

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 - AUG. 9TH - 19TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Allen Soltis** (Lois)
 11:00a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Wife, Joan)

MONDAY - AUG 10TH - ST. LAWRENCE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - AUG 11TH - ST. CLARE

7:00a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Sylvia Ancic)

WED - AUG 12TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - AUG 13TH - WEEKDAY

7:00a - **Marie Steiner** (Jesse Smith)

FRI - AUG 14TH - ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SAT - AUG. 15TH-ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - AUG 16TH - 20TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Allen Soltis** (Wife, Diane)
 11:00a - **Joseph Munha** (Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - AUG. 9TH - 19TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Margaret Wooddell** (Robert Wooddell)
 9:30a - **Phyllis Bialobok Bowers** (Mum & Family)

MONDAY - AUG 10TH - ST. LAWRENCE

8:00a- **Mary Gasparovic** (Sisters)

TUES - AUG 11TH - ST. CLARE

(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - AUG 12TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Howard Ondick** (Family)

THUR - AUG 13TH - WEEKDAY

(7:00am Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - AUG 14TH - ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

8:00a - **Andrew Stupar** (Vendetti Family)

SAT - AUG 15TH - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00a- **Dawn Finnigan** (Sue & Ginny)

SUN - AUG 16TH - 20TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **George Pollack** (Goldie & Children)
 9:30a - **Maureen Sersen** (Mary Adams)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 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.

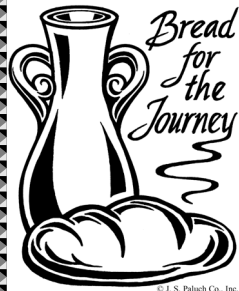
SICK & SHUTINS: Please call the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

EPHESIANS IV-PRAYER & PRAISE-Next Mtg. Mon, Sept. 14.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *1 Kings 19:4-8.* The Lord feeds Elijah, strengthening him for his journey to Horeb.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9.* A prayer of praise to God for his goodness.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 4:30—5:2.* The Ephesians are encouraged to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel Reading: *John 6:41-51.* Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.

Reflecting on God's Word

The Passover bread that the Israelites made when leaving Egypt had no leaven in it so that it would not spoil and could continue to provide nourishment to them on the road. Thus it is sometimes called bread for the journey. Of course manna also sustained them on their journey through the desert. And so did the Torah. So deliciously nourishing is the Word of God that some young Jewish children begin learning the Hebrew alphabet by licking honey placed on each letter so that the Torah should always be "sweet on the tongue."

The story of Elijah being nourished in the desert beautifully epitomizes the many ways in which God provides bread for the journey. For Christians, Jesus' words, works, and life given for us are the bread we crave. He alone gives us the strength and courage to "be kind [forgive] one another and live in love" (Ephesians 4:32, 5:2). And, oddly enough, we can find this ample nourishment from the Eucharist when all we taste is a crumb.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- Tue, August 11th.....**Holy Hour for Vocations** (7:00pm St. Agnes Church)
- Wed, August 12th.....**Festival of Praise** (7:00pm, St. Paul Cathedral, Bishop David A. Zubik Presider)
- Sat, August 15th.....**The Assumption of Mary** (Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year)
- Tue, August 18th.....**K of C Car Show** (5:30-9:30pm, Holy Trinity Parking Lot)
- Wed, August 19th.....**Joint H.T. & S.A. Finance Committees Mtg.** (6:00pm, H.T. Social Hall)
- Wed, August 19th.....**Joint H.T. & S.A. Pastoral Councils Mtg.** (7:00pm, H.T. Social Hall)
- Sun, August 23rd.....**New School Year Eucharistic Celebration** (4:00pm Mass, St. Agnes)
- Mon, August 24th.....**St. Agnes School First Day of Classes**
- Tue, Sept. 15th.....**K of C Car Show & Chili Cook Off** (5:30-9:30pm, Holy Trinity Parking Lot)
- Sat, Sept. 19th.....**Gathering of Catholic Men** (David Lawrence Conv. Ctr. Info: cmfpitt.org)



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Agnes
Is in Memory of **Paula Anne Smith**
By Mom & Dad



*Flowers at Holy Trinity
In Memory of **Mary Gasparovic**
By Sisters*

OUR NEW FALL MASS SCHEDULE: BEGINNING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH, HOLY TRINITY MASSES WILL BE HELD ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS AT 8:00AM AND ON FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY . ST. AGNES MASSES WILL BE ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 6:45AM AND ON FRIDAYS AT 8:15AM ON SCHOOL DAYS.

St. Bonaventure, who believed that those who do not feel the presence of God in creation are depriving themselves of a major source of spiritual development, let his feelings be known on this topic:

"WHOEVER, THEREFORE, IS NOT ENLIGHTENED BY SUCH SPLENDOR OF CREATED THINGS IS BLIND; WHOEVER IS NOT AWAKENED BY SUCH OUTCRIES IS DEAF; WHOEVER DOES NOT PRAISE GOD BECAUSE OF ALL THESE EFFECTS IS DUMB; WHOEVER DOES NOT DISCOVER THE FIRST PRINCIPLE FROM SUCH SIGNS IS A FOOL."



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Assumption of Mary, Saturday August 15th

Next Saturday, on the Feast Day of Mary, we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. As the Father had glorified His Beloved Son in His Resurrection, we as the Church, celebrate Christ glorifying His Beloved Mother in her Assumption into Heaven. **Mary serves as our model.** We look to her son, Jesus Christ, who assumes His Beloved Mother to be with Him in Heaven. Assumed body and soul into heaven, she enjoys now what we have been promised.

We look first to her Son, Jesus Christ but also to Mary to en flesh for us, bodily creatures that we are, the meaning and plan of the Divine. She is “one of us” and we **look to her with love and pride.**

Since the Feast Day falls on a Saturday this year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, **THERE IS A REGULARLY SCHEDULED 8:00AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY** and Our Lady blesses your presence and participation.

CALLING ALL SCHOOL PARENTS OF ST. AGNES.....

On **Sunday, August 23rd**, the Eucharistic Celebration will be held at **4:00pm** to *seek the Lord's blessings and graces as we begin the School Year of 2015-2016.* With a gathering of our school children and parents, may the Lord hear our fervent petitions and prayers as we begin the new school year. **A covered dish supper will follow immediately after the Mass.** *This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation and all are welcome in this faith gathering of the St. Agnes community.*

ST. AGNES & HOLY TRINITY PARISH COUNCILS MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 7:00PM, HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL HALL

We need to up-date our Parish Councils and therefore are calling all current and former members to this meeting. **Also, an open invitation is being extended to members of both parishes to be part of this newly reorganized joint Parish Council and to attend the meeting.** Personal letters will be mailed to all present and former members of the Parish Councils to be present at this all important reorganizational meeting. The letters will indicate our agenda to include the development of an up-dated strategic plan or any other Pastoral Council issues and matters concerning both parishes.

The Finance Committees of both parishes will meet at 6:00pm before the Parish Council Meeting to review the essential financial matters of the parishes, discuss projected projects and give approval to the continual up-dating of the physical plants of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity. Finance members will be called for your attendance at this important meeting.

MAKE YOUR “AMEN” BE HEARD: It has been noticed with increased frequency that the “Amen” spoken at the reception of Holy Communion has become barely audible or altogether dropped by many communicants, young and older alike. To say “Amen” gives expression to our faith. It need not be silent. Don't be afraid, hesitant or embarrassed to say the word right out loud.



TENTH ANNUAL GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER

Our annual gathering of Catholic Men is a one of a kind event for you to be challenged, encouraged, and to encounter Jesus. Don't miss this awesome day. Get more information and register today at cmfpitt.org.

God Can Be the Healer of Broken Hearts

*To the saddened heart,
He pours out the oil of gladness;
To the discouraged heart,
He brings a song of hope;
To the lonely heart,
He comes with the nearness of His presence;
To the disappointed heart,
He speaks a promise of better things;
To the drifting heart,
He secures the anchor of His steadfast love;
To the wounded heart,
He applies the healing ointment of His grace;
To the soiled heart,
He washes with the rivers of His mercies;
To the troubled heart,
He soothes with the quiet strength of His peace.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their
wounds, curing their pains and their sorrows.*

Psalm 147:3AMP



Inspirational Quote from the Pope

“To pray for a person with whom I am irritated is a beautiful step forward in love, and an act of evangelization. Let us do it today!”

PARENTING POINTERS

“Parents spend 40% less time with their children than did parents in the 1950’s... The average father spends less than 30 minutes a week talking to his children... Most kids need more adult time and less money.”



Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited
Until you try to sit in their pews.

Football Mania Sweepstakes Tickets benefiting

our school are now available!! Tickets are \$20 for 17 weeks of the regular football season.



**Contact Sister Cynthia after Masses or
in school at 412-466-6238.**

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Holy Trinity

Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko, Margaret Breznai,
Veronica Bujdos, Anna Cmar, Esther Gonos, Helen Gambal,
Betty Hock, Mary Lisa Holzwarth,
Zander Holzwarth (toddler), Flo Husfelt, Betty Jozefov,
Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac, Louis Kruszewski,
Cecelia Minella, Helen Ondick, Ethel Palyo,
Mary Sabo, Lois Soltis, Martha Vasil

St. Agnes

Margaret Becze, 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, Cindy Silvio,
Diana 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

August 2, 2015

\$ 3,753 -- Offering

\$ 935 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015\$ 22,228

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 10,272

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

August 2, 2015

\$ 2,284 -- Offering

\$ 1,085 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 21,505

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 9,720

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