - Marjorie Palsey (Knights of Columbus)
 9:30a - Michael Onofrey (Frances & Family)

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
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 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... 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**

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**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Isaiah 22:19-23*. God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 138:1-3,6,8*. God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading: *Romans 11:33-36*. Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*. Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.



Reflecting on God's Word

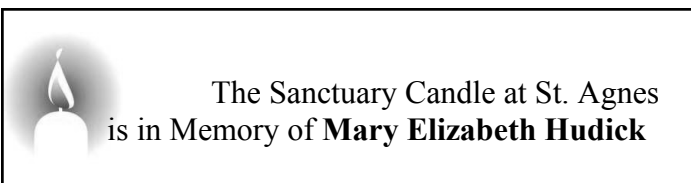
Certain questions change lives, depending on our answer: "Do you take this person to be your husband/wife?" "Do you want this job?" "Can you forgive me?" The question Jesus asks today is one that certainly changes lives. Our response is not simply an academic exercise, a matter of knowing the right answer we learned from a book. Our answer must lead to a commitment that is to be lived out each day of our lives.

Peter's answer certainly changed the course of his life. Jesus recognized that it was not Peter's innate knowledge, or that of any other person, that had given Peter his response: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It was the Father. And so Jesus declares that Peter will be the one to lead the other disciples and all who would come after. Simon, son of John, fisherman, husband, brother—and one who would deny he ever knew Christ!—he was to be the rock on which Jesus would build the church. His response was life-changing.

Peter's answer was not a perfect one, as we shall see next week. Even so, Jesus accepts it as an indication that his Father is at work in those called to be with him who would continue his work. The Father chose to work in fallible human beings. We may not think of ourselves as rocks, but the future of the church depends on how well each one of us lives out the answer to this question, "Who do you say that I am?"

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- TODAY**, 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**

*If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone.*

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

—*St. John Paul II*



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.

CALLING ALL SCHOOL PARENTS OF ST. AGNES...4:00 pm MASS and PICNIC TODAY

Today, August 24th, the Eucharistic Celebration will be held at 4:00 p.m., to seek the Lord's blessings and graces as we begin the School Year of 2014-2015. 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 the Mass. This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation, and all are welcome in this faith gathering of St. Agnes community.

The St. Agnes School Year of 2014-2015

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.



St. Agnes School Faculty & Staff 2014-2015

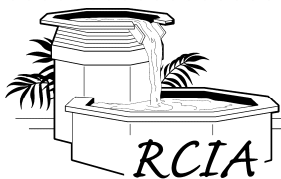
Principal - **Sister Cynthia Wessel, SHS**
Admin. Assistants - **Carolyn Roper and Pat Jakub**
Preschool - **Theresa Wagner**
Kindergarten - **Polly Swank**
1st Grade - **Jennifer Mason**
2nd Grade - **Linda Reed**
3rd Grade - **Anita Niecgorski**
4th Grade - **Julie Rocco**
5th Grade - **Barbara Blaney**
6th Grade - **Corrine Pfefferkorn**
7th Grade - **Lori Guthrie**
8th Grade - **Sister Janelle Banko, SHS**

Part-time Teacher - **Melissa Benovich**
Remedial Reading & Math - **Lauren Scurry**
Speech - **Jackie Pagnanelli**
Counselor - **Patricia Trappon**
Band - **Brittany Baradzziej**
Cafeteria Manager - **Dori Protz**
After Care - **Marci Baker**
Maintenance - **Jason Bevan**
Cleaning Crew - **Amanda Protz**
Our Christ centered environmental center is staffed with dedicated and experienced teachers ever ready to welcome every student in the coming year.

Catholic Communications & Catholic University of America Campaigns

This weekend, we ask for your support of two important programs of the Church in the United States: the Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic University of America.

The Catholic Communications Campaign, in partnership with our diocesan communications office, has been our voice in the national media: educating, entertaining, inspiring and informing the public about Gospel values. Since 50% of the contributions to the Catholic Communications annual campaign remain in our diocese, this collection helps to support our weekly televised Masses and various catechetical video programs.



R.C.I.A. Is there someone in your life who may be interested in learning more about our Catholic faith? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of discovery...of sharing the rich tradition and teachings of the Catholic Church with seekers who are not baptized or baptized in other faiths. **All are welcome to join us in this journey of faith.** So, don't be afraid to invite your friend,

or spouse, who may be searching for a deeper relationship with God through the Catholic Church. For more information, contact either **Father Grosko, Holy Trinity, 412-466-6545** or **Sister Cynthia, St. Agnes, 412-466-6238**. The fall sessions will begin in early October. —*And we pray that all of us have a deeper understanding of our gift of faith and know Christ better.* **INVITE!!**

My Garden

*My garden isn't perfect, but you must understand
That every flower that you behold
Was planted there by hand.
There's trees and shrubs, and bulbs and things,
And weeds of every kind,
And some I do not recognize
that some bird left behind!
To watch the busy hummingbird
that lands to take a drink
- It's wings a-flutter as it tastes the
honeysuckle pink,
is time well spent, as moments spare
the watcher from his task,
For every moment spent therein,
is a moments spent relaxed!
I could not see a flower,
and not bend in to smell
the fragrance of the heavens - here,
God does surely dwell!
I ponder all the sacred gifts
the Master gave to share.
How truly sad the world would be,
if flowers were not there!*

—Ginny Ambrose

Our Worth

*Every human being has dignity as a person,
like the Holy Trinity; every human being is capable of
knowing self, like the Holy Trinity; every human being
has the ability to give freely of self, like the
Holy Trinity; and every human being can enter into
communion with other persons, like the Holy Trinity.
God places human beings at the summit of all
Creation. In the words of God Himself,
we all are "the apple of His eye"
(Deuteronomy 32:10).*

—The Church Living! Bishop David A. Zubik



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

\$3,567 Offering for August 17*

\$ 190 Parish Share for August 17

\$1,061 Assumption of Mary

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 11,899

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

\$1,411 Offering for August 17

\$ 250 Parish Share for August 17

\$ 674 Assumption of Mary

PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 11,238

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