

# 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-JAN 11TH - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

#### MONDAY-JAN 12TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - JAN 13TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Elizabeth Frances Schuchert** (Family)

#### WED - JAN 14TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - JAN 15TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Joe Milko** (Mike Milko)

#### FRI - JAN 16TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Robert Barnes** (Family)

#### SAT - JAN 17TH - ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN - JAN 18TH - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Dee Bevan** (Joe & Joan Naccarato)  
 11:00a - **Teresa Schaff** (Family)

### HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

#### SUN-JAN 11TH - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

#### MONDAY - JAN 12TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Helen Mullen** (Thomstatter Family)

#### TUES - JAN 13TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - JAN 14TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Magdaline Melnichak** (Mary Bolombing)

#### THUR - JAN 15TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRI - JAN 16TH - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### SAT - JAN 17TH - ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

8:00a - **Checque & McAuliff Families**

#### SUN - JAN 18TH - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Joseph "Sonny" Tkach** (Jean Farabek)  
 9:30a - **Lois Hrabchak** (Goldie & Family)

### 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.

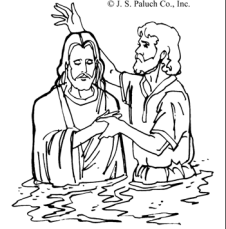
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register at Rectory.

**EPHESIANS IV – PRAYER & PRAISE – Next meeting, Feb. 2nd.**

**ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-11. Isaiah calls upon the people to return to the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-3,4-6 . A prayer of praise for God's salvation.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-9. The Spirit of Truth testifies on behalf of Jesus, God's Son.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:7-11. Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

### Reflecting on God's Word

This is one of the key moments in the life of Jesus. Up north in his hometown of Nazareth he must have heard about John. At some point an inner voice must have said, "Go south, go to the desert. Go listen to this preacher John."

—When he came to the desert, he may have stood in a long line before that moment came when he entered the water and John baptized him. Mark gives us only the briefest account of their meeting, but does present John as expecting someone mightier than he who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

It is this same Holy Spirit who came down on Jesus as he was coming out of the water. At that moment, the heavens were torn open, heaven reached down to touch the Galilean, and the Spirit descended like a dove. Have you ever seen a gull descend to snatch a fish or a hawk swoop down to seize its prey? By contrast, the image of a descending dove is one of beauty and grace, of gentle alighting.

The words do not announce Jesus to others, as in Matthew's account, but they are spoken only to him: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (1:11), echoing the words the Lord speaks in the first song of the Servant in the book of Isaiah. The descent of the dove did not mean an easy life for Jesus, but God had penetrated his being in a way that would then drive him into the desert to begin his mission of confronting the powers of sin and death. This gentle dove came—and continues to come—with a mighty power.

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

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)

Sun, Jan. 25th.....**St. Agnes School Pancake Breakfast**

Sat, Feb. 7th.....**Holy Trinity Men/Ladies' Club Ceregi Sale** (2:00pm, 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**

**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**. Thank you for your generous support of this important and worthy program.

*HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family of **Rose M. Yousko of St. Agnes** who died this past week.*

*May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased  
and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.*



### 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, and an expert on the Shroud, will speak. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased by calling 412-381-1188, ext. 121. Background information may be viewed at: [www.confraternityofthepassioninternational.org/](http://www.confraternityofthepassioninternational.org/)

**Classes for those preparing for Confirmation** on Monday, May 18th, began on January 4th. Classes will continue each Sunday through February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00pm in St. Agnes School. Sponsors, parents and anyone else who wishes to learn more about growing in our Catholic Faith may attend a program offered at the same time as the classes for our confirmandees.

## *The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 11th*

*“After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him.” Matthew 3: 13-17*

The Christmas season comes to a conclusion today as we remember the baptism of the Lord in the Jordan by John the Baptist. How fitting it is that the refrain for today’s responsorial psalm is, *“The Lord will bless His people with peace.”* as we celebrate the *continued manifestation of Christ to the world*, we recognize the **tremendous potential for peace that exists in the hearts of all who have been baptized into the Christ**. Isaiah tells us that God’s chosen ones are those who have been called for the *victory of justice*. **Let us not leave the work of justice and peace to others.** Let us listen attentively to God’s saving word and pray that we, in whatever ways possible—small or large—will bring *justice and peace to those people and to those places where injustice, suffering, and violence flourish*.

**Our daily Eucharist celebrations continue at both St. Agnes and Holy Trinity.** Every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, Mass at Holy Trinity is at 8:00 a.m. On Mondays, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help is scheduled. Then, on the First Friday of each month, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity, the Holy Hour is celebrated. During the school year, every Friday the Mass is scheduled at St. Agnes at 8:15 a.m.

**Every Wednesday and Saturday, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity, all are welcome to dialogue and “holy gossip” with coffee, hot tea and refreshments.**



**If you would like to receive a statement of your 2014 contributions please write “statement” on your church envelope or call the rectory office at 412-466-6545.**

### **4 REASONS TO LOVE THE MASS**

*Here are four reasons to refresh your enthusiasm for attending Mass:*

- 1. MEET GOD IN THE FLESH.** *Just because you don’t feel the rush of the Holy Spirit or see a radiant light doesn’t mean nothing is happening at Mass. He is there in the flesh.*
- 2. YOU’RE A BAPTIZED PERSON NEEDED BY YOUR COMMUNITY.** *“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). We help worship God just by being there. Your presence strengthens our faith community and pleases God.*
- 3. YOU GET SOMETHING TO TAKE HOME WITH YOU.** *The homily joins the Gospel message with the here and now of our lives. Its purpose is to give us something to think about and act on in the coming week.*
- 4. “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME” IS THE ONLY DIRECT ORDER JESUS GAVE TO HIS FOLLOWERS.** *That means God is the one who initiates this encounter with us. And when God asks us to do something, it is to our advantage to do it. Receiving the Eucharist at Mass each week fulfills that request.*

### **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.



## IF I KNEW....

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for just one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice, I would tape each action and each word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time I could spare an extra minute or two, I would stop to say "I love you, instead of assuming, you KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, instead of assuming you'd have so many more, I would not be so quick to let this one just slip away.

For surely we believe there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight and that we always get a second chance to make everything right. There will always be another day to say our "I love you's" and certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved ones tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day that you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and just think how you will feel if you were too busy to grant someone what turned out to be their one last wish.

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,  
Audrienne & 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**

\$ 18,085 -- Offerings for Dec.14, 21, 28, Jan 4

\$ 5,309 -- Christmas

\$ 1,403 -- Charities

\$ 1,266 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 20,092

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**

\$ 7,085 -- Offerings for Dec.14, 21, 28, Jan 4

\$ 4,547 -- Christmas

\$ 1,216 -- Charities

\$ 2,521 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 20,241

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