

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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Administrative Office and Rectory
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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.

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 - NOV 2ND - ALL SOULS DAY

8:00a - Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes
 11:00a - Joseph Munda (Family)
 7:00p - Prayer Service of Remembrance

MONDAY - NOV 3RD - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - NOV 4TH - ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

6:45a- Joseph Banko (Dave Regina)

WED - NOV 5TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - NOV 6TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - Pauline Minarik (Fran Perichak)

FRI - NOV 7TH - FIRST FRIDAY

8:15a - Sister Edward (Sisters at St. Agnes)

SAT - NOV 8TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN- NOV 9TH -DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

8:00a - Catherine Costello (Bernie & Cathy Kelly)
 11:00a - Daniel Onofrey (Wife & Family)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN-NOV 2ND - ALL SOULS DAY

4:00p - (Sat) - Joseph Svirbel (Children)
 9:30a - Maureen Sersen (Andy & Marcie Muha)

MONDAY - NOV 3RD - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Barbara Dudas (Bernice Suhozu)

TUES - NOV 4TH - ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED-NOV 5TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Magdaline Melnichak (Regina Sabol)

THUR - NOV 6TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - NOV 7TH - FIRST FRIDAY

8:00a - Mary Pastrick (Ron & Pat Funk & Family)

SAT - NOV 8TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Helen Mullen (Robert & Mark Gasperini)

SUN - NOV 9TH - DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

4:00p - (Sat) - Marie Cmar (Paul Cmar & Family)
 9:30a - Dec'd. Mbrs. Knights of Columbus #4210

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**

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

First Reading: *Wisdom 3:1-9. The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

Second Reading: *Romans 5:5-11. Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts.*

Gospel: *This is the will of the Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes may have eternal life.*

Reflecting on God's Word

Tom stood staring at the letters R.I.P. on his grandfather's gravestone. "Rest in peace, Grampa." He wanted nothing more for this beleaguered old man. Grampa had seen so much hardship and was always good to Tom. But would he rest in peace? His love for the bottle was well known. No one had ever seen him in church. Tom just couldn't shake his fears about the fate of his grandfather's immortal soul.

Today's feast gathers up all our hopes and fears about the eternal destiny of our loved ones. We may hope that their faith and love will be rewarded. We may be relieved that their suffering is over, or afraid they did not merit heaven. For all these reasons we pray: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

TODAY, Sun, Nov. 2nd... St. Agnes Donut Social (following 8 & 11am Masses, Social Hall)

TODAY, Sun, Nov. 2nd....St. Agnes Prayer Service of Remembrance (7:00pm)

Wed, Nov. 5th.....HT Men's Club Meadows Casino Trip

Thurs, Nov. 6th.....St. Agnes & Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Mtg. (6:30pm HT Social Hall)

Sat, Nov. 8th.....St. Agnes & Holy Trinity Eucharistic Ministers Mtg. (11:00am, HT Social Hall)

Sun, Nov. 23rd.....Feast of Christ the King

Sun, Nov. 30th.....First Sunday of Advent Lessons in Carols (4:00pm, Holy Trinity)

Thurs, Dec. 25th.....Christmas

First Friday, November 7th—As the Church continues to celebrate the mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, it calls always for a deeper understanding of Christ's gift to us and so let us make every effort and, if we can, to attend the daily celebration of Christ's presence at Holy Trinity and St. Agnes faith communities. At Holy Trinity, Mass is at **8:00 a.m.** on **Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.** At St. Agnes, Mass is at **6:45 a.m.** on **Tuesday and Thursday.** Also, we heartily recommend your presence the **First Friday of each month at Holy Trinity for the Holy Hour—reflections, prayers, and the closing Solemn Benediction—that will follow the scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.**

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Knights of Columbus Council 4210 will be selling the cards. These cards are all about keeping Christ in Christmas. **The Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) cards** will be sold throughout November in the vestibule after weekend Masses. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will benefit K of C charitable works. The selection is wide, and the quality is high. For more information, please stop by the table or contact Deputy Grand Knight, Tim Richards, at timmy1825@aol.com or 412-896-3290. **Let us keep Christ in Christmas and not Xmas him out.**

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. Call George at 412-466-5062 for reservations. Bonus \$20 free slot play and \$5 food. Everyone welcome!



ST. AGNES PRAYER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:00pm

St. Agnes will hold a Prayer Service at 7:00pm for the families who have lost a loved one buried from St. Agnes from November 1, 2013 to the present. All are welcome to attend.

It has also been a tradition to place candles on the graves of our cemetery for All Souls Day. In the past families were required to purchase candles and place them on the graves of their loved ones. In the last several years we no longer ask families to purchase them. We place candles on EVERY grave. That is close to 700 candles. **We invite our parishioners who are able to walk through the cemetery to come around 6:00pm THIS EVENING, to place the candles on the graves and light them.** If you are not able to help then we invite you to stop by the cemetery anytime after dark and view the beautiful site! We are sure many of you are not aware of this beautiful custom. Let us remember to pray for our deceased parishioners!



The "*Book of Remembrance*" is on display in the **back of the church**. You may write a name/ names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered during the month of November.

Also, enclosed in your envelope packet is a **special envelope of remembrance** to be placed on the altar during November Masses. *Please list the names of your beloved deceased on the back of the special envelope and place it in the offertory basket or mail.* Your beloved deceased will be remembered throughout the month.

COMFORTING A GRIEVING FRIEND

If you struggle with how to help someone who's coping with the death of a loved one, you aren't alone. There's good information available to help those who are grieving, as well as their supporters, and we must realize that people cope with the loss of a loved one in many ways and in progressive stages: They are (1) shock and numbness, (2) yearning and searching, (3) disorganization and despair and (4) moving forward.

- * Express sympathy, but don't tell someone how to feel. Just be there and listen.
- * Be patient. Grieving a significant loss takes time. There is no timetable for recovery.
- * Understand that everyone's grief is unique. What is comforting to one may be upsetting to another.
- * Help find resources and support. Emotional support and financial and legal advice are available.
- * Be sensitive around special dates such as birthdays, holidays and anniversaries.
- * Let them share their feelings and cry with you. Be a safe and nonjudgmental place for them to go to.
- * Offer practical help. Prepare a meal, run errands, or offer to drive them to appointments.
- * Keep the support coming. Don't stop after the funeral. This is the time you will be needed the most.
- * Allow them to reminisce. Wonderful memories are healing.
- * Pray for them. You can never pray too much for someone who is going through the never-ending grieving process. The second year can be harder than the first.



ST. VINCENT COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

High school juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, November 8th. Registration and breakfast buffet is at 8:30am. The program will conclude at noon. The presentation will include an introduction to St. Vincent College and a student panel. Find out more about the top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, email admissions@stvincent.edu or register online at www.stvincent.edu.

ALL SOULS NOVENA

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth. Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.

I pray for the dead, especially for (Name).
May those who have been dear to me in life find a place with You in heaven.

Lord those who die still live in Your presence; their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ Who died and now lives may they rejoice in Your kingdom where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again as one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, Nov., 6th, at 6:30pm** in **Holy Trinity Social Hall**.

Joint Eucharistic Ministers Meeting will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 11:00am** in **Holy Trinity Social Hall**. As there is a great need of Eucharistic ministers at both parishes, I will be seeking volunteers or asking parishioners to offer their service in this special ministry of distributing the body and blood of Christ to our parishioners. **Both current and newly recruited Eucharistic ministers should attend.**

SARRIS CHRISTMAS CANDY ORDERS... forms are on the table in the vestibule of St. Agnes Church. Orders are due to school on Nov., 17th.



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, Ann Sabo, 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

\$3,467 Offering for Oct. 26*

\$ 65 Parish Share Oct. 26

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 16,130

Monthly School Subsidy\$ 6,167

*includes monies for all purposes such as Angel Fund, candles,
diocesan collections, hall rental, funerals, etc.

~ REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH ~
AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

HOLY TRINITY

\$1,693 Offering for Oct. 26

\$ 125 Parish Share Oct. 26

PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 15,358

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