

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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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 18TH - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY-JAN 19TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - JAN 20TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **George & Anna Checque** (Family)

WED - JAN 21ST - ST. AGNES

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - JAN 22ND - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

6:45a - **Dorothy Bunecicky** (Ladies of Charity)

FRI - JAN 23RD - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Joseph & Rose Banko** (Sister Janelle)

SAT - JAN 24TH - ST. FRANCIS De SALES

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - JAN 25TH - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Josephine Hendry** (Gerald & Carol Bomba)
 11:00a - **Anna Mae Vargo** (Donna Milko)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

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

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

MONDAY - JAN 19TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Barbara Dudas** (Pat & Jean Koch)

TUES - JAN 20TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - JAN 21ST - ST. AGNES

8:00a - **Bridget Midla** (Brian & Kathy O'Keefe)

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8:00a - **Ann Szucs** (Anna & Irene Fabian)

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4:00p - (Sat) - **Raymond Soltis** (Hokaj Family)
 9:30a - **Margaret Gamret** (Margaret & John Snodgrass)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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 – Next meeting, Feb. 2nd.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b–10,19. The Lord calls Samuel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8, 8–9, 10. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a,17–20. Your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: John 1:35–42. The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying & they stayed with him.



Reflecting on God's Word:

Once more we stand with John the Baptist and learn from what he does. Watching Jesus walk by, he says to two of his disciples, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” And “the two disciples heard and followed Jesus” (John 1:36–37). One was Andrew, who, in turn, goes to his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. And Jesus gives him a new name, Cephas, which means “rock.”

A new life begins for Andrew and Simon, and most likely for the other disciple as well, possibly either James or John (both were fishermen with Peter and Andrew). It was clear to Jesus that they were searching for something: “What are you looking for?” They answered, “Teacher, where are you staying?” implying that it was going to take more than a few minutes to answer that question. Jesus took them in immediately: “Come, and you will see . . . And they stayed with him that day” (John 1:38–39).

As we return to Ordinary Time, which comes from the Latin *ordo* (“numbered”), we count the weeks off by numbers: Second Sunday, Third Sunday, and so on. But “ordinary time” is lived in a world touched by God’s grace. God continues to come into our lives, if we would notice.

Like John pointing out Jesus to his two disciples, the old priest Eli helps Samuel to understand that the Lord is entering the boy’s life and tells him to respond, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:9). We bring each other to God, to Jesus Christ, by being attentive to how God is at work among us. God continues to work through each of us, and that is what makes “ordinary time” continuously extraordinary.

~~~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**

Mon, Jan. 26th.....**Start of Catholic Schools Week — Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.**

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**

Tue, May 5th.....**Seniors for Safe Driving Class** (9-1pm, HT Social Hall, Register at (800-559-4880)



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.

Serra Stocking Stuffer Ticket Winners: Dec. 27: Ed Caswell. Dec. 28: Chris Karpinsky. Dec. 29: Mary Gates. Dec. 30: No Winner. Dec. 31: Niki Senchak. Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets!

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 support.**

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.

Feast of St. Agnes, Our Patroness, Wednesday, January 21st

Scholars have concluded that Agnes, a child of only 12 or 13 years, was killed during the persecution of Diocletian (304-306). According to Pope Damasus I (366-384), the parents of Agnes were the first to tell her story. A young Roman Prefect was infatuated with Agnes. But she refused marriage because of her dedication to Christ. She made it known that she was a Christian and preferred death over any violation of her consecrated virginity.



Agnes is portrayed in a mosaic above the main altar of the Church of St. Agnes, outside of Rome, as a Byzantine princess, robed, crowned and bejeweled, with the symbols of her martyrdom, the flames and sword, beside her feet. And all through the Church there is the other symbol of her martyrdom and sacrifice, the lamb (*Agnus*, in Latin). What a beautiful patron and model we have for our times and our young people!

Those were difficult times when St. Agnes lived. But today we also live in difficult times. There is no overt persecution—but what we have, in fact, is even worse—a disguised and subtle paganism around us, inviting us to give up our Catholic beliefs and practices. And unfortunately, there are many who are weak, and not closely united to Christ, who give up their Faith, following the “crowd”. So we all need the example, the courage, and the prayers of SAINT AGNES to help us see that virginity, chastity, and purity are not “out-dated”—that our Catholic beliefs and practices are still worth our struggle and sacrifices—and are even worth dying for.

SAINT AGNES, OUR PARISH PATRONESS—BE OUR INSPIRATION AND HELP—PRAY FOR US!

Church Alive Campaign

On Mon., Jan. 26, Bishop Zubik will announce the results & impact of *Our Campaign for The Church Alive*.

This weekend we pause to celebrate the sacrifices of more than 44,000 faithful Catholics across our diocese who heard the call as good stewards to receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly, and return them with increase to the Lord. Already, the Campaign is having a positive impact here at Holy Trinity and St. Agnes Parishes. **To date at Holy Trinity** we have invested your gifts in replacing the parking lot lights and repairing the steps to the parking lot. **To date at St. Agnes** we were able to safely demolish the old Rectory Building, repair the steps into the school, and replace the concrete pad at the entrance to the Church. **As our pledges are paid over the next five years**, we will expand the handicapped parking area in front of Church and up-grade the restrooms in the Social Hall at Holy Trinity. **As additional monies** are received the windows will be replaced in the Social Hall at St Agnes.

REGISTRATION FOR ST. AGNES SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL

Registration for St. Agnes School and Pre-School begins Sunday, February 1st.

Please see Sister Cynthia or call the School Office, 412-466-6238.

Children for Preschool must be three (3) or four (4) years old by September 1st.

Children for Kindergarten must be five (5) years old by September 1st.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY... to the family of **Martin Hock of Holy Trinity** 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.*



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. **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.** 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 St. Therese rectory at 412-462-8161 for reservations.**



In the end...

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but how many of those clothes helped the needy.

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but will ask how many people you welcomed into your house.

God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but will ask how many times they didn't.

God won't ask about the color of your skin, but will ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.

God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but will ask if they controlled your life.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of "class" you displayed.

God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.

God won't ask what your salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask how many promotions you received, but will ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

God won't ask you about all the important people you have met, but He will ask you if you knew His Son.

In the end....

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,
Adrienne & 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

\$ 3,568 -- Offering for Jan. 11*

\$ 480 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 20,572

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

\$ 1,458 -- Offering for Jan. 11

\$ 125 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 20,366

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