

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-AUG 31ST-22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY - SEPT 1ST - LABOR DAY WEKDAY

9:30a - **Special Blessings for Jeannatte & Patrick Voyce & Children**

TUES - SEPT 2ND - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Teresa Schaff** (Family)

WED-SEPT 3RD - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - SEPT 4TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert Kosko** (Chuck & Nancy Barley)

FRI-SEPT 5TH-FIRST FRIDAY

8:15a - **Robert K. Barnes** (family)

SAT - SEPT 6TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - SEPT 7TH-23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **James Howard** (Tom & Patty Klocko)
 11:00a - **John Kukta** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

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

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

MONDAY - SEPT 1ST - LABOR DAY WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Bridget Midla** (Joe & Tillie Kirch)

TUES - SEPT 2ND - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED-SEPT 3RD - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

8:00a - **Barbara Dudas** (Pat & Jean Koch)

THUR - SEPT 4TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI-SEPT 5TH-FIRST FRIDAY

8:00a - **Philip, Haley, Cade Checque** (Family)

SAT - SEPT 6TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Robert Morningstar** (Ginny Greaney)

SUN - SEPT 7TH-23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat) - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Family)
 9:30a - **Margaret Gamret** (Edward & Dolores Moran)

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: One-half hour before all weekend Masses at Holy Trinity and St. Agnes 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9.* Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 63:2-6,8-9.* Our souls yearn for God.

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2.* Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:21-27.* Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.



Reflecting on God's Word

The prophets often spoke bluntly, whether addressing the people or even God. Take Jeremiah today. He accuses God of seducing and overpowering him, making him speak a word that has led to his ridicule and persecution. He was even thrown down a cistern and left to die because of his preaching! Jeremiah confesses he has no choice in the matter. When he refuses to speak God's word, he experiences a fire burning in his heart.

The cost of drawing near to the living God can take us down a path we would rather not go. Peter saw this coming when Jesus began to speak of the suffering that lay ahead, instead of being the powerful Messiah people had been waiting for, who would cast down their enemies and restore Israel to the glory days of King David. Instead, Jesus spoke about taking up the cross, losing one's life, or, in Paul's words to the Romans, becoming "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."

God's plan for us is the transformation and renewal of our minds according to the pattern of God's Son Jesus. This transformation comes about when we "offer [our] bodies as a living sacrifice," seeking to discern and do God's will as Jesus did. Such self-offering may lead to our following Jesus on the way: finding life by losing it for the sake of others, and coming to know the living God as purifying fire, life-giving water, and nourishing food for our souls.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- 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)
- Wed, Sept. 24th..... **H.T. Men's Club Bus trip to Rivers Casino** (Call George, 412-466-5062)
- Tue, Oct. 7th..... **Queen of Rosary, Benediction & Rosary** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity)
- Thur, Oct. 9th.....**St. Agnes Seniors** (1:00pm, Social Hall)
- 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 **Anna & Andrew Moran**
By Irene & Mildred Moran



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...To the families and friends of **Dorothy Bunecicky & Dana Rossey of St. Agnes & Maureen Sersen of Holy Trinity** 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*



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.



Although **Monday, September 1st** is a **civil holiday**, it is also a day on which we **pray for God's blessings on our human labor**. It is obvious that God considers all human work, physical and mental, as elevating. In fact, **He entrusted the care of His own Son to a manual laborer**, a carpenter, **St. Joseph**. Neither Jesus nor Joseph were afraid to "get their hands dirty."

We, as well, should **never consider any work as demeaning or beneath us**. Jesus commanded us to "**love one another**," and sometimes this requires us to roll up our sleeves and **pitch in** with work—at **home**, in the **neighborhood**, and in our **parish**. May the **example of both Jesus and Joseph** remind us that all labor, if it is done in the right spirit and with the right intention, will help us attain our eternal salvation. **Join our Eucharistic Celebrations with a 8:00 am Mass at Holy Trinity and a 9:30 am Mass at St. Agnes.**

First Friday...Sept. 5th, the parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity celebrate the First Friday of September. **Solemn Holy Hour—reflections, prayers and the closing Solemn Benediction—will follow the 8:00am Mass at Holy Trinity.** Also scheduled is the **8:15am Mass for the school students of St. Agnes.** *Help us to become more Eucharistic parishes by your presence on the First Friday of each month for the Holy Hour.*

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Sorrows

A Slovak - English Mass in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia, will take place on **Monday, September 15, 2014** at Holy Trinity Church, 529 Grant Avenue, Ext., West Mifflin, Pa. A prelude of Slovak Hymns in honor of Mary will be sung at 7:00pm preceding the Mass.

A reception will follow in the church social hall. **Further information may be obtained by calling Len Potemra at 412-672-6265 or Holy Trinity Rectory at 412-466-6545.**

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: After each weekend Mass, Father will administer this special grace of healing and comfort to those baptized Catholics suffering the infirmities of serious, chronic (e.g. diabetes, heart disease), or mental illness chemotherapy, dialysis, old age, or anticipating or recovering from an operation. Sit in front pews leaving every other pew empty.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS: Please notify an usher when you arrive if you would like to carry the Offertory Gifts to the Altar. You are asked to assist in this sacred offering of the body & blood of Christ.

CONFESSION will be available one-half hour before all weekend Masses at Holy Trinity and St. Agnes.



PROLIFE CORNER

We have suffered with abortion on demand for forty-one years. We must realize that what one generation tolerates, the next generation embraces. This has proved to be so true since we continue to abort babies with little or no remorse. It is true; every day babies die from abortion and as a nation a bit more of our moral conscience dies as well. Pray and work to end abortion now!

The local American Legion is sponsoring a trip to Nemaquin Lady Luck Casino on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bus leaves the club parking lot, 51 Duquesne Avenue, Dravosburg, at 9:30am (NO OTHER PICKUPS) and departs the Casino at 5:30pm. Cost is \$37p/p. Call Ed by September 17th (412-462-0904) for reservations.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO AND LUNCHEON

A fun filled afternoon is being planned at the Youghiogheny Country Club on **Sunday, September 14th** (*The Steelers are not playing that Sunday*). Come and join in the fun & excitement of winning a designer purse! Doors open at 12 noon. Lunch will be served at 1:00pm. Bingo begins at 2:00pm.



Prizes include Vera Bradley, Coach, Dooney & Burke, Tori Burch, Michael Kors and many other designers. All proceeds will be split between Christ the Light of the World and St. Joseph Parishes. Price is \$30p/p, includes lunch. To order tickets, call the rectory or email Debbie@christthelightoftheworld.org or send your order & tickets will be mailed to you. Get a group together for a "Ladies Day Out".

Gifts You Can Give Year Round

The Gift of Praise

Appropriate mention of a job or deeds well done.

The Gift of Consideration

Putting yourself in the other person's shoes.

The Gift of Concession

Humbly saying at just the right point, "I am sorry."

The Gift of Gratitude

Never forgetting to say "Thank You" and meaning it.

The Gift of Attention

When a person speaks, listening attentively.

The Gift of Inspiration

Planting seeds of courage and action in others hearts.

The Gift of Personal Presence

In sickness, in trouble, or in great joy, there is nothing quite equal to your personal expression of sympathy or congratulations.

**RESOLVE TO GIVE THESE GIFTS EACH DAY.
SEE WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE IN RETURN.**

KNOW THE SIGNS

With the average age of our parishioners being 70, do you know the 10 warning signs that are critical to detecting Alzheimer's disease? There are *Mild* and *Moderate Symptoms* that you can look for:

1. Memory changes that disrupt daily life.
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems.
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks.
4. Confusion with time or place.
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.
6. New problems with speaking or writing.
7. Misplacing things and inability to retrace steps.
8. Decreased or poor judgment.
9. Withdrawal from social or work activities.
10. Changes in mood and personality.

Early treatment can sometimes slow progression of the disease, so talk with your doctor if you or a loved one shows any of the above symptoms. Caregivers need just as much support and you don't have to feel like you are alone. Visit www.alz.org for more info.



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, Ann Pavlan, Mary Sabo,
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

\$2,269 Offering for August 24*

\$1,020 Parish Share for August 24

\$ 539 Catholic Communication

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 12,919

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

\$1,827 Offering for August 24

\$ 135 Parish Share for August 24

\$ 308 Catholic Communication

PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 11,373

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