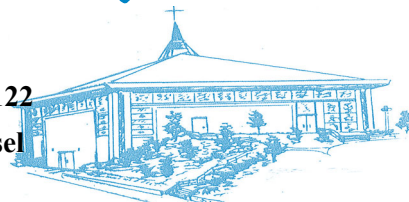


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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

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

#### MONDAY-NOV 17TH - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

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

#### TUES - NOV 18TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Poor Souls Mass for Parishioners**

#### WED - NOV 19TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### THUR - NOV 20TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Rita & Roger Jennings)

#### FRI - NOV 21ST PRSNT. OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15a - **Mary Elizabeth Hudick** (Dotty Micko Richie)

#### SAT - NOV 22ND - ST. CECILIA

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

#### SUN- NOV 23RD - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8:00a - **Catherine Costello** (Bernie & Cathy Kelly)  
 11:00a - **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Deroy** (Tom & Patty Klocko)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

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

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

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8:00a - **Poor Souls Mass for Parishioners**

#### TUES - NOV 18TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### WED - NOV 19TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Elizabeth Dichura** (Family)

#### THUR - NOV 20TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### FRI - NOV 21ST - PRSNT. OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

#### SAT - NOV 22ND - ST. CECILIA

8:00a - **Poor Souls Mass for Parishioners**

#### SUN -NOV 23RD - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

4:00p - (Sat) - **Jane Knol** (Jozefov Family)  
 9:30a - **Bridget Midla** (Mary Elizabeth Polatas)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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**



### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31.* The virtues of a good wife are extolled.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.* Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.  
**Second Reading:** *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.* Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 25:14-30.* Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

#### Reflecting on God's Word

The Letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent. Therefore, to devote time or attention to anything else was foolish. As time progressed, this fervor receded a bit.

Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart. What should we do when we hear that the day of the Lord will come upon us "like a thief at night"? (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean we are to stop our long-range goal setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

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

- Wed, Nov 19th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting** (7pm, Holy Trinity 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)
- Sun, Nov. 30th.....**First Sunday of Advent Lessons in Carols** (4:00pm, Holy Trinity)
- Wed, Dec 3rd.....**Day of Recollection** (10:00am, Holy Trinity Church)
- Thurs, Dec. 4th.....**St. Agnes Seniors Christmas Party, Skyvue** (Call Ed Ferchak, 412-462-0904, for resrv.)
- Sat, Dec. 6th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Christmas Party** (5-9pm Social Hall, RSVP by Nov. 30th to George Miteff (412-466-5062)
- Mon, Dec. 8th.....**Solemn Feast of Immaculate Conception**
- Wed, Dec. 10th.....**The Light is Still On for You Confession** (Holy Trinity 6-7pm, St. Agnes 7-9pm)
- Thurs, Dec. 25th.....**Birth of our Lord (Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Agnes)**

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.*



**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 the cards will benefit K of C charitable works. Questions? Contact Tim Richards, at [timmy1825@aol.com](mailto:timmy1825@aol.com) or call 412-896-3290. **Let us keep Christ in Christmas and not Xmas him out.**



### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS — SPECIAL Collection Next Weekend**

This **annual collection** will be taken up at *all* the Masses on the weekend of **November 22nd and 23rd**. This **second collection** will be held at *both* parishes during the Masses.

As we look on the history of the St. Agnes Parish and School, with the wonderful education and administration given by the *Sisters of the Holy Spirit* of our Diocese, it surely beckons us to **respond to this annual appeal for the retired sisters** by being most **generous** and expressing our prayerful gratitude in their *continued, dedicated and wonderful reflection of their commitment to Catholic Education*.

*Also, your Retirement offering can be given directly to the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and in marking your envelope accordingly. The check needs to be made payable to the “Sisters of the Holy Spirit.” Your understanding financial support for our beloved Religious and in particular for our Sisters is prayerfully appreciated.*



### **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 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.*

### **ANGEL TREE to BENEFIT SISTERS PLACE**

Our **Angel Tree** is in place in St. Agnes church until **December 7th**. The gifts will be taken to **Sisters Place** in Clairton. **Sisters Place** is a supportive housing community committed to assisting single parent families who are homeless. **The mission is to assist families toward self-sufficiency by providing housing and supportive services**. Nine housing units will be occupied soon with new residents **in need of the household items** requested for the tree. Gift cards to Giant Eagle or Wal-Mart are also much appreciated. *Heartfelt thanks to Peg Smith and Joyce Collier for this beautiful ministry in preparing the tree.*



### **21st ANNUAL SLOVAK VILIJA & JASLICKARI PROGRAM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014**

*Featuring Entertainment by the Pittsburgh Slovaks*

**PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH CENTER**

**81 So. 13th Street, South Side - Handicap Accessible - Ample Parking on Site**

Donation \$24 Adults/ \$12 for Children under 12 (Group Discounts Available)

**BY RESERVATION ONLY: 412-481-8380**

*Tickets will NOT be sold at the door*



### ***Day of Recollection, Wednesday, December 3rd***

**Father Edward Litavec**, *our beloved and well-known preacher*, will give a Day of Recollection for the parishes of **St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**. His theme for the “Day” will be **“Advent Preparation for the Nativity of our Lord.”** The day will begin at **Holy Trinity Church at 10:00 a.m.** with an *opening conference* and then the *opportunity for confession* and the *celebration of the Eucharist*. A *luncheon* will conclude the Day of Recollection with a *question and answer forum*. **Let us give ourselves some spiritual time in the mist of the rush of the holidays and better prepare ourselves for the Birth of Christ by your attendance.**

### **POPE FRANCIS IN A RECENT HOMILY SAID THIS:**

*“Listen to God’s word and put it into practice. These are the two conditions in order to follow Jesus: hear the word and put it into practice. This is the Christian life, nothing more. Simple, easy. Maybe we’ve made it a little difficult with explanations that no one understands...”* The Pope urged Christians to read God’s word faithfully and to truly listen with the heart to what it has to say. **“The Gospel was written for each of us.”**

Please note: To be an OFFICIALLY REGISTERED MEMBER of St. Agnes or Holy Trinity Church, **you must be enrolled in our Parish Data System, which means you receive church envelopes.** *Enrollment enables us to meet your sacramental needs and fosters your active participation in the weekly Eucharist and parish life.*

**Simply placing loose cash in the church offertory is not sufficient to indicate you are a registered member because we do not know who the donor is.** *So if you wish to maintain enrollment in the parish, use the designated church envelope that is mailed to your home. If you are not receiving church envelopes, please phone the parish office at 412-466-6545 to be sure that you are registered.*

**A Night of Worship-Pittsburgh NOW** - Steubenville Conferences and Franciscan University in conjunction with Catholic Men's Fellowship invite you to be a part of Pittsburgh - NOW, a dynamic night of Worship and Adoration aimed at helping you connect with Christ and His love in a new and deeper way. Join Father Joe Freedy, along with hundreds of Catholics from across Pittsburgh for an evening of spiritual renewal, **Saturday, Dec. 6, 7-9pm** (refreshments to follow) **at Saint Paul Seminary - Cardinal's Great Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh.** Admission is FREE. Register at [www.steubenvilleconferences.com/pittsburghnow](http://www.steubenvilleconferences.com/pittsburghnow) or call 1-740-283-6315.

**2015 Lottery Calendars are now available for \$20.** Win on the daily number, \$25 and more on special days. For special numbers contact the school office for availability, then we will have them for you after weekend Masses. Thank you for your support!



### **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 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,  
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**

\$4,264 Offering for Nov. 9\*

\$ 256 Parish Share Nov. 9

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 17,531

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**

\$1,594 Offering for Nov. 9

\$ 185 Parish Share Nov. 9

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

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 16,649

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