

# 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-OCT 12TH - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - Rite of Initiation Mass Confirmation  
 11:00a - Leo & Susanne Snyder (Family)

#### MONDAY - OCT 13TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### TUES - OCT 14TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - John Barbara Joyce (Rose Spirnak & Family)

#### WED - OCT 15TH - ST. TERESA OF JESUS

*(No Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### THUR - OCT 16TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - Rose Kollar (Anthony & Barb Salopek)

#### FRI - OCT 17TH - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

8:15a - James R. Abels (Edward Fink Family)

#### SAT - OCT 18TH - ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

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

#### SUN- OCT 19TH -29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - Rose Biagiarelli (Children)  
 11:00a - Roy W. Cochrane (Wife & Children)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN-OCT 12TH-28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - Michael Potemra (Len Potemra)  
 9:30a - Andy Pollack (Bob & Evelyn Kallenborn)

#### MONDAY - OCT 13TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - John Butsko, Jr. (Family)

#### TUES - OCT 14TH - WEEKDAY

*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### WED-OCT 15TH -ST. TERESA OF JESUS

*No Mass*

#### THUR - OCT 16TH - WEEKDAY

*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### FRI - OCT 17TH - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

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

#### SAT - OCT 18TH - ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

8:00a - Health of Fr. Grosko (Maureen Kollar)

#### SUN - OCT 19TH-29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - Robert Kosko, Sr. (Dennis & Sharon Kosko)  
 9:30a - Bridget Midla (Helen Dudas)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administrative Office and Rectory.....412-466-6545  
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 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 – First & Third Mondays  
 7:30 PM, ST. AGNES CHURCH**

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

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 25:6-10a*. The Lord will provide richly for his people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 23:1-6*. The Lord is our shepherd.

**Second Reading:** *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*. Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 22:1-14* (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10). Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

### Reflecting on God's Word

As Catholics we are invited to "come to the feast" at significant moments in our lives. Baptisms, First Communions, marriages, ordinations, and funeral rites are all commonly celebrated within the feast of the Eucharist. The clothes we wear—from the baptismal garment to the funeral pall, from fancy wedding garb to simple white albs—reflect our baptismal commitment to be faithful to Christ until we come to the eternal heavenly feast that our Eucharistic celebrations anticipate. All are invited to come to the feast. All are invited to dress in the garment of Christ. Not all respond to the invitation.

It has often been asked what would happen if, some Sunday morning, praying as we always do for Christ to come again, Christ actually did return. Would we come to his feast? Would we prefer our small private gathering to the huge mass of people we don't really want to know? Would we be found wearing the garment of faithfulness we were given in baptism? Where would we be "on that day"?



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

- Sun, Oct. 19th.....**HT Men's Club Stuffed Cabbage Dinner** (noon-5:00pm, HT Social Hall)  
Sat, Oct. 25th.....**St. Agnes Basketball Night at the Races**  
Sat, Oct. 25th.....**HT Men's Club Ceregi Sale** (\$7/doz. Limit 2 doz. p/p. Starts 2:00pm)  
Wed, Nov. 5th.....**HT Men's Club Meadows Casino Trip**  
Sat, Nov. 8th.....**Vera Bradley Bingo** (1:00pm, St. Agnes Hall, \$20 tickets)

**Attention! October Count is Here**.....Each October throughout the Diocese, a count is taken at each and every Mass celebrated for the Sunday Obligation. Many churches, as you well know, have been closed due to lack of participation. We surely don't want that to happen at St. Agnes or Holy Trinity. Please make a strong effort to attend Mass at ST. AGNES and HOLY TRINITY during the month of October. It is very important that we show good attendance!

### ST. AGNES BASKETBALL NIGHT AT THE RACES SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Join in the fun on Saturday, October 25th at the St. Agnes Basketball Team Night at the Races. Horses are available for \$10 after Mass or call Sister Cynthia at school (412-466-6238).



**The Holy Trinity Men's Club** is sponsoring a trip to the **Meadows Casino on Wednesday, Nov. 5th**. Bus will leave the church hall at **8:30am** and depart the casino at 4:00pm. Coffee and pastries beginning at 7:00am. Cost is \$25 p/p. Deadline is Oct. 27. Call George at 412-466-5062 for reservations. Bonus \$20 free slot play and \$5 food. Everyone welcome!

### *Respect for Life Reflection of Blessed Mother Teresa*

On **October 19, 2003**, Mother Teresa was declared, "Blessed" by our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II in a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Peter Basilica. **This beautiful and holy woman speaks to our age**, more than ever in her following comments and particularly, in this month of October, "**Respect for Life**".

*Life is an opportunity; benefit from it. Life is beauty; admire it. Life is bliss; taste it.  
Life is a dream; realize it. Life is a challenge; meet it. Life is a duty; complete it.  
Life is a game; play it. Life is a promise; fulfill it. Life is sorrow; overcome it.  
Life is a song; sing it. Life is a struggle; accept it. Life is a tragedy; confront it.  
Life is an adventure; dare it. Life is too precious; do not destroy it. Life is life; fight for it.*

TIME TO PRAY

I got up early one morning  
 And rushed right into the day;  
 I had so much to accomplish  
 That I didn't take time to pray.  
 Problems just tumbled about me,  
 And heavier came each task,  
 "Why doesn't God help me,"  
 I wondered.  
 He answered, "You didn't ask."  
 I wanted to see joy and beauty  
 But the day toiled on, gray and black,  
 I wondered why God didn't show me,  
 He said, "But you didn't seek."  
 I tried to come into God's presence;  
 I used all my keys at the lock.  
 God gently and lovingly chided,  
 My child, you didn't knock."  
 I woke up early this morning  
 And paused before entering the day.  
 I had so much to accomplish  
 That I had to take time to pray.

**What I Want My Church to Be!**

*My church is composed of people like me.  
 I help make it what it is.  
 It will be friendly, if I am.  
 Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
 It will do great work, if I work.  
 It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a  
 generous giver.  
 It will bring other people into its worship and  
 fellowship, if I invite and bring them.  
 It will be a church of loyalty and love,  
 of fearlessness and faith,  
 and a church with a noble spirit, if I,  
 who make it what it is,  
 am filled with these same things.  
 Therefore, with the help of God,  
 I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the  
 things that I want my church to be.*

**SERRA HIGH SCHOOL STOCKING STUFFER \$10,000 RAFFLE**

Again, Serra High School will have an annual raffle in which winners will be selected from the 27th of December to the 30th of December according to the four-digit evening lottery numbers of those days. **On the evening of the 30th of December, the winner will receive \$10,000. The donation for the ticket is \$10 of which \$5 is given to St. Agnes School.** Your support is most appreciated and will be a blessing and benefit for St. Agnes School. **The raffle tickets are available after the weekend Masses in the St. Agnes Social Hall. —Or the tickets may be purchased through St. Agnes School Office or the office at Holy Trinity.**

**Father Grosko's Sister, Ann Pavlan,**  
 has relocated to be near family in Raleigh, NC.

Her new address is: **Brighton Gardens, Room 255,  
 3101 Duraleigh Rd., Raleigh, NC, 27612  
 (919) 758-8098**

Heartfelt Sympathy to the family and friends of  
 Joseph Banko, Father of Sister Janelle,  
 who died this past week.

*May our Heavenly Father embrace all our  
 beloved deceased.*



**VERA BRADLEY BINGO...** Last chance to buy Vera Bradley Bingo tickets for November 8th at St. Agnes Social Hall. There is a limited number of tickets, so get yours now! Tickets are \$20. The doors open at 12 noon. Bingo starts at 1:00pm. Perhaps another way to support our St. Agnes School by your presence.

**HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER**

Join us for a delicious stuffed cabbage dinner on Sunday, **October 19th**, from noon 'til 5:00pm in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. Adults are \$9.00 p/p and children are \$5.00 p/p. Your delicious desserts are needed.

**TAMBELLINI'S Soups, Pastas, Biscotti, Cannoli, Nut Roll, Apricot Roll & Baklava** orders are being taken up to Oct. 26th. Pick-up is Nov. 13th. See Sister Cynthia in the Social Hall or call the school.

**SARRIS CHRISTMAS CANDY ORDERS...** forms are on the table in the vestibule of St. Agnes Church. Orders are due to school on Nov., 17th. Pick-up will be Dec. 8th.

**HOAGIE ORDERS...** are being taken for Oct. 15th pick-up. To place orders see Sister Cynthia after Mass. Hoagies will be sold after the Masses at Holy Trinity and St. Agnes on Oct. 18th and 19th.

## POPE FRANCIS TOP 10 TIPS FOR BRINGING GRATER JOY TO ONE'S LIFE:

1. ***“Live and let live.”*** Everyone should be guided by this principle.
2. ***“Be giving of yourself to others.”*** People need to be generous toward others, because if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid.
3. ***“Proceed calmly”*** in life. The pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel, in which the protagonist looks back on how he lived his life. “He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool of water.” He likes this latter image of a pool of water -- to have the ability to move with kindness and humility, calmness in life.
4. ***“A healthy sense of leisure.”*** The pleasures of art, literature and playing together with children has been lost. Consumerism has brought us anxiety and stress, causing people to lose a healthy culture of leisure. Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children. Work schedules make it complicated, but you must do it. Turn off the TV when sitting down to eat.
5. ***“Sundays should be holidays.”*** Workers should have Sundays off because “Sunday is for family.”
6. ***Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.*** We need to be creative with young people. If they have no opportunities they will get into drugs and be more vulnerable to suicide. Dignity is given to you when you can bring food home from one's own labor.
7. ***“Respect and take care of nature.”*** Environmental degradation is one of the biggest challenges we have. I think a question that we're not asking ourselves is: Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature.
8. ***“Stop being negative.”*** Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means, I feel so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down. Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy.
9. ***“Don't proselytize; respect others' beliefs.”*** “We can inspire others through witness so that one grows together in communicating. But the worst thing of all is religious proselytism, which paralyzes.
10. ***“Work for peace.”*** “We are living in a time of many wars. And the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive.

**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**

\$4,547 Offering for Oct. 5\*

\$1,125 Parish Share Oct. 5

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 15,764

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**

\$2,131 Offering for Oct. 5

\$1,269 Parish Share Oct. 5

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

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 14,965

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