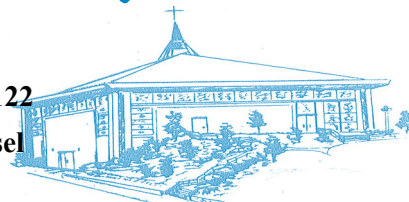


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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 - FEB 22ND - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a - **Margaret Stanicar** (Family)
 11:00a - **Hilda Kanczes** (Jack & Fran Walters)

MONDAY - FEB 23RD - LENTEN WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - FEB 24TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Carl & Julia Gutilla** (Family)

WED - FEB 25TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

(11:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
 7:00p - **Sister Loretta** (Sisters at St. Agnes)

THUR - FEB 26TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert Kosko, Sr.** (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Yesko)

FRI - FEB 27TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Cindy & Rick Bost)

SAT - FEB 28TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - MARCH 1ST - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Maureen Kollar)
 11:00a - **Beverly List** (Daughter, Karen)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - FEB 22ND - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **Robert Schorr** (Eileen & Linda Schorr)
 9:30a - **Mary Kahler** (Diane & Ed Soltis)

MONDAY - FEB 23RD - LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Anna Fabian 103rd Birthday.** (Irene Fabian)

TUES - FEB 24TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - FEB 25TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

11:00a - **Dec'd. Mbrs. of Francetic Family** (Kitty Bialobok)
(7:00p Mass at St. Agnes)

THUR - FEB 26TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - FEB 27TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

11:00a - **Bridget Midla** (Bud & Gerry Skanderson))

SAT - FEB 28TH - LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Margaret Gamret** (Michael Makohus)

SUN - MARCH 1ST - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **Carl Schulte** (Wife Delphine & Family)
 9:30a - **Michael & Anna Fedor** (Fedor Family)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 St. Agnes School.....412-466-6238
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 Saint Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com
 Holy Trinity Website.....www.holytrinitywm.com
 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... 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 – Next meeting, March 2.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: *Genesis 9:8-15.* God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.* A prayer praising God for his covenant

Second Reading: *1 Peter 3:18-22.* In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

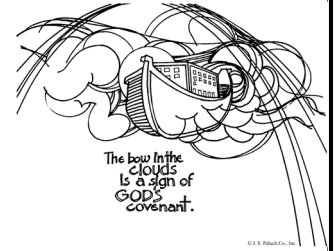
Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:12-15.* Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

Reflecting on God's Word

I suspect that the real reason we avoid the desert is because in all that monotony there are no hiding places, no busyness that allows us to duck beneath the rippling surface of honesty, no phone calls to undo the silence that echoes our real selves. Curious that we should be afraid of the nothing rather than of the something. Yet it is the nothing, in the end, that makes the revelation happen. Such is the unsettling power of any desert, to reveal what we most fear in life, the real self that is perhaps less known and more imposing than anyone else's self. Deserts do that, and so we avoid them like kids dancing about their homework.

Over the years we learn that it's safer to fritter about on the fringe of Lent than to get lost in its vast and desert emptiness. We've grown good at frittering, at tinkering with days stripped of television or meals that have surrendered their dessert. This frittering goes on simply because when it's all over and done we are able to go back to the lives we've come to enjoy and treasure and nothing has been redone, least of all our real selves.

Jesus, however, risked the desert. Never just a tinkerer, he dared to trek about the emptiness for forty days and nights. This week's first scripture is a piece from Noah's tale in the bobbing ark. Thus we might wonder which desert was more daunting, forty days and nights of Noah's deluge or of Jesus' drought. Yet both found themselves in new and different worlds, neither of which had ever before been mapped.



~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Wed. February 25th...**7:00 pm Mass at St. Agnes with guest celebrant & preacher Fr. Dan Sweeney**

Thurs, March 12th....**Joint Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Pastoral Council Mtg.** (7:00pm, H.T. Social Hall)

Sat, March 28th.....**Fr. Grosko's Birthday Party** after 4:00pm Mass (**By Reserv. Only**, 412-896-3290)

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)



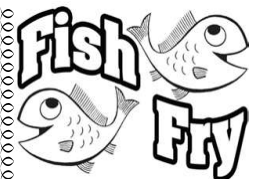
ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY—St. Agnes School will hold its annual Calendar Party on

March 21st. Doors open at **12 noon** for a relaxing afternoon out. A luncheon will be served at **1 pm.**

There will be **auction baskets, good fellowship, and entertainment.** Tickets are \$20 for a seat or \$144 for a table of 8 (\$18 a seat). Tickets can be purchased through the school office and after Mass.

BEST EVER! OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY at Holy Trinity Social Hall continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, from the hours of **11:00 am until 6:00 pm.** Don't miss this once a year opportunity for fellowship & good food.

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. VOLUNTEERS are needed.** Please lend a hand and make this year's event a **success. Our St. Agnes School needs your support.**



**TAKE OUT
PHONE
412-466-9695**

REMINDER: Your **BAKED GOODS** for the **FISH FRY** are much appreciated!

Last names beginning with **I-J-K-L:** **Friday, February 27th;**

Last name beginning with **M-N-O-P:** **Friday, March 6th**

NOTE: Due to changes in Health Dept. rules, no bake goods needing refrigeration can be accepted.

— LIVE LENT AT ST. AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITIES —

TO BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN, ACCEPT LENT'S CHALLENGE: - As we "journey with the crucified Lord," reflect on how Christ suffered and died for you and me. Participate in the Mass, and if you can, receive Holy Communion often during Lent for yourselves, for others, for our parishes and for our world. Make the *Stations* weekly and, above all, consider seriously the Lenten observances of **fasting, almsgiving, and praying**, especially in these days, for world peace, justice, and the sanctity of life and marriage. Discover and experience how you can make your faith more meaningful than ever before.

DAILY LENTEN MASSES: **St. Agnes:** Daily *Tuesdays* and *Thursdays* at 6:45 am and *Wednesdays* at 7:00 pm; on *Fridays*, Mass is at 8:15 am unless otherwise noted. **Holy Trinity:** *Mondays* and *Saturdays* at 8:00 am; *Wednesdays* and *Fridays* at 11:00 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: **St. Agnes:** *Fridays* - 2:00 pm (with school children attending); and also Stations in the evening at 7:00 pm. **Holy Trinity:** *Wednesdays* and *Fridays* after the 11:00 am Masses.

CONFESSIONS: **St. Agnes & Holy Trinity:** One-half hour before all weekend Masses.

THE "LIGHTS ARE STILL ON FOR YOU" CONFESSION: *Wednesday, March 18th*

At **Holy Trinity** from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and at **St. Agnes** following the 7:00 pm Mass until 9:00 pm.

EASTER DUTY - EASTER PRIVILEGE: Given that the Eucharist is the focal point of all our worship, the Church asks that Catholics receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion frequently, and, at the very minimum, once a year during the time of Easter (between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost). For 2015, that would be between March 18th and May 31st. We still use the expression "making our Easter Duty." It would be much better to think in terms of "Easter Privilege." For most people, Easter Duty includes "going to confession," but if a person is free of mortal sin, there is no requirement to receive the Sacrament of Penance. We are encouraged, however, to take advantage of the grace of the Sacrament of Penance often.

ST. AGNES SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING MASSES: Throughout the season of Lent, every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm a Mass will be celebrated by a visiting celebrant and homilist. On Wednesday the 25th guest celebrant and preacher will be Fr. Dan Sweeney.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES CONGRESS & PAPAL VISIT

The Diocese of Pittsburgh has arranged transportation and secured lodging for those interested in participating in the World Meeting of Families Congress and Papal visit to Philadelphia this September 22-27, 2015.

Registration material is available at www/diopitt.org. Bishop David A. Zubik will celebrate Mass with Pittsburgh Pilgrims in Philadelphia on Saturday, September 26th. The Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office has additional information on pilgrimages designed especially for them. Questions: DOPWMOF2015@diopitt.org. Act fast because space is limited.



Holy Trinity Men's Club trip to Rivers Casino, Wed., April 8. Bus leaves the Church parking lot at 9:00 am & departs the casino at 4:00 pm. Coffee & pastries at 7:30 am. Cost: \$25 per person. Bonus: \$20 free slot play & \$5 food. Deadline for reservations and payment is March 30. Call George at 412-466-5062. Everyone welcome!



FR. GRSKO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & ROAST

The K of C Council 4210 is sponsoring a birthday party and roast for Fr. Joe following the 4:00p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity on Saturday, March 28th. The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. BYOB! **space is limited to 200.** To reserve call 412-896-3290 or email timmy1825@aol.com. Payment must be received by Monday, March 14th. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #4210 and mail to Tim Richards, 3311 Eisenhower Drive, White Oak, PA 15131.

**The 2015 Parish Share Program
begins today.**

St. Agnes Goal: \$22,228
Holy Trinity Goal: \$21,505.



To meet the assessed goal for each parish we need all envelope users to contribute \$10 in the monthly Collection, **and that is the second collection of the first Sunday of the month.** It will be the weekend of March the 1st and, thereafter, the first weekend of each month. The parish share offering is \$10 or \$120 for the entire parish share year. Your understanding and financial support is surely needed if our goals are to be reached. We were able to reach the parish share goals in each parish. My heartfelt prayer is that we can again reach the goals and, if we go beyond these goals, the tax-free offerings remain in the parishes.

**Thank you for your understanding stewardship
and support in all diocesan collections.**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC McKeesport will be conducting a six-week Bereavement Support Group beginning Thursday, March 5, 2015, and continuing until Thursday, April 9, from 1:00pm - 2:30pm in the Patient Education Center on D-Mansfield. The sessions are moderated by Deacon Dale J. DiSanto. There is no cost to participants and free garage parking. For further information and to register call Suzie Cisler at 412-664-2380 or the Pastoral Care Department at 412-664-2057

“Lent is a privileged time of interior pilgrimage toward Him who is the font of mercy. It is a pilgrimage in which He Himself accompanies us through the desert of our poverty, sustaining us on our way toward the intense joy of Easter.”

— POPE BENEDICT XVI



**SCHOOL
NEWS**

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS
REGISTRATION FOR ST. AGNES
SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL**

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.

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, 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, Joseph Naccarato, Mary Kosko,
Dorothy Kostovny, Lois Mohrbach,
Marguerite Oeler, Laura Pasternak, Loretta Sabol,
Brian Saunders, Jim Schragl, Diana & Allen Soltis,
Michael Sorokacs, 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

\$ 2,660 - - Offering for Feb. 15*

\$ 195 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 22,228

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 195

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

\$ 676 - - Offering for Feb. 15

\$ 10 - - Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015\$ 21,505

Amount Collected PSP\$ 10

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