

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

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

#### MONDAY - OCT 20TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### TUES - OCT 21ST - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Joe Milko** (Paul & Kay Milko)

#### WED - OCT 22ND - WEEKDAY

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

#### THUR - OCT 23RD - ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

6:45a - **Rudy Saunders** (Earl Family)

#### FRI - OCT 24TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Teresa Schaff** (Ladies of Charity)

#### SAT - OCT 25TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### SUN- OCT 26TH -30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Charles Howell** (Family)  
 11:00a - **Marie C. Belancik** (Children)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

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

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

#### MONDAY - OCT 20TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Joseph Kocheran** (Eleanor Haselhoff)

#### TUES - OCT 21ST - WEEKDAY

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

#### WED-OCT 22ND - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Barbara Dudas** (Daughter)

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

#### FRI - OCT 24TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### SAT - OCT 25TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Marianne Genes** (Family)

#### SUN - OCT 26TH - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Marie C. Belancik 1st Anniv.** (Children)  
 9:30a - **Margaret Gamret** (Virginia Jasek)

### 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 – First & Third Mondays  
 7:30 PM, ST. AGNES CHURCH**

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

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading:** *Isaiah 45:1,4-6.* The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 96:1,3-10.* Sing praise to the Lord.

**Second Reading:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b.* Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 22:15-21.* Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

### Reflecting on God's Word

In a country that has a strong commitment to separation of church and state, it is noteworthy that our money, both bills and coins, is inscribed with the words "In God We Trust." The history of this motto and its relation to our currency goes back to the Civil War. Changing it has never gotten much support. It serves as a helpful reminder about where our true security lies.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees, along with some supporters of the Roman regime called Herodians, get into the act of trying to trap Jesus into taking a stand that would get him in trouble with either the Roman authorities or his own people. But Jesus, as much the fox as Herod was reputed to be, slips out of their net by noting that there can be different loyalties without a loss of priorities.

Jesus calls on them to produce the idolatrous coin that no devout Jew should carry, since it declared Caesar to be a god. Then he advises them to return to the emperor the coin that bears his image but to return to God what bears God's image, that is, themselves, made in the image of God. A new order is revealed when we give God's image back to God by our words and deeds, showing God's image to others. When this happens, the motto "In God We Trust" becomes not merely stamped on paper or branded on copper, but encountered in living flesh.

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

**TODAY, Oct. 19th.....HT Men's Club Stuffed Cabbage Dinner** (noon-5:00pm, HT Social Hall)

**TODAY, Oct. 19th.....Hoagie Sale after all Masses**

**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)

Traditionally during the month of October, Catholics throughout the world are asked to support the missions in a special way on **World Mission Sunday**. This year the collection for World Mission Sunday is scheduled for the Masses of **October 18th and 19th**. Be supportive of the world-wide missions and concerns by your daily prayers of remembrance and, in particular, on Mission Sunday be true stewards for the Missions.

All women of the Pittsburgh Diocese are invited to celebrate Mass with **Most Reverend Bishop David A Zubik, D.D.** at St. Paul Cathedral on Saturday, October 25, at 10:00am for the installation of Diocesan Council of Catholic Women officers. Mass will be followed by lunch and guest speakers Father William Kiel and Sister Marian Senish. Luncheon fee is \$20 and registration is required by sending a check payable to PDCCW to Bernadette Burke, 405 Pearce Road, Pgh.15234. Inquiries: (412) 221-6621 or pghdccw@gmail.com.



### 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).

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

Join us **TODAY** for a delicious stuffed cabbage dinner from noon 'til 5:00pm in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. Adults are \$9.00 p/p and children are \$5.00 p/p. All are welcome for food and fellowship.

**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!





From the Pastor's Desk

**WITH GENTLE LOVE.....!!!**

The universe teaches me with gentle love. The Spirit mentors me with care and accuracy. As I open my heart and my hand to be counseled, I am partnered with Divine Wisdom. It is a great blessing that I do not walk alone. I am not without guidance. In every day, in every moment, there is a source of Divine guidance available to me if I will turn within. Within me I carry God. Within God, I am carried. There is no separation, only the forgetting of union. As I realize, accept, and appreciate my union with divinity, all things unfold for me more clearly. As I accept the grace with my current circumstances, my grace increases and flows forward to prepare my future. My life is a life with abundant blessings. My heart is a home for grace and good. As I cherish the gifts which accompany me now, I see greater gifts, greater love unfolding. As I open my eyes to see and my ears to hear, I find the beauty of life is dazzling. This green planet, the garden returns to grace as I am guided to husband it carefully as I would my child. Graced and protected by higher forces, acutely attuned to higher goods, I protect and shepherd this planet to deepened health. My guidance blesses me and all I touch.....*Julia Cameron — Blessings*

**Attention! October Count is Here!** 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!

**SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS:** If Sunday worship becomes peripheral in the life of an individual or household there is an obvious impact on faith. We need to be reminded that faith needs to be practiced in a tangible way. Faith is not merely a feeling but a discipline. It is a gift from the Lord but like other godly gifts, it requires spiritual attentiveness, development and use. The longer someone stays away from religious practice, especially Sunday worship, the harder it is to initiate it again. Many of our problems are related to a lack of faith and confusion about where God is when problems occur. I encourage every person and every household to keep Sunday worship a priority.

**PASTORAL IMPLICATIONS:** Decreasing Mass attendance (along with fewer priests) will require reorganization of parish life and a reduction of the number of weekend Masses. We may be creating fuller Churches because fewer worshippers require fewer liturgies and fewer worship spaces. **ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEKEND BECAUSE YOU COUNT AND WE COUNT ON YOU!**

**OF CONCERN: AND HOPEFULLY, YOUR CONCERN AND UNDERSTANDING.** In the past few weeks our offertory collections have not been sufficient to cover our steady flow of utility bills, taxes, and various administrative costs. As a result at Holy Trinity it has been necessary to touch the savings account to cover these expenses. At St. Agnes, we were able to demolish the rectory because of an anonymous donor, otherwise the building would still stand. With this kind of imbalance, we need to establish better financial stability for both parishes. An increase in your personal offertory collections would be of great help and keep our communities Alive! So I'm asking both parishes for a personal increase in the offertory collections and, prayerfully, ask that you make the support of both churches a priority by your increased offerings.

**St. Agnes Angel Fund: A United Way Supporting Choice...** Our United Way Contributor Choice Number is **1531914**. Fill out the form with **St. Agnes Angel Fund, 653 St. Agnes Lane, West Mifflin, PA 15122.**

**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.

**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.

**TODAY, HOAGIES** will be sold after the Masses at Holy Trinity and St. Agnes. Why not take home a few for the Monday Night Game and support our school!!

### ***Best Poem in the World***

I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp—  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

"And why is everyone so quiet,  
So somber—give me a clue."  
"Hush, child," He said, "they're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you."

JUDGE NOT!! Remember...Just going to church  
doesn't make you a Christian any more than  
standing in your garage makes you a car.

Every SAINT has a PAST.  
Every SINNER has a FUTURE!



### **SERRA HIGH SCHOOL \$10,000 RAFFLE**

Again, Serra High School will have an annual raffle. 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. Otherwise, \$1,000 will be given on the 27th and continuing to the evening of the 30th. The donation for the ticket is \$10 of which \$5 is given to St. Agnes School. Tickets are available after the weekend Masses in the St. Agnes Social Hall, or may be purchased through St. Agnes School Office or the Office at Holy Trinity.**

**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**

\$3,373 Offering for Oct. 12\*

\$ 186 Parish Share Oct. 12

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 15,950

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**

\$1,544 Offering for Oct. 12

\$ 203 Parish Share Oct. 12

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

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 15,168

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