

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-SEPT 7TH-23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - James Howard (Tom & Patty Klocko)

11:00a - John Kukta (Joe & Loretta Sabol)

MONDAY - SEPT 8TH - NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - SEPT 9TH - ST. PETER CLAVER

6:45a - Robert Schaff, Jr. (Dave Regina))

WED-SEPT 10TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - SEPT 11TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - Betty Tucak (Ladies of Charity)

FRI - SEPT 12TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - Delena Bevan (Jim & Family)

SAT - SEPT 13TH - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN- SEPT 14TH-24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - George Lesko (Wife, Joan, & Family)

11:00a - Anne & Paul Eckley (Joann & Fred Smith)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

4:00p(Sat) - Joseph "Sonny" Tkach (Family)

9:30a - Margaret Gamret (Edward & Dolores Moran)

MONDAY - SEPT 8TH - NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00a - Albert Soltis (Agnes & Bill Mahatura)

TUES - SEPT 9TH - ST. PETER CLAVER

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED-SEPT 10TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - John F. Jozefov (Jozefov Family)

THUR - SEPT 11TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - SEPT 12TH - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - SEPT 13TH - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:00a - Albert Soltis (Andrekanic Family)

SUN - SEPT 14TH-24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p(Sat)-Living & Dec'd Mbrs. Slovak Catholic Sokal #295

9:30a - Eleanor Rusnak (Sisters)

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 — SEPT. 15

7:30 PM, ST. AGNES CHURCH

**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE
1-888-808-1235**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9.* The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 95:1-2,6-9.* Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10.* The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:15-20.* Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Reflecting on God's Word

During the first few months of marriage, the honeymoon period, the one we love may seem perfect to us. He or she can do nothing wrong. Soon, though, reality sets in and we start accumulating hurts. We may hurt one another knowingly or unknowingly. It's much the same in a family or a community. Sooner or later our love for one another is tested by sin and human weakness. Will we put up with the other's behavior or confront it? Which choice reflects true love?

Today Paul recalls some signs of true love; he reminds us what those who love will not do. The other Scriptures bring out some of the surprising signs of true love. Loving one another just might involve nagging, confronting, fighting, or telling family secrets. It will certainly involve mutual respect and acceptance, along with a healthy dose of prayer for each other. And true love will seek constantly to call forth the best in the ones we love.



~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- TODAY, Sept. 7th.....**St. Vincent De Paul Meeting** (Following 9:30am Mass in HT Social Hall)
Thur, Sept. 11th.....**St. Agnes Seniors** (1:00pm, Social Hall)
Sun, Sept. 14th.....**St Vincent DePaul conference of Holy Trinity/St. Agnes** (after 9:30am Mass)
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)
Sat, Nov. 8th.....**Vera Bradley Bingo** (1:00pm, St. Agnes Hall, \$20 tickets available soon.)

SPECIAL RELIEF COLLECTION

Bishop David A. Zubik, in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is requesting a special collection during the weekend Masses of September 20th and 21st to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

Money given to the collection will be disbursed for humanitarian needs by Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local Church.

**Special thanks to the Holy Trinity Men's Club
for their \$500 donation for cleaning of chairs in the Social Hall.**

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. Ever grateful for the continued leadership of George Miteff and the Men's Club.



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.

A PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Spirit of God, fill out hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty

Help us to know what is pleasing to You and to understand what is right and good in Your sight.

Give us the spirit of learning that we may please You by our thoughts and love You in Your creation.

Give all teachers Your constant encouragement and guide them in their good work.

Keep all students and teachers safe and secure while at school.

Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of Your truth to all whose lives we touch.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



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. 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.**

SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

We have a number of our parishioners asked to be sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. This provides an opportunity to share with you the requirements for godparents and sponsors. To be eligible for this important role in the life of a young person receiving Baptism or Confirmation one must:

- * Be Baptized, have received First Communion and Confirmation.
- * Be at least 16 years of age and, hopefully, attending weekend Eucharistic celebrations.
 - * If married, be married according to the laws of the Church.

The stumbling block for those who are asked to be a sponsor and find they are ineligible is usually marital status. They are either married by a justice of the peace, rather than in church, or are in a second marriage without an annulment and often they are not practicing Catholics and lacking in weekend Mass attendance.

Please keep this in mind when seeking sponsors and do not embarrass your friends and relatives by asking those not eligible only to have them feel bad they cannot serve in this capacity.

REFLECTION OF POPE FRANCIS “LUMEN Fidei”

The fullness which Jesus brings to faith has another decisive aspect. Christ is not simply the one in whom we believe, the supreme manifestation of God's love; He is also the one with whom we are united precisely in order to believe. Faith does not merely gaze at Jesus, but sees things as Jesus himself sees them with his own eyes: it is a participation in His way of seeing. **We also need someone trustworthy and knowledgeable where God is concerned. Jesus, the son of God, is the one who makes God known to us.** Christ's life, His way of knowing the Father and living in a relationship with Him opens us to new vistas for human experience.

The Enjoy Books (\$30) are in and so are the Kids Stuff Books (\$25). Candy bars are also available for \$2.00 this year. **Your love of chocolates does support our St. Agnes School. Thanks for your support.**

MEN'S RETREAT

A group of men from Holy Trinity will be attending a men's retreat at St. Paul Seminary, South Side, on September 26-28. Men from Holy Trinity and St. Agnes, why not join us for this spiritual time together. For more information call John Hostovich at 412-466-7447.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 50/50 AUGUST RAFFLE

The winner for this last monthly raffle of the year for St. Vincent DePaul is Ed Palo. The proceeds from the raffle will support the needy of the West Mifflin/Duquesne area. Our heartfelt thanks to our participants and especially to Father Grosko for permitting the raffle to be held this summer.

A Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day thirteen years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, comfort all who mourn, embrace all those in sorrow, give courage to all who suffer. Continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, who vindicates all injustice, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Restore tranquility to all nations and less the work of Your creation.

Heavenly Father, answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ, Your Son. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish will be holding a Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, Sept. 20th from 9am to 3pm. Tables are \$15. Flu shots will also be available. Call 412-461-1054 for more information.



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 Gamba, 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,
Lois Mohrbach, 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

\$3,681 Offering for August 31*

\$ 120 Parish Share for August 31

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 13,039

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

\$1,944 Offering for August 31

\$ 40 Parish Share for August 31

PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 11,413

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