

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-JAN 4TH - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00a - **Joseph & Rose Banko** (Detweiler Family)
 11:00a - **Emil Tomac** (Barb & Tony Salopek)

MONDAY-JAN 5TH - ST. JOHN NEUMANN

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - JAN 6TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Bob Schaff, Jr.** (Dave Regina)

WED - JAN 7TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - JAN 8TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:45a - **John Cielieska** (Family)

FRI - JAN 9TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Maureen Sersen** (Ron & Carrie Magiera)

SAT - JAN 10TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - JAN 11TH - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Sylvia Ancic)
 11:00a - **Victor Merrit** (Ann & Family)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN-JAN 4TH - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00p - (Sat) - **Maureen Sersen** (Ann Berezna)
 9:30a - **Margaret Gamret** (Edward & Dolores Moran)

MONDAY - JAN 5TH - ST. JOHN NEUMANN

8:00a - **Barbara Dudas** (John & Diane Ruscin)

TUES - JAN 6TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

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8:00a - **Mary Pastrick** (Funk Family)

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4:00p - (Sat) - **Bridget Midla** (John Ganter)
 9:30a - **Ann Szucs** (Goldie Pollack & Family)

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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
 ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6. Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13. Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6. Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12. The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.



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Reflecting on God's Word

What are the major attractions in your area? Are they natural wonders, spectacular buildings, engaging activities, powerful people, works of art? We expect people to stream to see rock stars and queens, the Eiffel Tower and the Grand Canyon. In today's scriptures, however, we see "tourists" attracted to two very lowly and humble "sights."

Jerusalem was a sorry sight when the scripture from Isaiah was written. The prophet's vision must have seemed impossible to those who heard this message. And yet, today Jerusalem is a major tourist attraction. We also know that through the Jews many other people—Christians and Muslims—have been attracted to the one Lord.

Jesus himself must have seemed very weak and insignificant in comparison to the rich and powerful King Herod, and later on compared to the priests and Pharisees. Yet, even from his birth, people streamed to him. Like the "tourists" in today's Gospel, people saw something in him that led them to worship and serve the Lord. And through him they came to understand what God intended for their life journeys.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Sun, Jan. 4th.....**St. Agnes Donut Social** (After the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses in Social Hall)

Mon, Jan. 5th.....**Classes Resume at St. Agnes School**

Sun, Jan. 18th.....**HT Men/Ladies' Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** (9-12:30, \$5 adults, \$2 children)

Wed, Jan. 21st.....**HT Men/Ladies' Club Meeting** (6:30pm, HT Social Hall)

Wed, Feb. 18th.....**Ash Wednesday, beginning of the Lenten Season**

Sun, March 29th.....**Palm Sunday, Palms will be blessed and distributed to those attending.**

Thurs, April 2nd.....**Holy Thursday, Celebrating the institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood**

Fri, April 3rd.....**Good Friday, Four Part Liturgy with no Eucharistic celebration**

Sun, April 5th.....**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**



TODAY, St. Agnes Donut Social After the 8 & 11 am Masses



A PRESENTATION OF THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN:

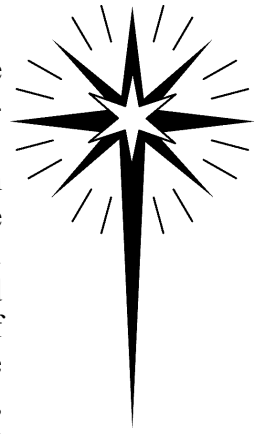
St. Paul of the Cross Monastery Church Southside, will offer a presentation on the Holy Shroud of Turin on **Wednesday, February 4th, at 7:00pm**. Donald Nohs, Director General of the Confraternity of the Passion, an expert on the Shroud, will share the fruit of his years of study on the topic: *Discovering Jesus in His Holy Shroud*. He owns a life size replica of the Holy Shroud, and a relic of the Shroud which will be available for veneration. Recording artists Mary Rotella and Christine Cullen will bring added inspiration to the evening. Since seating is limited, tickets are required at a cost of \$7.00. You may purchase tickets at the monastery office or by calling 412-381-1188, ext. 121. Background information may be viewed at: www.confraternityofthepassioninternational.org/

PRACTICAL WAYS to EVANGELIZE: Faith needs **signs and symbols**; e.g., *Not eating meat on Fridays, crossing ourselves when we drive past a Catholic Church, praying before every meal, even in public, wearing a religious symbol everyday (crucifix, cross, pendant, pin).* You don't know who you will inspire.

***Feast of* EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Today's feast is also popularly known as the **Feast of Three Kings**. In some countries it is a Holy Day of Obligation, always celebrated on January 6th. In our country it is celebrated this year today, the **4th of January**.

St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel that after the birth of Jesus, three men arrived in Jerusalem, having been guided there from the East by a star, looking for the King of the Jews. Were they **Kings** or **Magi** or **Wise Men** or **Astrologers**? We really don't know. But somewhere in tradition they have been given the names **Caspar, Melchior** and **Balthasar**. They were probably men of importance, arriving with a great entourage of camels and servants. When did they come? It could have been up to two years after the birth of Jesus, because Herod, who wanted to be rid of this newborn king that he perceived as a threat, had all the baby boys in Bethlehem put to death who were two years old and younger.



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The importance of these men is this: **They were non-Jewish and came with royal gifts for Christ. So God was telling us that Jesus was here to be accepted not only by the Jews, but by everyone as KING and GOD.** So from the very beginning, Jesus was showing and manifesting and revealing (and that's what the word "epiphany" means) that He came as the Savior of **all peoples**.

Now it is up to us to **continue His Epiphany**—it is our responsibility to **show Christ and to reveal Him to those around us by our words and example**. Perhaps we can make a resolution to do this a little better in this new year of **2015**.

~~Prayer for the New Year~~

"Almighty God, with You there is no beginning and no end for You are the origin and goal of all creation. May this New Year which we dedicate to You bring us abundant prosperity and growth in holy living. May we bring the spirit of Christ to all our efforts and work with each other as brothers and sisters establishing true love and guiding creation to perfect fulfillment. Fill our hearts with the spirit of Your charity, that we may please You by our thoughts, and love You in our brothers and sisters. Bless our families with the gifts we need. Bless our parishes with profound spiritual renewal. May Your Holy Spirit give us right judgment and the joy of His comfort and guidance. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen"

Parishioners who keep in touch with Fr. Ben Faneye, O.P., will be interested to learn that, he was recently assigned to Good Shepherd Church as Parochial Vicar in the Harrisburg Diocese. His address is 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA, 17011. We wish him God's blessings and all the best in his new duties.

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.



Gifts You Can Give Year Round

The Gift of Praise

Appropriate mention of a job or deeds well done.

The Gift of Consideration

*Putting yourself in the other's shoes,
thus providing your genuine understanding
of their side of the case.*

The Gift of Concession

*Humbly saying at just the right point,
"I am sorry, you are right and I am wrong."*

The Gift of Gratitude

*Never forgetting to say "Thank You"
and meaning it.*

The Gift of Attention

When a person speaks, listening attentively.

The Gift of Inspiration

*Plant seeds of courage and action
in the other person's heart.*

The Gift of Personal Presence

*In sickness, in trouble, or in great joy,
there is nothing quite equal to your personal
expression of sympathy or congratulations.*

RESOLVE TO GIVE THESE GIFTS EACH DAY.

**YOU WILL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT WHAT
YOU WILL RECEIVE IN RETURN.**

Special Collection....in your envelope packs and that is, **St. Anthony School/DePaul School** will be collected on **January 17th/18th**. They are two nationally recognized educational programs for **children with special needs**. ***The Diocese is recognized nationally for these two distinct and highly successful programs which have merited the appreciation of those children's parents.***

***The Christmas Season
extends from the feast of
Jesus' Birth through the feast of His Baptism:
December 25th - January 11th.***



The **Enjoy Books (\$30)** are in and so are the **Kids Stuff Books (\$25)**. **Candy bars** are also available for **\$2.00** this year. **Your love of chocolates does support our St. Agnes School.** **Thanks for your continued support.**

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, Al Michaels, Ethel Palyo,
Ann Sabo, Mary Sabo, Lois Soltis, Martha Vasil**

St. Agnes

**Libby Butko, Francis J. Capaleo, Nettie Conley,
Florence Dugan, Irene Fontanese, Jack Funa,
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, Sgt.

son of Ron & Mary Ann Winter

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES

Due to publisher holiday deadlines, Offerings will not be reported until the Jan. 11th Bulletin

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 18,826

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

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PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 17,720

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