

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.

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 9TH-DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

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

MONDAY - NOV 10TH - ST. LEO THE GREAT

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - NOV 11TH - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

6:45a - **St. Michael's Catholic War Veterans Post #1423**

WED - NOV 12TH - ST. JOSEPH

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - NOV 13TH - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

6:45a - **Robert Kosko, Sr.** (Tom & Barb Kostovny)

FRI - NOV 14TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Joseph Banko** (Mr. & Mrs. Ron Denisi)

SAT - NOV 15TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN- NOV 16TH -33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Ladies of Charity)
 11:00a - **Sabo & Kukta Families** (Loretta & Joe Sabol)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN-NOV 9TH -DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

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

MONDAY - NOV 10TH - ST. LEO THE GREAT

8:00a - **St. Michael's Catholic War Veterans Post #1423**

TUES - NOV 11TH - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED-NOV 12TH - ST. JOSEPH

8:00a - **Poor Souls of the Parish**

THUR - NOV 13TH - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - NOV 14TH - WEEKDAY

(8:15 Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - NOV 15TH - WEEKDAY

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

SUN -NOV 16TH - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Maureen Sersen** (John & Valerie Belback)
 9:30a - **Living & Deceased Members of Jednota #580**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Holy Trinity Website.....www.holytrinitywm.com
 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... 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**

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

First Reading: *Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12.* I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9.* God is our refuge and our strength.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:9-13,16-17.* You are the temple of God.

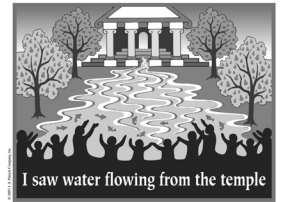
Gospel Reading: *John 2:13-22.* He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Reflecting on God's Word

We are not all we would like to be. We know that only too well. The seven capital sins are not just fantasies. We readily embody them: anger and pride and greed and lust and gluttony and envy and laziness. Our spirits bear the mark of Cain.

It's also true that we often want others to be what we ourselves cannot be, and so we look to the Church, except that the Church is us, and if we are sinful, so too is the Church. Our history as a community of believers says it all too clearly. We waged war with the Crusades. We reveled in the power of ruling over civil states. We became intolerant during the Inquisition. We were a storehouse of wealth. And most recently we were too proud to admit the sexual abuses taking place in our midst.

If we are the dwelling place of God, a temple made of living stones, then we are also in need of being swept clean just as Jesus once cleansed the temple in his day. We come to recognize that need. The good news is that the Church is being swept clean, in every age, because sin slips through in every age. And so the Church, that living temple, is constantly being made new, painful as it may be. It would be wonderful if the Church were all that the gospel professes. The fact that it is not may be disappointing, but God's reign has not yet arrived—at least not fully. In the meantime, the Lord Jesus continues to cleanse us and renew us. And the marvel is that the river that flows from that temple of living stones is still bringing life to all it touches—in spite of our sinfulness.



~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Wed, Nov. 12th**Holy Trinity St. Agnes Finance Committees Mtg.** (6:30pm HT Social Hall)

Wed, Nov. 12th**Holy Trinity St. Agnes Pastoral Councils Mtg.** (7:00pm, HT Social Hall)

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

Sun, Nov. 23rd.....**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

Thurs, Nov. 27th.....**Thanksgiving** (Mass at Holy Trinity, 8:00am; Mass at St. Agnes at 9:30am)

Thurs, Dec. 4th.....**St. Agnes Seniors Christmas Party, Skyvue** (Call Ed Ferchak, 412-462-0904, for resrv.)

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

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

The "**Book of Remembrance**" is on display in **both churches**. 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.** Your beloved deceased will be remembered throughout the month.



Masses will be said for the poor souls of Holy Trinity and St. Agnes Churches throughout November:

Holy Trinity: November 17, 22, 24 and 28. At St. Agnes: November 18, 25, and 30. Please check **Mass Intentions on the first page of the bulletin for times.**

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.**

Attendance at All Sunday Masses Tabulated in October

In all parishes of our Diocese during the month of October, we count the number of individuals who attend our weekend Masses to see what percentage are coming to Church. The count made by our ushers shows the following average attendance at each of our Masses taken over the weekends in October. The average weekly attendance at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity combined is 491. The percentage of parishioners attending weekend Masses during October for both parishes combined is 62%. The percentage would be lower if visiting parishioners were not counted.

This means that 38% of our parishioners are not attending Mass regularly. Please invite them to come with you to Mass. And in particular, we ask parents to bring their families and give a sterling example for our children. There is more than sufficient room for more people to be present at our weekend Masses at both parishes. *Wouldn't it be great if all our Eucharistic celebrations were filled to capacity and everyone would be filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus? YOUR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED.*



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive

Canned goods and dry goods will be collected during the entire month of November.

Please bring your items to church at your convenience and place in the boxes in the back of both churches. The St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciates your efforts to help your neighbors at this time of sharing and Thanksgiving. The offertory collection on Thanksgiving will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help families in need. WE cannot do this without YOUR help. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The SVdP will keep you in our prayers of thanksgiving.

— THE SANCTUARY LIGHT —

will burn this week in loving and prayerful memory of all members of the military and their families.



Weekly, the Sanctuary Light is available for your personal remembrances or other intentions. Please place your request in the offertory collection, mailing or call the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST



What is the meaning of transubstantiation? Transubstantiation means the change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the Body of Christ and the whole substance of wine into the substance of His Blood. This change is brought about in the Eucharistic prayer through the effectiveness of the word of Christ and by the action of the Holy Spirit. However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, that is, the “Eucharistic species,” remain unaltered.

We need to become a more Eucharistic parish ever deepening our awareness and faith of Christ's presence in our daily lives by attending, as often as we can, the Eucharistic Celebration during the week and, that is, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 8:00am at Holy Trinity and Tuesday and Thursday at 6:45am and Friday at 8:15am at St. Agnes. And on Sundays hopefully we can fill our pews by your presence.

PLEASE LET US KNOW... We are currently compiling a list of parishioners who are shut-ins or in nursing homes and assisted living facilities and would like a visit during Christmas season.

If you know someone who would like a visit or just a Christmas greeting card, please call the Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Office at 412-466-6545. A list will appear in a future bulletin. Why not take the time to let our elderly, sick, or home-bound parishioners know of our loving concern.



CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE for prospective students and their families will be held on Sunday, November 16, from 12noon until 2:30pm. All are welcome to tour the campus and speak with current students, parents, teachers and coaches. Also, the Placement Test for 8th grade boys, who wish to attend in the fall of 2015, will be administered on December 13th. To register for the test contact the Admissions Office at 412-621-7505 with any questions or visit www.centralcatholicshs.com.



Dear Jesus,

Thank You Profoundly For Our Brave American
Heroes As We Honor Them This Veterans Day.

Give us All A Fresh and Renewed Spirit of Love For
Them and For Our Nation.

Open Our Eyes to The Sacrifices They Have Made
To keep us Free to Worship You in Peace.

Thank You For Our Beautiful Land, a Land of
Abundance and Freedom, and a Beacon of Liberty.

Thank You For Our Veterans and Active Duty
Heroes Who Put Their Lives on the Line To Keep It
That Way. Help us now to Retain that Blessing by
honoring Your Gifts to us, In Jesus Name.

Amen

**The Finance Committees of Holy Trinity and
St. Agnes will meet on Wednesday, November 12th
at 6:30pm in the Holy Trinity Social Hall.**

A Joint Pastoral Council meeting will be held
immediately following at 7:00pm Please make every
effort to attend these important meetings.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Parents are like the shepherd for
they don't give up and can't rest if one
of their children has wandered away.

A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the
unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father.
A parent is a window to the Divine.

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 RAFFLE

Again, Serra High School will have an
annual raffle. Winners will be selected from
the 27th of December to the 30th of December ac-
cording to the four-digit evening lottery numbers of
those days. **On the evening of the 30th of Decem-
ber, 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, Cpl.

son of Ron & Mary Ann Winter

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES

\$6,189 Offering for Nov. 2*

\$1,145 Parish Share Nov. 2

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 17,275

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

\$2,353 Offering for Nov. 2

\$1,106 Parish Share Nov. 2

PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 16,464

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