

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

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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-FEB 1ST - 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Dana Rossey** (Ladies of Charity)
 11:00a - **Ralph Biagiarelli** (Children)

MONDAY-FEB 2ND - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - FEB 3RD - ST. BLAISE

6:45a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Chris & Rosann Donahoe)

WED - FEB 4TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - FEB 5TH - ST. AGATHA

6:45a - **William Bevan** (Mike Sorokaacs)

FIRST FRI - FEB 6TH - ST. PAUL MIKI

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

FIRST SAT - FEB 7TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - FEB. 8TH - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Rose Yousko** (Marie & John Foertech)
 11:00a - **Mary P. Sabol** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)

HOLY TRINITY INTENTIONS

SUN-FEB 1ST - 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Marian Nissen** (Family)
 9:30a - **Ann Szucs** (Virginia Jasek)

MONDAY - FEB 2ND - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:00a - **George E. Andrews** (Family)

TUES - FEB 3RD - ST. BLAISE

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - FEB 4TH - WEEKDAY

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

THUR - FEB 5TH - ST. AGATHA

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FIRST FRI - FEB 6TH - ST. PAUL MIKI

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

FIRST SAT - FEB 7TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Marilyn Sepesy** (Madeline Gimero Keane))

SUN - FEB 8TH - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Martin Hock** (Betty Hock)
 9:30a - **Bridget Midla** (John Midla)

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**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20. Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,7-9. A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. Paul expresses his concern that those who are married are more likely to face the distractions of earthly life than those who are celibate.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28. Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit.



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Reflecting on God's Word

In Jesus' day, demonic possession was not uncommon. Mark presents Jesus as one who takes on the evil spirits, overturning their possession of this man. Jesus has declared war against the kingdom of Satan. Its hour of ascendancy is coming to an end.

The unclean spirit recognizes Jesus as one with greater power, for it asks, "Have you come to destroy us?" Then it confesses Jesus as the "Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24). Jesus will battle the forces of evil to the death, his death. But what looks like defeat for Jesus will be changed to victory, because the power of God is at work in him.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses is speaking to the people before they enter the Promised Land. The entire book is his farewell speech to them. He will not go with them. He consoles them, saying that God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses and will speak through him: "I . . . will put my words into his mouth".

Jesus is presented to us today as the prophet like Moses, who teaches with the authority of God and whose words are obeyed even by unclean spirits. There is no power on earth or beyond it greater than the power of God.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Tue, Feb. 3rd.....**St. Blaise Blessing of Throats (6:45am Mass & 8:15am prayer service at St. Agnes)**

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

Fri, Feb. 13th.....**St. Agnes School Night at the Races (Social Hall, \$10p/p, horses \$10 each)**

Sat, Feb. 14th.....**K of C #4210 Valentine Dinner Dance (H.T. Social Hall, Reserv. 412-896-3290)**

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

Wed, Feb. 18th.....**Lenten Fish Fry Starts: 11:00am - 6:00pm (Holy Trinity Social Hall)**

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)**

Saturday, March 28th Birthday Party in Honor of Fr. Grosko in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. At 6:00pm a Buffet Dinner will be served. Reservations Required. Information will be forthcoming.

*HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of Mary Kahler, 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.*



Special Memorial Mass is scheduled for Irene Slezak on Saturday, February 21st at 11:00am at St. Agnes Church. Your presence will acknowledge her devoted service over the years to St. Agnes Parish and St. Theresa's School. Our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends.



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Stephen P. Barry Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be selling **Super Bowl Italian Hoagies & Plain & Pepperoni Pizzas on Sat., Jan. 31st and Sun., Feb. 1st after the Masses for \$6 per item.**

BLESSING



OF THROATS

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FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast of St. Blaise is celebrated on Tuesday, February 3rd. **We will bless throats at our Eucharistic celebration at 6:45am at St. Agnes Church. There will be a prayer service and blessing of throats with our school children at 8:15am.** This is a blessed opportunity for all those in attendance, especially our school children, to have their throats blessed. St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, is noted for preventing many illnesses of the throat. We seek his blessing, especially for those who are having difficulties with their speech or throat.

First Friday, February 6th—As the Church continues to celebrate the **mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist**, it calls always for a **deeper understanding of Christ's gift to us** and so let us make every effort to attend the daily celebration of Christ's presence at Holy Trinity and St. Agnes faith communities. At **Holy Trinity**, Mass is at **8:00 a.m.** on **Monday, Wednesday and Saturday**. At **St. Agnes**, Mass is at **6:45 a.m.** on **Tuesday and Thursday** and **8:15 a.m.** on **Friday**. Also, we **heartily recommend your presence the First Friday of each month at Holy Trinity for the Holy Hour—reflections, prayers, and the closing Solemn Benediction—that will follow the scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.**

CHURCH ALIVE CAMPAIGN

This past Sunday Bishop David Zubik announced the results for our Campaign for the Church Alive. More than 44,000 donors representing about 130,000 Catholics across the Diocese of Pittsburgh have pledged gifts totaling \$230,309,054. **At Holy Trinity the goal was \$200,000, and a total of \$329,310 was donated. At St. Agnes the goal was \$240,000 and a total of \$370,050 was donated.**

Already the campaign is having a positive impact. **At St. Agnes** we were able to put a new concrete entrance to St. Agnes Church, the steps of St. Agnes School were repaired and the St. Agnes Rectory was demolished. As further funds are made available through this campaign there will be additional up-dating and renovations to the St. Agnes Parish physical plant.

At Holy Trinity, with the Church Alive funds that have been received to date, we were able to fix the parking lot lights and repair the steps from the parking lot to the main entrance of the church.

We were pleased to have representatives of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity attend the Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral last Sunday. Sister Cynthia attended with two St. Agnes School students who were in the Offertory Procession. Also representing the parishes were Linda Schorr and Pat Wills. My heartfelt appreciation to the many who made a five year pledge and are faithfully honoring their commitment. The parishioners of both parishes should be proud of their support of the Church Alive Campaign. **The campaign has served the Diocese in a magnificent manner and also our parishes have greatly benefited.**

BEST EVER! OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18th**, at **Holy Trinity Social Hall** and continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, from the hours of **11:00 am until 6:00 pm**. ***Donations of new items and wine and spirit goods*** to help make baskets for the Chinese Auction are needed. Your gifts can be dropped off at **Holy Trinity Parish Office**.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS

NIGHT AT THE RACES: Friday, February 13, in support of St. Agnes School. Admission is \$10 and horses can be purchased for \$10 each—name your own horse. Owners of winning horses win \$50. Come and join the fun at this event. We love your presence!



CANDY BARS: Our delicious Sarris candy bars are still available for \$2.00 each.

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.

*Do You Have What It Takes
To Become A Saint???*

Many of us balk at the suggestion. Yet each of us is called to sainthood!! Such a reflection can provide much food for thought as we begin a new year and ever make it fruitful.

Living as we do in a post-modern world, we have the sense that sainthood is a far-off and an unattainable goal reserved only for heroes. We despair of our ordinariness. **Yet it is precisely in the ordinariness of our life that we are called to become saints!** You are called to be a saint! You are called to seek and achieve this, with the aid of God's grace, as a parent or a student or a spouse or a widow or whatever is your state in life! It is because of it and through it that you can become a saint! Are you willing to offer up your ordinariness to God that He might transform it?

We, in the self-empowered 21st century, may shy away from this sort of talk. We think it is a bit degrading to speak of a God who calls us to rejoice in our weakness. But in fact it is our self-assertive culture which is always complaining of low self-esteem and worthlessness, for instead of seeing ourselves reflected in God's loving eye, we look for our value in what we earn and do. **Open yourself to the Lord and let each action of your ordinary day be completed in union with**



COMPUTER CLASSES

St. Rita, 219 W. Schwab Avenue, Munhall Gardens, will offer computer classes on **Thursday evenings in the Fr. Sedlak Room from 7-8:30pm. The classes begin on February 5 and run for 10 weeks**, excluding Holy Thursday. Topics include: Computer Basics; Word Processing and Excel. The classes are free. If you have a laptop you can bring it with you. Questions? Call St. Rita at 412-461-4204.

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, Helen Ondick,
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

\$ 2,282 - - Offering for Jan. 25*

\$ 50 - - Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 20,612

Monthly School Subsidy\$ 6,167

*includes monies for all purposes such as Angel Fund, candles,
diocesan collections, hall rental, funerals, etc., unless otherwise noted.

**~ REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH ~
AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

HOLY TRINITY

\$ 1,496 - - Offering for Jan. 25

\$ 40 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2014\$ 24,618

Amount Collected PSP\$ 20,662

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