

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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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-NOV 23RD - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

MONDAY-NOV 24TH - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - NOV 25TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a- Poor Souls Mass for Parishioners

WED - NOV 26TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - NOV 27TH - THANKSGIVING

9:30a - Deceased Benefactors of St. Vincent DePaul

FRI - NOV 28TH - WEEKDAY

(No Mass - School Not in Session)

SAT - NOV 29TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN- NOV 30TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a - Poor Souls Mass for Parishioners
 11:00a - Leo & Suzanne Snyder (Family)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN-NOV 23RD - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

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SAT - NOV 29TH - ST. WEEKDAY

8:00a - Mary Pastrick (Lauren & Ken Rice)

SUN -NOV 30TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p - (Sat) - Albert Soltis (Mike & Chris Chervenek)
 9:30a - Michael Sotak (Debbie Gaydos)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 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 – DEC. 15, 7:30PM

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

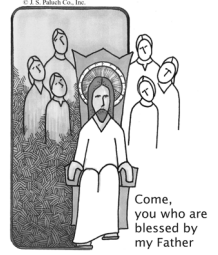
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17.* God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6.* The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading: *Corinthians 15:20-26,28.* Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46.* Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.



Reflecting on God's Word

Tom is allergic to cats, even when they're not around but once were. Oddly enough, he has befriended a neighborhood stray at his back door. He doesn't touch it, and he won't allow it into his house, but he feeds it regularly and even misses it when it doesn't show up on his stoop. Something moves us to care for the lost among us. It is often instinctive, and at times even contrary to our own best interests.

Is such sympathy for the underdog written on the back of our psyches? Are lost souls really long-lost kin? Is it guilt that moves us to contribute to food pantries and bread lines or is it genuine compassion? If we are to believe in the Incarnation, that God has taken form in human flesh, then those instincts to visit shut-ins imprisoned in their own homes and to free those who still find themselves locked into poverty are Godly instincts. It is holiness bred in our bones, incapable of being held in. It is all a Godly instinct.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- TODAY** **Holy Trinity Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner** (12 noon - 5:00pm, Social Hall)
Thurs, Nov. 27th.....**Thanksgiving** (Mass at Holy Trinity, 8:00am; Mass at St. Agnes at 9:30am)
Sun, Nov. 30th.....**Advent Lessons and Carols** (4:00pm, Holy Trinity)
Wed, Dec 3rd.....**Day of Reflection** (10:00am, Holy Trinity Church)
Thurs, Dec. 4th.....**St. Agnes Seniors Christmas Party, Skyvue** (Call Ed Ferchak, 412-462-0904, for reserv.)
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.....**Feast of Immaculate Conception** (Masses: HT 8:00am. St. Agnes 10am & 7:00pm)
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)**
Wed., Dec. 31st.....**K of C #4210 New Year's Eve Party** (Holy Trinity Social Hall, 7:30pm - 12:30am)

Advent Lessons and Carols

This service was founded on the model of the Advent service at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England, which grew out of the annual presentation of Nine Lessons and Carols celebrated in that historic chapel on Christmas Eve. This year we have worked very hard to bring the spirit of Advent to the parishioners of Holy Trinity and St. Agnes. We continue to look more deeply into the meaning of Advent, anticipating the time when Christ will come again, not as a child, but in glory as King over all. We hope to see you at this 2nd annual Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity on Sunday, November 30th at 4:00pm.

The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Trinity
Is in Memory of

Deborah Sabo LaBedda
By Mom & Sister



K OF C #4210 New Year's Eve Party Dinner Dance. Wed., Dec. 31, 2014. \$30 p/p. RSVP by Mon., Dec. 21st to Tim Richards,. Include your name, address, phone number, # attending and payment to Tim Richards, 3311 Eisenhower Dr., White Oak, Pa 15131. **Checks payable Knights of Columbus #4210.**



Holy Trinity Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner, TODAY, November 23rd, from 12 to 5 pm. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. **Your delicious desserts are needed to complete the meal.** It's a Steelers' Bye Week so come and enjoy. You won't miss the action!



TODAY, Feast of CHRIST THE KING

In the Old Testament, **God promised King David that from his lineage would come the promised Messiah, the Savior, who would also be a king.** And so 2,000 years ago the Jewish leaders were expecting a political king who would free them from the Romans.

As we celebrate this feast not only in our **Liturgy**, but also by **adoration of Jesus Christ our King in the Blessed Sacrament—His Real Presence among us—**plan to make an effort to *come and spend an hour with your Divine King!* *Your presence can be a beautiful expression of your love for Christ, our King, Savior, and Lord.* **Hopefully, our love for Christ in the Eucharist will encourage us whenever given the opportunity to place ourselves in the presence of the Lord—perhaps by coming earlier for our Eucharistic celebrations or by staying a little longer after our weekend Masses.**

PLEASE NOTE that every first Friday of the month a holy hour and benediction is scheduled following the 8am Mass at Holy Trinity. **The greater our love of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist the more it can help us in our daily struggles and prepare us to be numbered among the elect.**



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS — SPECIAL Collection This Weekend

This **annual collection** will be taken up at *all* the Masses this weekend. 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** by being most **generous** and **expressing our prayerful gratitude for their continued service.** *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.* Our beloved religious sisters have served the Church in their exemplary and magnificent ministry and so let us generously respond in like manner.



Thanksgiving Day—Mass at Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m. and St. Agnes 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving today finds our nation troubled and afraid, grieving with those who have suffered devastating losses and wondering what the future will bring. Our history, however, is full of adversity. Yet throughout it all, God has been faithful. In response, in times of crisis we, as a people, have never failed to pause, especially on Thanksgiving Day, to reaffirm our faith and thank God, who in our darkest hours has continued to bless, strengthen and sustain us.

“Almighty God, Father of all Mercies, we, your unworthy servants give you most heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and all men. We thank you for our creation, life, and all blessings we receive. Above all, we thank you for your infinite love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.”



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Drive

Please continue to bring **canned goods and dry goods** to be collected during the **entire month of November.** 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.**

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.**

OPLATKE - HOLY BREAD

The **Christmas wafer** commemorates a custom which is centuries old. Oplatke, from Latin, "Oblatum," Holy Bread, is believed by some to emanate as far back as the "manna" of Exodus.

Offering: \$2 - 1/2 doz. & \$4 - doz.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

The **Knights of Columbus Council 4210** are selling **Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) cards** throughout November in the vestibule after weekend Masses. Proceeds from the sale will benefit K of C charitable works. Questions? Contact Tim Richards, at timmy1825@aol.com or call 412-896-3290. **Let us keep Christ in Christmas and not Xmas him out.**



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 their beautiful ministry in preparing the tree.



2015 Lottery Calendars are available for \$20 until Dec. 31st. 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.* **The last day to purchase tickets is Nov. 30th after the weekend Masses 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

\$2,960 Offering for Nov. 16*

\$ 60 Parish Share Nov. 16

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 17,591

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

\$2,237 Offering for Nov. 16

\$ 103 Parish Share Nov. 16

PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 16,752

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