

# 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 30TH - 22ND SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### MONDAY - AUG 31ST - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### TUES - SEPT. 1ST - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Marie Belancik** (Bill & Rita Potosnak)

#### WED - SEPT. 2ND- WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### THUR - SEPT. 3RD - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

6:45a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Floyd Caruso & Family)

#### FIRST FRI - SEPT. 4TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Teresa Schaff** (Arnie Thomas)

#### FIRST SAT - SEPT. 5TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### SUN, SEPT. 6TH - 23RD SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

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

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

#### MONDAY - AUG 31ST - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **Joseph Gentile** (Louise & Ray McKinney)

#### TUES - SEPT. 1ST - WEEKDAY

*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### WED - SEPT. 2ND - WEEKDAY

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

#### THUR - SEPT. 3RD - ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

*(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### FIRST FRI - SEPT. 4TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes ONLY)*

#### FIRST SAT - SEPT. 5TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **Albert Michaels** (Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Wasko)

#### SUN - SEPT. 6TH - 23RD SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Marjorie Byrnes** (Bob Byrnes)  
 9:30a - **Michael Tusay, Sr.** (Michaline & John Moffat)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administrative Office and Rectory.....412-466-6545  
 St. Agnes School.....412-466-6238  
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 Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695  
 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.

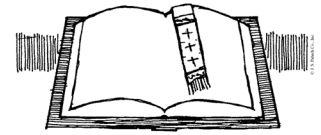
**SICK & SHUTINS:** Please call the Rectory.

**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**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8.* Moses tells the Israelites, observe the commandments from God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 15:2-3,3-4,4-5.* Those who do justice will find favor with God.

**Second Reading:** *James 1:17-18,21b-22,27.* James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.* Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles.

**Reflecting on God's Word**

Is someone in your house going back to school? If so there are books and supplies to buy, schedules to plan, transportation to be arranged. There is the worry over new teachers and whether everything that was learned last year has been forgotten. But no matter. Most of the time the school year begins with a review. That's good because sometimes we understand things better the second or third time we learn them.

With the scriptures this Sunday all of us are going back to school. The series of selections from the Gospel of Mark and the letter of James that we begin this week will teach us one more time what it means to be a disciple. Lucky for us, since most of us can only learn this lesson if we hear and apply it on a daily basis. Today's first reading also instructs us to "hear" and "observe" "the commandments of the Lord . . . that [we] may live". And the psalm reviews the basics: "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord".

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

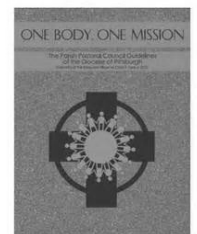
- Tues, Sept. 8th.....**Holy Hour for Vocations** (7:00pm, St. Agnes Church)
- Wed, Sept. 9th.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Mtg. and "Steak Out"** (5:00pm, call George 412-466-5062)
- Thurs, Sept. 10th...**St. Agnes Seniors Mtg.** (1:00pm, St. Agnes Social Hall, Call Ed Ferchak 412-462-0904)
- Sun, Sept. 13th.....**Pastoral Council Mtg.** (12:15pm, St. Agnes Social Hall)
- Mon, Sept. 14th.....**Mother of Sorrows Mass** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity)
- Sat, Sept. 19th.....**Women's Retreat** (St. Agnes Social Hall, 10:00am - 2:30pm) **SAVE THE DATE!**
- 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)

**ST. AGNES SENIORS will resume their monthly meetings!**

on Thursday, September 10th, 2015,  
at 1:00pm in the St. Agnes Social Hall.  
To reserve a meal, call Ed Ferchak  
at 412-462-0904 by Mon., Sept. 7th.  
New members are always welcomed!

**ATTENTION FORMER PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

We are in need of copies of the **ONE BODY, ONE MISSION** Pastoral Council Guidelines book pictured at right.



If you are no longer a member of the Council and have a copy of this book, please drop it off at the Rectory when you are in the area.

**THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IS DONUT and FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY.**

Please join us after the 8 and 11 am Masses at St. Agnes next Sunday.



*It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live*



**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...**to the family and friends of **George Matta, of Holy Trinity, who was buried last week.** Also our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Gene Sabol** whose funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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

**First Friday, September 4th**—As the Church continues to celebrate the mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, it calls always for a deeper understanding of Christ's gift to us. Let us make every effort to attend daily Mass. At Holy Trinity, Mass is at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. At St. Agnes, Mass is at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and 8:15 a.m. on Friday. **On First Friday, September 4th, there will be an 8:15am Mass at St. Agnes. There will be no Mass at Holy Trinity.**

— FOUR GUIDELINES FROM GOD —

Effective Immediately...**please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life.** These changes need to be completed in order that *I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life.* I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems little to ask.

**Please follow these 4 guidelines:**

1. **QUIT WORRYING:** Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over little things that come your way?
2. **TRUST ME:** Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems, and your trials.
3. **LEAVE IT ALONE:** Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now; I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in My peace.
4. **LOVE YOURSELF:** As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by Me for one reason only—to be loved and to love in return. *I am a God of Love.* Love Me, your neighbors, and yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. *You are very precious to me!*

**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.



**Join the Great Duquesne/West Mifflin Knights of Columbus Council 4210!** What are the requirements? Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See.

How to join? New applicants are required to attend an orientation meeting to get more information and meet with the Membership Committee. The orientation will discuss the history, activities and duties of being a Knight. Orientation meetings are held in the downstairs of the Holy Trinity Rectory - the second Monday of every month at 7:00pm. Need more information? Please contact our Membership Chair: Tim Richards, at [timmy1825@aol.com](mailto:timmy1825@aol.com) or call (412) 414-4919.



**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](mailto:timmy1825@aol.com) or call 412-414-4919. Don't miss all the fun!!!

## **Gifts You Can Give Year Round**

### **The Gift of Praise**

Appropriate mention of a job or deeds well done.

### **The Gift of Consideration**

Putting yourself in the other person's shoes.

### **The Gift of Concession**

Humbly saying at just the right point, "I am sorry."

### **The Gift of Gratitude**

Never forgetting to say "Thank You" and meaning it.

### **The Gift of Attention**

When a person speaks, listening attentively.

### **The Gift of Inspiration**

Planting seeds of courage and action in others hearts.

### **The Gift of Personal Presence**

In sickness, in trouble, or in great joy, there is nothing quite equal to your personal expression of sympathy or congratulations.

**RESOLVE TO GIVE THESE GIFTS EACH DAY.  
SEE WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE IN RETURN.**

## **KNOW THE SIGNS**

With the average age of our parishioners being 70, do you know the 10 warning signs that are critical to detecting Alzheimer's disease? There are *Mild* and *Moderate Symptoms* that you can look for:

1. Memory changes that disrupt daily life.
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems.
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks.
4. Confusion with time or place.
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.
6. New problems with speaking or writing.
7. Misplacing things and inability to retrace steps.
8. Decreased or poor judgment.
9. Withdrawal from social or work activities.
10. Changes in mood and personality.

Early treatment can sometimes slow progression of the disease, so talk with your doctor if you or a loved one shows any of the above symptoms. Caregivers need just as much support and you don't have to feel like you are alone. Visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) for more info.



**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 23, 2015

\$ 2,785 -- Offering  
\$ 26 -- Parish Share  
\$ 459 -- Catholic Communications

PSP Assessment-2015 .....\$ 22,228  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 11,828  
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 23, 2015

\$ 1,868 -- Offering  
\$ 70 -- Parish Share  
\$ 264 -- Catholic Communications

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 21,505  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$10,270

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