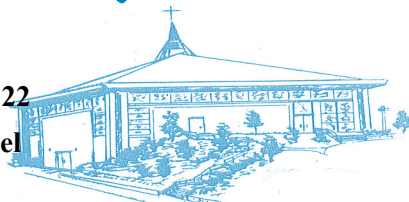


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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

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

#### MONDAY - AUG 17TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - AUG 18TH - WEEKDAY

7:00a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Floyd Caruso & Family)

#### WED - AUG 19TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - AUG 20TH - ST. BERNARD

7:00a - **Rudy Saunders** (Jean & Family)

#### FRI - AUG 21ST - ST. PIUS X, POPE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SAT - AUG. 22ND - QUEENSHIP OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN - AUG 23RD - 21ST SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Rev. John C. Vojtek** (Ed & Carol Koehler)  
 11:00a-**John & Martha Gruber** (Ephesians IV prayer group)  
 4:00p - **Back to School Celebration Mass**

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

#### MONDAY - AUG 17TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **Mary Ann Szucs** (Goldie Pollack)

#### TUES - AUG 18TH - WEEKDAY

(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - AUG 19TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Albert Michaels** (Bill & Pat Jakub)

#### THUR - AUG 20TH - ST BERNARD

(7:00am Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRI - AUG 21ST - ST. PIUS X, POPE

8:00a - **Dorothy Bracco** (Irene & Mildred Moran)

#### SAT - AUG 22ND - QUEENSHIP OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00a- **Kathleen Harkless** (Justine Kozak)

#### SUN - AUG 23RD - 21ST SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Martin Hock** (Mary Cmar)  
 9:30a - **Jodi Matta Dillinger** (Family)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Saint Agnes Convent ..... 412-466-3554  
 Saint Agnes Website..... [www.stagneswm.com](http://www.stagneswm.com)  
 Holy Trinity Website.....[www.holytrinitywm.com](http://www.holytrinitywm.com)  
 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... [h.trinity@verizon.net](mailto: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**

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading:** *Proverbs 9:1-6.* Wisdom has set a feast before us.

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

**Second Reading:** *Ephesians 5:15-20.* Filled with the Spirit, Christians strive to follow the will of the Lord.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 6:51-58.* Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

### Reflecting on God's Word

As a boy, I was often sent to Kauder's Bakery on the corner of Preston and Ensor Streets in Baltimore. There was nothing like the variety of breads today, but whether it was white, rye, or Vienna, the smell of fresh-baked bread and especially the crunch of the crust stays with me more than sixty years later.

Kauder's came to mind after reading today's Gospel. Biblical scholars point out that the crowds would have been appalled at Jesus' words: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). The word used for "eat" is a very physical word, the equivalent of munching or chewing. To hear "eat my flesh" would have been repulsive. An invitation to cannibalism! The same with "drink my blood." Jewish law was very clear that no blood should remain in any animal slaughtered for eating. Blood was the "seat of life" and life belonged only to God.

But this is precisely the point. Behind this "sign" is God's wondrous life-giving plan: to bring us into intimate communion when we partake of the very life of the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. We are not to get drunk on the wine of this world but on the divinized drink of everlasting life. Not mundane manna but the bread that mediates an encounter with the Lord of our salvation. This is truly Wisdom's house, where we eat both the bread of God's word and the bread that is the Lamb of God.

### ~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- 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**
- Mon, Sept. 14th.....**Mother of Sorrows Mass** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity)
- 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)
- Wed., Oct. 7th.....**Rosary & Benediction** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity)

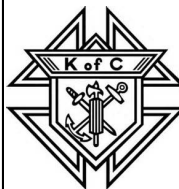


The Sanctuary Candle at St. Agnes  
Is in Memory of  
**Thelma McWilliams &  
Marilyn Shenafelt**  
By Dave & Ginny Ackerman

#### ON A SUMMER'S DAY

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.

—John Lubbock



If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in faith, or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Duquesne/West Mifflin Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Please consider joining us.

For more information visit <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=4210>, or contact the Membership Director, Tim Richards at [timmy1825@aol.com](mailto:timmy1825@aol.com) and/or 412-414-4919

**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.**

### *Why We Need to Go to Mass?*

Normal complaints of children, *“Why do we have to go to Mass?”* The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** states: *“The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Catholic practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on the days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail this obligation commit a grave sin.”* This attendance is a need as common to a Catholic as the need to eat and breathe. ***One’s participation in this communal celebration is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and His Church.*** There is never a vacation from God. There is never a vacation from church.

### **HELPFUL HINTS FOR MASS ATTENDANCE**

1. Get there on time. Would you come late to a dinner party?
2. Forgotten what to do at Mass? It’s like riding a bike. Plus, every parish has a “how to” handbook.
3. It’s called the missalette or order of worship. Just read along.
4. Dress appropriately. Would you wear athletic clothes to a wedding?
5. The reception of Communion is open to all Catholics who are not conscious of serious sin.
6. Remember to fast for one hour prior to Communion.
7. Sing. Active participation will make the experience more meaningful to you.



### **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 Banquet of Heaven/the Mass, will fulfill the Sunday obligation and all are welcome in this faith gathering of the St. Agnes community. Let’s welcome our students and their parents by your presence and prayers.**

### **CHOOSING A SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN**

Perhaps the **biggest responsibility** a parent faces is the **careful choice** for the education of their children, making whatever sacrifices are necessary in giving them the finest educational opportunities.

**St. Agnes** has long been **blessed** with an **excellent school** that provides a **very solid academic, spiritual, physical and social program** for children from **pre-school through the eighth grade.** **If you are looking for a well-rounded Christian education and a solid program for your child/children, call Sister Cynthia at 412-466-6238.** Financial help is available.

As we come to the beginning of a new school year, **prayerful thanks to all of the parents and families** who willingly make **endless sacrifices** for their children's education at **St. Agnes Catholic School.**



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

Calling all current and former members to this meeting. **Also, an open invitation is extended to members of both parishes to be part of this newly reorganized joint Parish Council and to attend the meeting.** The agenda will include the joining of both parishes into a single Parish Council and Finance Committee, the development of a strategic plan and any other issues and matters concerning both parishes.

**The Finance Committees of both parishes will meet at 6:00pm before the Parish Council Meeting** to review essential financial matters, discuss on-going maintenance of the physical plants and discuss future projects.

### Promise Yourself

To be strong that nothing can disturb your  
peace of mind.

To make all your friends feel that there is  
something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything  
And make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for  
the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the suc-  
cess of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past  
and press on to the greater achievements  
of the future

To give cheerful countenance at all times  
and give every living creature  
you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement  
of yourself that you  
have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for  
anger, too strong for fear, and too happy  
to permit the presence of trouble.

—*Christian D. Larson*

*Christ the Light of the World and St. Joseph  
Parishes invite you to attend their Designer  
Purse Bingo and Luncheon Sunday, September  
13, 2015.*

20 Bingos plus 1 Special, Door Prizes and Chi-  
nese Auction. \$30p/p at Youghioghenny Country  
Club. Doors open at 12 noon. Lunch served at  
1:00pm. Call 412-469-0196 for reservations.



**Football Mania Sweepstakes** Tick-  
ets benefiting our school are now avail-  
able!! 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 9, 2015

\$ 3,356 -- Offering

\$ 935 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 11,752

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 9, 2015

\$ 1,656 -- Offering

\$ 160 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 9,880

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