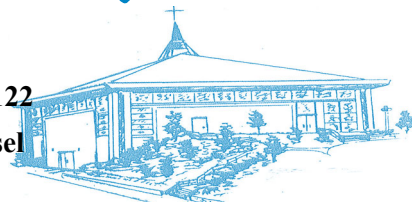


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



Administrator - Reverend Joseph R. Grosko
Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
Saint Agnes School Principal - Sister Cynthia Wessel
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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

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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 - MAR 29TH - PALM SUNDAY

8:00a - **Mary Alice Stanicar** (Husband Vince)
 11:00a - **Living & Dec'd Benefactors, St. Vincent de Paul**

MONDAY - MAR 30TH - HOLY WEEK

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - MAR 31ST - HOLY WEEK

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

WED - APR 1ST - HOLY WEEK

(11:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

7:00p - **Penance Service**

THUR - APR 2ND - HOLY THURSDAY

(4:00p Mass at Holy Trinity)

7:00p - **Joseph & Rose Banko** (Sister Janelle)

FRI - APR 3RD - GOOD FRIDAY

8:00p - **Tenebrae Mass**

SAT - APR 4TH - HOLY SATURDAY

8:00p - **Irene Slezak** (Parish)

SUN - APR 5TH - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00a - **Sister Edward Kudla** (Parish)
 11:00a - **Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - MAR 29TH - PALM SUNDAY

4:00p - (Sat) **Fr. Grosko's Birthday** (Parishes)
 9:30a - **Living & Dec'd Benefactors, St. Vincent de Paul**

MONDAY - MAR 30TH - HOLY WEEK

8:00a - **Ann Manns** (Christian Mothers Guild)

TUES - MAR 31ST - HOLY WEEK

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - APR 1ST - HOLY WEEK

11:00a - **Al Michaels** (Betty Clark)

(7:00p Penance Service at St. Agnes)

THUR - APR 2ND - HOLY THURSDAY

4:00p - **Fr. Edward Bunchek** (Parish)

(7:00p Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - APR 3RD - GOOD FRIDAY

(8:00p Tenebrae Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - APR 4TH - HOLY SATURDAY

(8:00p Vigil Mass at St. Agnes)

SUN - APR 5TH - EASTER SUNDAY

9:30a - **Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

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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 Mtg., April 6th

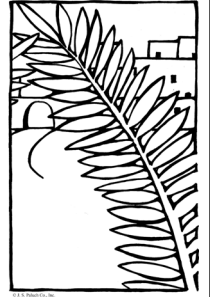
ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

March 29th, 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31-34.* Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15.* A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:7-9.* Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading: *John 12:20-33.* Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Reflecting on God's Word:

Someone once told me that people come to church on Palm Sunday because they get something. But I like to think that palm says something they recognize as true.

"He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness," writes Paul, quoting the words of an early Christian hymn. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," follow soon after (Philippians 2:7, 8). Emptying and humbling are the two key words embracing the trajectory of the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: from incarnation to passion and death.

He poured himself out for us and for our salvation, certainly suffering physically—from the beating, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, being struck with a reed, spat upon, prodded, pushed, and stumbling up the hill to Golgotha. Then he was stretched out on a crossbeam, nailed to it, and lifted up, his body suspended between heaven and earth. Finally, he suffocated, unable to raise himself to take in more air.

There was also the inner suffering of abandonment, of seeing his disciples run off, of realizing that all those who had cried "Hosanna" a few days earlier had either been silent or had cried out, "Crucify him." Only the women had remained with him. Today, when we take home a piece of palm, it invites us to prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter. Then we can add our voices to that solitary voice almost two millennia ago, saying, "Truly, this is the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39).

~~~**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**~~~

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**

Sun, April 12th.....**Donut Sunday** (after Masses in St. Agnes Social Hall)

Wed, April 15th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Meeting** (6:30pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)

Sun, April 19th.....**Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Team Joshua Autism Speaks** (12 noon, St. Agnes)

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

Sun, May 10th.....**Donut Sunday** (after Masses in St. Agnes Social Hall)

**Please remove all artificial flowers, wreaths & items on graves in Holy Trinity and St. Agnes Cemeteries by April 1 for Spring Clean Up!**



The second collection today, at both parishes, will be for the benefit for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

**Holy Land Good Friday Collection**

From the daily news, we all know of the *challenges in the Middle East*. Christians in the Holy Land urgently need our help. **You can help fellow Catholics in the cradle of Christianity** through your generosity during the **Good Friday Collection**. *Thank you for supporting the works of the Catholic Community and helping to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines.* May the Lord reward your concern and support!

**BEST EVER! OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY** at Holy Trinity Social Hall ends on Good Friday, from the hours of **11:00 am until 6:00 pm**. This is your last chance for fellowship & good food. **TAKE OUT PHONE: 412-466-9695**

**REMINDER:** Your **BAKED GOODS** for the **FISH FRY** are much appreciated! Last names beginning with **E-F-G-H** **Good Friday, April 3rd.** **NOTE: Due to changes in Health Dept. rules, no bake goods needing refrigeration can be accepted.**



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



| HOLY TRINITY            |         | ST. AGNES                      |         |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Holy Thursday:          | 4:00pm  | Wednesday: Penance Service     | 7:00pm  |
|                         |         | Holy Thursday:                 | 7:00pm  |
| Good Friday:            |         | Good Friday:                   |         |
| Stations of the Cross   | 1:00pm  | Stations of the Cross          | 12 noon |
| Liturgy                 | 2:00pm  | Liturgy                        | 3:00pm  |
|                         |         | Tenebrae                       | 8:00pm  |
| Holy Saturday:          |         | Holy Saturday:                 |         |
| Blessing of Baskets     | 12 noon | Blessing of Baskets            | 12:30pm |
| No Saturday 4:00pm Mass |         | Easter Vigil: (St. Agnes Only) | 8:00pm  |
| Easter Sunday:          | 9:30am  | Easter Sunday:                 | 8:00am  |
|                         |         |                                | 11:00am |

### *Holy Week Highlights — Please Take Note*

**PALM SUNDAY** - The **blessed palms** you received today are Sacramental and are a reminder that we are **followers of Jesus Christ**. Place the palm in a prominent place at home, like behind a crucifix, as a year-long reminder. And as we participated in **reading the Passion** today, may it be a week-long and a year-long **reminder** of what our **Divine Lord had to suffer for our sins**.

**WEDNESDAY PENANCE SERVICE** - The *Penance Service* will begin at St. Agnes at **7:00 p.m.** There will be a **number of priests** available for **individual confessions**. An opportunity to fulfill your Easter obligation of penance.

**HOLY THURSDAY** - There is a **Mass of Chrism** at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Cathedral** in Oakland to which all Catholics are invited. It is a beautiful experience. **Priests** of the Diocese join with the **Bishop in renewing their priestly commitment**. The **Holy Oils** (Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick, and Chrism) which are used in the various Sacraments, are **blessed by the Bishop and brought back to the parishes**. The Sacred Oils will be carried in procession for the Holy Thursday evening Masses at *both* parishes.

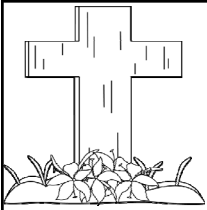
At **Holy Trinity**, *there will be at 4:00 p.m. Mass* and at **St. Agnes a 7:00 p.m. Mass** at which the **Washing of Feet** will take place immediately after the homily. The **collection** taken up at this Mass will become **part of our Rice Bowl offering** for the **needy and hungry**. **After Mass at both parishes**, there is an opportunity for **adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY** - At **St. Agnes**, there will be **Stations of the Cross** at **12 noon**. with a homily—then an opportunity for **private meditation**. At **3:00 p.m.**, we will conduct our **Good Friday Liturgy**, which includes reading the **Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion**. **At the Liturgy, the collection will be for the Holy Land**. At **8:00 p.m.**, there will be a **TENEBRAE SERVICE FOR ALL WHO CAN COME**. — **remember, this is a day of FAST & ABSTINENCE**.

At **Holy Trinity**, **Stations of the Cross** will begin at **1:00 p.m.** and **Good Friday Liturgy** will follow at **2:00 p.m.**

**HOLY SATURDAY** - Today there is the custom of **blessing Easter Food**, which will take place at **12 noon** at **Holy Trinity** and **12:30** at **St. Agnes**. The **Easter Vigil Liturgy**, will begin at **8:00 p.m. at St. Agnes only**. The Easter Vigil includes the **blessing of a new fire** as well as the **Easter Candle, special readings**, and concludes with the **Mass of the Resurrection**. We will all **renew our Baptismal Promises** at this Mass and at all the Easter Masses. Holy Week Services is a blessed opportunity to walk with the crucified Lord and thus the Resurrection.

**EASTER SUNDAY** - There are two envelopes for this day—**regular Sunday** and the **special Easter Sunday**—but there will **only be one collection to accept both envelopes**. Your **understanding and stewardship support** are needed and in particular, we ask that your **Easter gift for the Parish** be a sign of your love for our enduring Faith Community. As always, I am **prayerfully grateful** for your **generous and vigilant stewardship**.



### **HANG IT ON THE CROSS**

If you have a secret sorrow,  
a burden or a loss,  
an aching need for healing . . .

### **Hang It On The Cross.**

If worry steals your sleep  
and makes you turn and toss,  
if your heart is feeling heavy . . .

### **Hang It On The Cross.**

Every obstacle to faith  
or doubt you come across,  
every prayer unanswered . . .

### **Hang It On The Cross.**

For Christ has borne  
our brokenness  
and dearly paid the cost.  
To turn our trials to triumph . . .

### **Hang It On The Cross.**

### ***Easter Blessing of the Families***

On **Easter Sunday, April 5th**, Bishops **David Zubik, William Winter** and **William Waltersheid** will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at **St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland, at 2:00 p.m.**

You are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento and the children will receive a sweet treat.

### **2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner To Benefit Team Joshua Autism Speaks St. Agnes Social Hall**

Tickets: 5 & under (free), 6-12 (\$8), Adults (\$12).  
Contact Rachel Pastor (412-266-2065) for tickets.  
Come and enjoy spaghetti, salad & drinks, raffles and other fun activities!

### **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,  
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, Cindy Silvio,  
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**

Due to bulletin publishing deadlines the financial reports for  
the next three weeks will not appear until April 12th.

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 22,228  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 2,460  
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**

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PSP Assessment-2015 .....\$ 21,505  
Amount Collected PSP .....\$ 2,150

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