

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 - APR 12TH - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a - **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Klocko** (Tom & Patty Klocko)
 11:00a - **Emil Tomac** (Rich & Barb Gomolak)

MONDAY - APR 13TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - APR 14TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Maureen Sersen** (Maureen & John Meachan)

WED - APR 15TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - APR 16TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert Kosko, Sr.** (Terry & Louis Duport)

FRI - APR 17TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Sister Bernardine** (Sisters at St. Agnes)

SAT - APR 18TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - APR 19TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a - **Delena Bevan** (Jim & Family)
 11:00a - **Elizabeth Kukta** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - APR 12TH - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p - **Martin Hock** (Virginia Jasek)
 9:30a - **Frank Kontul** (Family)

MONDAY - APR 13TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Rogers, Haskins, Bergman Families** (Families)

TUES - APR 14TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - APR 15TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Hilda Kanczes** (H.T. Dialogue Group)

THUR - APR 16TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

(6:45p Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - APR 17TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - APR 18TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Albert Michaels** (Virginia Jasek & Kris)

SUN - APR 19TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p - **Dorothy Carothers** (George Radvansky)
 9:30a - **Albert Michaels** (Joe & Tillie Kirch)

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 Mtg., April 6th

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

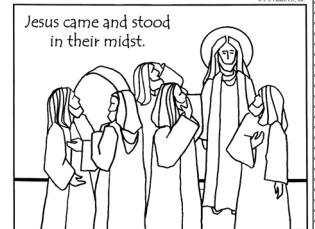
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35.* The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24.* The Lord's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading: *1 John 5:1-6.* Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-31.* Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.



Reflecting on God's Word

Can one “fathom” a mystery? “Fathom” derives from an Old English word meaning “outstretched arms;” eventually it referred to the length from fingertip to fingertip of arms opened wide. As a verb, it means to probe or penetrate in order to understand. Granting the impossibility of ever coming to fathom the Resurrection fully, I like the image of trying to reach out and put my arms around this great mystery—or, better yet, to have the risen Christ put his outstretched arms around me, drawing me into it more fully.

Which brings us to Thomas. He is the original person who tried to fathom the risen Christ, insisting that if his friends in the upper room wanted him to believe what he could only think of as nonsense, he needed to touch the wounds of the risen Lord. Jesus didn't seem to have much of a problem letting him.

We never learn whether Thomas did touch Jesus or not, but every second Sunday of Easter we are told this story about Thomas and the risen Lord. It encourages us to fathom the mystery that is our faith, to learn to penetrate it by confessing Jesus as Lord and God, then allow this belief to flow out into our daily activities, reaching out to embrace others.

Don't you think when Thomas left the upper room that day he knew that the Resurrection was not something to keep to himself? That his whole being was filled with the warmth and light absorbed from being in the presence of the risen Lord? Is it possible that this can happen to us?

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

TODAY, 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)

Sat-Sun, April 18-19th...**St. Agnes School Hoagie Sale** (After Masses at Holy Trinity & St. Agnes)

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

Sat, May 2nd.....**K of C Night at the Races** (Holy Trinity Social Hall)

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

Sat, May 9th.....**H. T. Men/Ladies' Club Stuffed Cabbage Sale** (Take-out only, \$2 ea., Social Hall)

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

Tue, May 12th.....**Raising of the Flags** (Holy Trinity Cemetery)



Knights of Columbus are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than Camaraderie, it is being involved with your community. It is supporting your local Catholic Church while enhancing your own faith. It is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Come see what we are all about by calling the Deputy Grand Knight/Director of Recruiting at 412-896-3290 or email at timmy1825@aol.com.

HOAGIES: Our final hoagies sale for the school year will be held after the Masses at both churches on April 18th and 19th. The Best in Town!!

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...

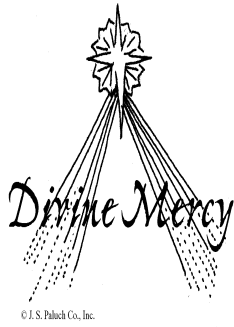
*to the family and friends of
Virginia Radocay of St. Agnes,
who died this past week.*



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

Our sincere gratitude to the faithful parishioners of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity for their very generous donations of \$875 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Palm Sunday collection. Your gifts, along with the monies from the Poor Boxes, will be used wisely. May God continue to bless you for your generosity.





SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

If you are feeling worried, confused, or hopeless, you know how the disciples feel in today's Gospel. **We see them huddled behind locked doors, trembling with fear, and shivering with horror because Jesus has been crucified.** How could this happen? Was He not the Son of God? All their hopes and dreams are shattered by His death. Their future seems hopeless. **Imagine their surprise when Jesus suddenly appears before them, alive after all!** They can scarcely believe their eyes! We hear their shouts of astonishment and joy as **He says, "Peace be with you."** Then Jesus commissions them to go forth and proclaim the Good News to everyone. **Jesus mysteriously breathes the Holy Spirit on them, giving them new life, and informs them that they now have the awesome and life-giving power to forgive sins.** Later they deliver this incredible news to Thomas but He doubts their story. **Jesus returns, places Thomas' fingers into His wounds, and this time Thomas believes.**

The Duquesne/West Mifflin Knights of Columbus is holding a Night at the Races on Saturday, May 2. Doors open at 6:00pm and races start at 7:00pm, at Holy Trinity Church Hall. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$20 at the door. Horses are \$5 each and you get to name your own horse. If your horse wins the race you will win \$25. To buy tickets and horses in advance, see council members or mail a check payable to Knights of Columbus 4210 to David Palcsey, Jr., 422 26th Street, McKeesport, PA 15132 and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. There will be a 50/50, Chinese Auction and strip tickets. Everyone over 18 is welcome. Your admission ticket includes a light buffet and beverages. The event is BYOB and set-ups are provided. Come and join the fun! Everyone is welcome



Day of Reflection for Women-- The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of the Diocese of Pittsburgh invite all women to an Easter Season Day of Reflection entitled: "Women Disciples of Jesus: Bearing the Good News to the World" on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30am to 3:00pm at Cardinal's Great Hall, St. Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road, Crafton. The day will include Adoration, Confession and spiritual reflections by the Very Rev. Tom Kunz, VE, JCD and Mrs. Frances M. Tarkett, MA, MSEd and will conclude with Mass and homily by Reverend Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM Cap. Suggested offering is \$25. Email: ghdccw@gmail.com for more information.

Paschal Candle

***"Rejoice, O earth in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!"***



The light of the Easter Candle, so prominently displayed in our church sanctuary, is the representation of the **Risen Christ, Light of the World. It will remain in the sanctuary until Pentecost Sunday.** It will be lit for all liturgical services between now and that date. From then until the 2016 Easter Vigil, it will be burning for Baptismal and Funeral liturgies.—**Truly the Paschal Candle symbolized the Light of Christ among us, a Light that scatters the darkness of sin and death!**



**Sunday, April 19
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.

***The Work to Build
the Kingdom of God Continues***

***It helps now and then to step back
and take the long view.***

***The Kingdom of God is not only beyond our
efforts, it is even beyond our vision.***

***We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny frac-
tion of the magnificent enterprise
that is God's work.***

***Nothing we do is complete, which is
another way of saying that the Kingdom
always lies beyond us.***

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayers fully express our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

***No program accomplishes
the Church's mission.***

***No set of goals and objectives
includes everything.***

This is what we are about.

We plant the seed that one day will grow.

***We water seeds already planted, knowing that
they hold future promise.***

***We lay foundations that will need
further development.***

***We provide yeast that produces effects
far beyond our capabilities.***

***We cannot do everything, and there is a sense
of liberation in realizing that.***

***This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.***

***It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a
step along the way.***

***An opportunity for the Lord's grace
to enter and do the rest.***

***We may never see the end results, but that is
the difference between the master builder and
the worker.***

***We are workers, not master builders,
ministers, not messiahs.***

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Amen

Unborn babies have no voice but ours!

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Holy Trinity

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Veronica Bujdos,
Anna Cmar, Esther & Frank Donos, 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

Weekly Collections

ST. AGNES

March 22, 29 & April 5

\$ 11,744 -- Offerings
\$ 3,229 -- Easter
\$ 469 -- Holy Land
\$ 935 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 22,228
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 3,395
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

March 22, 29 & April 5

\$ 5,681 -- Offerings
\$ 2,482 -- Easter
\$ 759 -- Holy Land
\$ 1,520 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 21,505
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 3,670

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