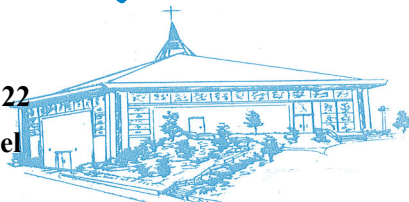


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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-DEC 7TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Nancy & Michael Lapinski)  
 11:00a - **John R. Kukta** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)

#### MONDAY-DEC 8TH - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

10:00a - **Health of Fr. Grosko** (Fred & Joann Smith)  
 7:00p - **Maureen Sersen** (Joe & Joan Naccarato)

#### TUES - DEC 9TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45a- **James R. Abels** (Edward Fink Family)

#### WED - DEC 10TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

#### THUR - DEC 11TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Joseph Banko** (Audrey Lesutis)

#### FRI - DEC 12TH - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:15a - **Special Intention** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)

#### SAT - DEC 13TH - ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

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

#### SUN - DEC 14TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a - **Joseph Banko** (Jack & Fran Walters)  
 11:00a - **Sam Salvucci** (Audrey)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN-DEC 7TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **Regis Hock** (Wife & Family)  
 9:30a - **Michael Onofrey** (Frances & Family)

#### MONDAY-DEC 8TH - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00a - **George Pavlik** (Manzlak Family)

#### TUES - DEC 9TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

#### WED - DEC 10TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a - **David Robinson** (Mom & Dad)

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4:00p - (Sat) - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Boyto Family)  
 9:30a - **John Bodnar** (Nancy Bodnar)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administrative Office and Rectory.....412-466-6545  
 St. Agnes School.....412-466-6238  
 Social Hall - Saint Agnes..... 412-466-5500  
 Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695  
 Saint Agnes Convent ..... 412-466-3554  
 Saint Agnes Website..... [www.stagneswm.com](http://www.stagneswm.com)  
 Holy Trinity Website.....[www.holytrinitywm.com](http://www.holytrinitywm.com)  
 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.

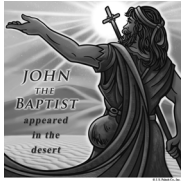
**SICK & SHUTINS:** Please call the Rectory.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register at Rectory.

**EPHESIANS IV – PRAYER & PRAISE – DEC. 15, 7:30PM**

**ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11.* Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 85:9-14.* The Lord's salvation is near.

**Second Reading:** *2 Peter 3:8-14.* Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 1:1-8.* John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

**Reflecting on God's Word:**

How many towns do you suppose have a newspaper called *The Herald*? It's a good name for a newspaper because it refers to one who proclaims significant news. It also can refer to a person who comes before to announce what will follow, a forerunner like John. The angels who heralded the good news of Jesus' birth fit into a long line of heralds who proclaimed that God's promises would at last be fulfilled.

Everyone seems to be announcing good news. Isaiah and the psalmist herald and describe others heralding glad tidings. Mark proclaims "the gospel [or 'good news'] of Jesus Christ" (Mark 1:1). He also depicts John as a herald in the tradition of Isaiah. And Peter speaks eloquently of God's promise and patience. Can we bring ourselves to hearken to their words and believe them? Do we have any good news of our own to proclaim?

~~~**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**~~~



**St. Agnes Donut Social Sunday, Dec. 7th, After the 8 & 11 am Masses**



- Mon, Dec. 8th.....**Solemn Feast of Immaculate Conception** (8am, H.T. 10am & 7pm, St. Agnes)
- Wed, Dec. 10th.....**The Light is Still On for You Confession** (Holy Trinity 6-7pm, St. Agnes 7-9pm)
- Sun, Dec. 14th.....**Holy Trinity Church Decoration** (11am, Volunteers Welcome)
- Sat, Dec. 20th.....**St. Agnes School K-3 Christmas Show** (7pm, Social Hall)
- Sun, Dec. 21st.....**St. Agnes School Grades 4-8 Christmas Show** (7pm, Social Hall)
- 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)
- Thurs, Jan. 1st.....**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solmny of Mary Mother of God**

**2015 Lottery Calendars are now 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.

**Our Heartiest Congratulations to the family of Scarlett Emma Giannandrea, the daughter of**

*Richard & Kristen Giannandrea, recently baptized at St. Agnes Church.*



**The St. Vincent DePaul Society.....**

extends its gratitude to all those who contributed and donated food to our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Your generosity made it possible for our less fortunate brothers and sisters to experience God's love through your caring actions.

**ATTENTION!**

Please note that due to the Bulletin publisher's holiday requirements the following schedule will be in effect. Please plan ahead. Thank you for your understanding.

| BULLETIN DATE | SUBMISSION DEADLINE   |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| December 14th | Monday, December 8th  |
| December 21st | Monday, December 8th  |
| December 28th | Monday, December 15th |
| January 4th   | Monday, December 22nd |

**K OF C COUNCIL #4210 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, DINNER & DANCE WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 2014**

**Dinner: 8pm Dancing: 9:30-12:30pm Holy Trinity Church Hall \$30 p/p BYOB**

**Free Set-Ups, Sodas, Beer & Wine**

*RSVP: Tim Richards by Dec. 22nd, (412-896-3290). ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD*



### ***Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Monday, December 8th***

The **Blessed Virgin Mary** was destined, from the moment of her conception, to be the **bearer of the Eternal Word**. *As Mary was the vessel that carried the Savior of the world, may we, too, be vessels that carry the message of the gospel to all we meet.* We will gather on **Monday, the Feast Day, December 8th**, at **St. Agnes at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** and at **Holy Trinity at 8:00 a.m.** to give praise and glory to God for the gift of the Lord Jesus.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no *anticipated* Mass because **December 7th falls on a Sunday.**

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

The 42nd Annual March for Life in Washington, DC will be on **Thursday, January 22, 2015**. Knights of Columbus Council 4210, McKeesport Council 955, St. Michael's Council 10077 and Stephen Barry Assembly 940 are sponsoring a bus for the event. This is a wonderful opportunity to peacefully march with hundreds of thousands of like-minded people in standing up for the unborn. Cost: \$25. **Mass will be celebrated at St. Therese of Lisieux, Munhall, at 5:30am and the bus will depart at 6:00am from St. Therese. Other stops include St. Angela Merici, White Oak, (6:30am) and St. Robert Bellarmine, East McKeesport (6:45am)**

Fr. Terry will be attending the trip. 8th grade and high school students are welcome. We will make a breakfast stop on the way and a dinner stop on the way home. Please dress appropriately. We will arrive back to St. Therese around 11pm. Seats are limited. If you are unable to do the March, you are welcome to come along and pray at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If interested, please call the rectory at 412-466-6545.

**ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL PROGRAMS:** Do you have a child between ages of 5 & 21 with Down Syndrome, Autism or intellectual disabilities? Have you been looking for a school that will give your child the opportunity to learn in a safe and loving environment? St. Anthony School Programs can help. For over 60 years, St. Anthony's has been helping students grow and become active and contributing members of society. For the 2015-16 academic year, 20 full scholarships are being offered for new students entering the program. For information, visit them online at [www.stanthonykids.org](http://www.stanthonykids.org) and click on the admissions tab or contact them at [info@stanthonykid.org](mailto:info@stanthonykid.org) or by calling 724-940-9020.

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

**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**

**PROLIFE CORNER:** Silence is not an option. Complacency today will result in a position of captivity tomorrow. Do your part to help end abortion and euthanasia.

### ***Christmas Flower Fund***

Each year at Christmas, St. Agnes/Holy Trinity are **beautifully decorated for the Birth of Jesus** with Christmas Flowers. We invite you to make a donation to the CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND "**In Memory of**" a *deceased* loved one or, "**In Honor of**" a *living* one, by using the envelope in your packet and placing it in the **collection basket**. **This year we will not** be listing the names of your loved ones in the bulletin but, in making these flower offerings, you are indeed honoring your loved ones.



### **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; it is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, literally, the House of Bread. **Offering: \$2-1/2 doz. & \$4-doz.**

## Why should I go to Confession?

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called Penance or Confession) was given to us by Christ to help us reconcile with Christ and his Church when we have committed harm. Through the Sacrament, we acknowledge our sins, express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done and resolve to do better in the future. During his public life, Jesus both forgave sins and reintegrated the sinners into the community. This is the goal of the Sacrament of Confession: to forgive sins and to provide reconciliation with the Church. **The rite for the Sacrament of Reconciliation involves four parts: contrition, confession, penance and absolution.**

**Contrition:** a sincere sorrow for having offended God and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.

**Confession:** confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them—aloud—to the priest. Thus, confessing is forgiveness.

**Penance:** an important part of our healing is the “penance” the priest imposes in reparation for our sins. Usually said in the pew afterwards.

**Absolution:** the priest speaks the words by which “God the Father of Mercies” reconciles a sinner to Himself through the merits of the Cross.

*This information, more FAQ's, and other resources on the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be found at:  
[www.diopitt.org/lightstillon](http://www.diopitt.org/lightstillon)*



## RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights of Columbus Council 4210 are selling **Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) cards** throughout December in the vestibule after weekend Masses. Christmas Seals will also be available to use on card envelopes. Proceeds from the sale 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.**

**Homeville Volunteer Fire Co., 3900 Greenspring Ave., West Mifflin, is collecting canned goods until Dec. 19th between noon & 10pm. Please help!**

**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,  
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**

\$8,285 Offering for Nov. 23 & 30  
\$ 145 Parish Share  
\$1,877 Religious Retirement Fund  
\$ 861 St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving  
PSP Assessment-2014.....\$ 23,790  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 17,676  
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**

\$3,255 Offering for Nov. 23 & 30  
\$ 10 Parish Share  
\$1,514 Religious Retirement Fund  
\$ 639 St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving  
PSP Assessment-2014 .....\$ 24,618  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 16,659

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