

# 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-SEPT 14TH-EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00a - **George Lesko** (Wife, Joan, & Family)  
 11:00a - **Anne & Paul Eckley** (Joann & Fred Smith)

#### MONDAY - SEPT 15TH - OUR LADY OF SORROWS (8:00a & 7:00p Masses at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - SEPT 16TH - STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN 6:45a - **Robert Kosko, Sr.** (Fred & Joann Smith)

#### WED-SEPT 17TH - WEEKDAY (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - SEPT 18TH - WEEKDAY 6:45a - **Clara Riley** (Ladies of Charity)

#### FRI -SEPT 19TH - WEEKDAY 8:15a - **Sister Cyrilla** (Sisters at St. Agnes)

#### SAT - SEPT 20TH - ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN- SEPT 21ST-25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Father) 11:00a - **Honor of Nettie Conley Birthday** (Conley Family)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN-SEPT 14TH-EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

4:00p(Sat)-**Living & Dec'd Mbrs. Slovak Catholic Sokal #295**  
 9:30a - **Eleanor Rusnak** (Sisters)

#### MONDAY - SEPT 15TH - OUR LADY OF SORROWS 8:00a - **Mary Pastrick** (Lauren & Ken Rice) 7:00p - **Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Sorrows**

#### TUES - SEPT 16TH - STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED-SEPT 17H - WEEKDAY 8:00a - **Betty Tucak** (Mary Sabol)

#### THUR - SEPT 18TH - WEEKDAY (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRI - SEPT 19TH - WEEKDAY (8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### SAT-SEPT 20TH-ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GON 8:00a - **Barbara Dudas** (Rose & Mike Fox)

#### SUN - SEPT 14TH-25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00p - (Sat)-**Bridget Midla** (Florence Husfelt) 9:30a - **Nick Miteff** (Parish)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Saint Agnes Website..... [www.stagneswm.com](http://www.stagneswm.com)  
 Holy Trinity Website.....[www.holytrinitywm.com](http://www.holytrinitywm.com)  
 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... [h.trinity@verizon.net](mailto: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:** 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**

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



**First Reading:** Numbers 21:4b–9. Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 78:1–2, 34–34, 36–37, 38. Do not forget the works of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6–11. Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.

**Gospel Reading:** John 3:13–17. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

### Reflecting on God's Word

"Tell me, what is it that you plan to do with your life?" It's a good question, but also a haunting one that makes us so edgy and anxious that we wonder if our life is real at all. It's the sort of question we'd sometimes rather not even hear, much less attempt to answer.

So what is it that you plan to do with your life? We say we're going to get married and raise a family. Or we're going to get a job that pays well. Or we're going to play professional baseball or football or some such thing when we grow up. Or we're going to retire and enjoy life. So what is it that you plan to do with your life? There is only one life, after all, one to spend lavishly or cautiously, one to treasure or squander or hoard, one to laugh with or cry with or maybe just sit in a daze with for sixty or seventy or eighty years. The trouble is, or perhaps more honestly the sadness is, that few of us ever answer that gentle but probing question, because we don't know.

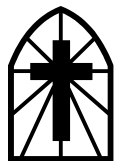
What God did was to give away what was most precious, God's only Son, so that we might find life. And what Jesus did was to empty himself, so that God could fill him with life and exalt him. It seems that while you and I are preoccupied with finding meaning by filling our lives, the divine instinct is to empty life so that meaning might find us.

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

- 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)  
Sun, Oct. 12th.....**Sacrament of Confirmation** (8:00am Mass, St. Agnes)  
Sat, Nov. 8th.....**Vera Bradley Bingo** (1:00pm, St. Agnes Hall, \$20 tickets available soon.)

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY**...to the family and friends of **Dorothy Petrak, of St. Agnes**,  
who died this past week.

*May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased  
and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*



Flowers at Holy Trinity  
In Memory of **Eleanor Rusnak**  
By Sisters



**The Holy Trinity Avenue of Flags** will be lowered on **Tuesday, September 16th**. Volunteers are needed to help take down the flags beginning at 9:00 am. *Please lend your help for a few hours in honor of our veterans and active military men and women and their sacrifices to keep us all safe.*



**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.

### ***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.**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

This is our year for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Information has already been e-mailed to those whom we are aware of in 8-9th grade. If you or your teen has not received that mailing from August, please contact Sister Janelle at [janelle81@verizon.net](mailto:janelle81@verizon.net). The first forms need to be returned by October 1st and the Rite of Intention will be celebrated on October 12th during the 8:00am Mass at St. Agnes. Also, **special classes will be made available for the adults or others who have not been confirmed.** It is an important Sacrament of the Church and all of us need to be Confirmed. **Please contact Father Grosko if you intend and need to receive this Sacrament or seek further information in regard to this matter.**

### **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. And daily we need to keep in our daily prayers for the many Christians and Catholics who have been uprooted from their homeland.

### **Presenting Kechera, the Award Winning Folk Ensemble of Jakubany, Slovakia On Their First American Tour**



**One Pittsburgh Area Performance  
Sunday, September 21, 2014  
Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural Center  
915 Dickson Street  
Munhall, PA**

**Admission \$12. Party and Vendors After Performance  
Contact Information: Maryann Sivak, [masivak@aol.com](mailto:masivak@aol.com), 412-251-3083.  
Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural Center, 412-567-3077.**

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. An excellent opportunity for spiritual renewal.

### **OFFETORY COLLECTIONS**

Prayerfully grateful for the many who are so supportive and faithful in their offerings and in particular, for the many who have given "make-up" envelopes for the many Sundays that they may have been away. Also, I need to express thanks for those who monthly, through the mail, send their offerings in helping our finances.

***Communicate Love,  
Not Anger....!!!***



Difficult people can potentially incite a hot of frustrations and angry feelings within us. God provides us with many emotions – among them anger. We have a right to our anger as long as we express it healthfully, honestly and appropriately. During conflict, our tendency is to either shut down or explode. When we reduce interactions, incorrect assumptions occur. If we scream and attack one another anger builds. Aggression, hostility and blame are destructive forces. While troubling events may upset us, they do not control us. **We have choices.** By inviting grace to act as the buffer in difficult communications, we choose a “response – able” alternative. We choose an authentic, honest direct style of communicating love not anger.

**Ways to:** Keep an open mind... Take control of your attitude... No blame... Ask for what you need... Allow yourself to be wrong... Stick to the agenda.. Offer another solution... Model the behavior you seek... Eliminate opinion; state facts... Express authentic emotions... Be honest... Forgive... Collaborate lovingly.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4210  
NIGHT AT THE RACES  
SATURDAY, OCT. 11**

The Duquesne/West Mifflin Knights of Columbus is holding a Night at the Races on Saturday, October 11, in Holy Trinity Social Hall. Tickets are \$5 each, horses are \$5 each and you get to name your own horse. If your horse wins you have a chance to win \$25. Admission includes a light buffet and beverages. The event is BYOB. For more information and to purchase tickets call David Palcsey, Jr. at 412-672-6222 or John Hostovich at 412-466-7447.



***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,  
Mario DeLuca, Patricia DeLuca, Florence Dugan,  
Irene Fontanese, Steve Grochalski, Mary Kosko,  
Dorothy Kostovny, Lois Mohrbach,  
Marguerite Oeler, Laura Pasternak, Loretta Sabol,  
Brian Saunders, Jim Schragl, Diana & Allen 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**

**\$ 4,244 Offering for Sept. 7\*  
\$ 1,085 Parish Share for Sept. 7**

**PSP Assessment-2014.....\$ 23,790  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 14,124  
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**

**\$2,366 Offering for Sept. 7  
\$1,167 Parish Share for Sept. 7**

**PSP Assessment-2014 .....\$ 24,618  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 12,580**

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