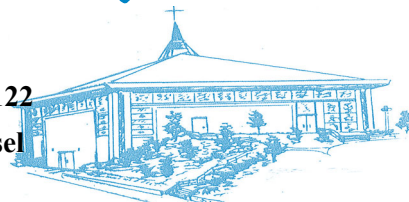


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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 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**

MONDAY - AUG 24TH - ST. BARTHOLOMEW

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - AUG 25TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert Schaff, Jr.** (Maura & Paul Thomas)

WED - AUG 26TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - AUG 27TH - ST. MONICA

6:45a - **Robert Kosko, Sr.** (Vera & Jack Recktoosh)

FRI - AUG 28TH - ST. AUGUSTINE

8:15a - **Joseph & Rose Banko** (Sister Janelle)

SAT - AUG. 29TH - PASSION OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN, AUG. 30TH - 22ND SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Mike Sorokacs)
 11:00a- **Joe Milko** (George & Bernice Monzak)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

MONDAY - AUG 24TH - ST. BARTHOLOMEW

8:00a- **Andrew Stupar** (Elizabeth Jozefov & Family)

TUES - AUG 25TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - AUG 26TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Rudy Saunders** (Jean & Family)

THUR - AUG 27TH - ST. MONICA

(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - AUG 28TH - ST. AUGUSTINE

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - AUG 29TH - PASSION OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

8:00a- **Elizabeth Spirnak** (Mary, Ray, Eleanor)

SUN - AUG 30TH - 22ND SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Members of Slovak Catholic Sokols #295**
 9:30a - **Fr. Victor Roche** (Parish)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 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**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b.* Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21.* The Lord hears the cries of the just.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:21-32 (or shorter form Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32).* Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading: *John 6:60-69.* Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

Reflecting on God's Word

"If it does not please you to serve the LORD," Joshua enjoins the tribes of Israel at Shechem, "decide today whom you will serve." And the people answered: "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods," going on to name the deeds the Lord had done for them (Joshua 24:15, 16).

Centuries later, after hearing Jesus call himself bread to be eaten, descendants of those at Shechem said: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" And they "no longer accompanied him." Jesus then asked the Twelve if they would leave too. Simon answered for all: "We have come to believe and are convinced you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:60, 66, 69).

Our response is a simple but weighty *Amen* (meaning "So be it"). When the consecrated host is held up, accompanied by "The Body of Christ," and the cup offered with "The Blood of Christ," we are asked to put our faith on the line and say, "Amen."

Has familiarity bred contentment? Are we so used to this mystery that we rarely have a sense of awe or wonder? The first act of faith is believing that God is present in things as ordinary as this bread and wine. We believe that the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. What is the change in us that should accompany receiving them?

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- Sun, August 23rd.....**New School Year Eucharistic Celebration** (4:00pm, St. Agnes)
- Mon, August 24th.....**St. Agnes School First Day of Classes**
- Wed, Sept. 9th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Mtg. and "Steak Out"** (5:00pm, H.T. Social Hall)
- 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)
- Tue, Sept 22nd.....**Take Down Holy Trinity Cemetery Flags** (volunteers needed)
- Wed., Oct. 7th.....**Rosary & Benediction** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity)

The Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Communications and Catholic University



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: If you are unable to attend Mass and would like a periodic visit from a fellow parishioner or to request a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, **please call Suzann or Linda on Mondays or Tuesdays between 9:00am and 3:00pm at the rectory. Call 412-466-6545.**



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...

to the family and friends of **Capt. Edward J. Bano, Brother-in-Law of Jean Sanders, and Dave Koehler, brother of Ted Koehler, 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 NEW FALL MASS SCHEDULE: BEGINS THIS 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults ("RCIA") can meet weekly to prepare members for the reception of the sacraments on Easter. We welcome those who have never been baptized into a Christian faith, those who seek to join the Catholic faith from another Christian denomination, and those who have been raised Catholic and seek Confirmation in order to become full members of the Church. Call Holy Trinity, 412-466-5645.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHILI CHEF CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday, September 15th, 5:30pm
Holy Trinity Church Social Hall

Prepare your favorite "drop dead" greatest chili recipe. Then at 5:30pm bring a big pot full to compete for being crowned Council Chili King. There is a \$5.00 entrance fee for Chili Chefs. Everyone is welcome as "tasters" in the judging. Tasting, judging and fraternity networking costs 50 cents. Contact Tim Richards at timmy1825@aol.com or call 412-414-4919. Don't miss all the fun!!!

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

All children attending public schools, particularly from the 1st to the 8th Grade are expected to be registered in the CCD PROGRAM, that is, the *Confraternity of Christian Doctrine*. New St. Agnes and Holy Trinity students can register at Holy Spirit Church by downloading the registration form at <http://new.schoolnotes.com/mrscagney/> or by calling Patricia Cagney at 412-346-0475. Classes begin for K-4 on Sept. 20th and for 5-8 on Sept. 22nd.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL

The school year will have a kick-off today, August 23rd, beginning with a Mass at 4:00pm followed by a picnic. Classes will begin bright and early Monday morning, August 24th. Unfortunately we lost a teacher on Friday, August 7th. Being a Union School, the position must be posted for 10 days before the principal can hire. The Union didn't post the openings until Monday, August 10, so that means we have to start school without permanent teachers. A substitute has been hired, the part-time teacher from last year, Ms Melissa Benovitch, who will teach 1st grade and Spanish. Interviews are taking place and will continue into next week. Likewise, someone will not be hired as a permanent part-time substitute until the 10 days are up on August 24th. At that time we will announce who has been chosen for the positions. Our enrollment keeps changing and we probably won't know until the kids are in the classrooms! We enroll one and then lose one by the end of the day! As of Saturday, August 15th, we have a total of 105 in Kindergarten through 8th grade and 18 in Preschool for a total of 123 students. **We are striving for the Kindergarten through 8th grade enrollment to reach at least 120 students. Can we find 15 more somewhere out there?**



We want to publicly thank four very supportive benefactors who want to remain anonymous for their rather large contributions to St. Agnes School. Sad to say with the salaries, benefits and utilities, as soon as that money hits the bank it is gone very quickly. And all of you who support St. Agnes School by purchasing gift cards, candy bars and whatever else we have going on are truly appreciated. God Bless all of you!

On the insert in today's bulletin is more information on St. Agnes School.



Heartfelt and prayerful appreciation to the anonymous donor who recently made a generous donation to Holy Trinity Church in memory of Dorothy Bracco.

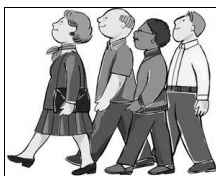
ST. AGNES FESTIVAL: Finally the final figure is in - net profit for the 2 day festival is \$22,541.41. That along with the White Elephant Sale of \$3,243.35 gives us a grand total of \$25,788.76. Thank you to all who organized, worked, baked and supported this event.

St. Agnes School Faculty and Staff

Principal - *Sr. Cynthia Wessel, SHS*
Secretary - *Mrs. Carolyn Roper (mornings)*
Mrs. Pat Jakub (Wed. & Fri. afternoons)
Preschool - *Miss Theresa Wagner*
Kindergarten - *Miss Polly Swank*
1st Grade -
2nd Grade - *Mrs. Linda Reed*
3rd Grade - *Mrs. Anita Niecgorski*
4th Grade - *Mrs. Julie Rocco*
5th Grade - *Mrs. Barbara Blaney*
6th Grade - *Mrs. Corrine Pfefferkorn*
7th Grade - *Mrs. Lori Guthrie*
8th Grade - *Sister Janelle Banko, SHS*
Part-time -
Title I/Remedial Reading/Math- *Amanda Ackerman*
Speech - *Mrs. Jackie Pagnanelli*
Counselor - *Mrs. Patricia Trapon*
Band - *Brittany Baradziej*
Cafeteria Manager - *Mrs. Dori Protz*
After Care - *Mrs. Marci Baker*
Maintenance - *Mr. Jason Bevan*
Cleaning Crew - *Ms. Amanda Protz*

ST. AGNES SCHOOL
Sister Cynthia, 412-466-6238

Aging Institute at UPMC McKeesport



Every Tuesday (8:am to 4:30pm) you can drop into the Aging Institute's Resource Room (first floor, Crawford Bldg., just off the Courtyard) and meet one on one with **Betty Robison, Geriatric Nurse Educator**, to ask questions, discuss concerns and get some valuable insight and guidance to resources, programs and information for healthy aging.



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 16, 2015

\$ 2,493.50 -- Offering

\$ 50 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015\$ 22,228

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 11,802

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 16, 2015

\$ 1,694 -- Offering

\$ 320 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$10,200

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