

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

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

#### MONDAY - SEPT. 7TH - WEEKDAY, LABOR DAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - SEPT. 8TH - NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:45a - **Marie Steiner** (Dolores & Delphine Schaff)

#### WED - SEPT. 9TH - ST. PETER CLAVER

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - SEPT. 10TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Joe Witkowski** (Sisters at St. Agnes)

#### FRI - SEPT. 11TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **For Those Who Perished on 9/11**

#### SAT - SEPT. 12TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN, SEPT. 13TH - 24TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **George Lesko** (Wife Joan & Family)  
 11:00a - **Ralph & Rose Biagiarelli** (Roseann & Phyliss)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

#### MONDAY - SEPT. 7TH - WEEKDAY, LABOR DAY

8:00a - **Howard Ondick** (Michaline & John Moffat)

#### TUES - SEPT. 8TH - NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - SEPT. 9TH - ST. PETER CLAVER

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

#### THUR - SEPT. 10TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FRI - SEPT. 11TH - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

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8:00a - **For the Health of Joel Preksta** (Betty & Aileen)

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4:00p - (Sat) - **Al Michaels** (Virginia Jasek & Kris)  
 9:30a - **Eleanor Rusnak** (Sisters)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Saint Agnes Website..... [www.stagneswm.com](http://www.stagneswm.com)  
 Holy Trinity Website.....[www.holytrinitywm.com](http://www.holytrinitywm.com)  
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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 35:4-7a.* Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 146:7,8-9,9-10.* A song of praise to God.

**Second Reading:** *James 2:1-5.* James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 7:31-37.* Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.



### Reflecting on God's Word

Perhaps you saw the movie *The King's Speech* about the future king of England, George VI, whose speech impediment was so severe that it reduced him to tears of anger and humiliation. His wife, Elizabeth, found a speech therapist who was able to help him by using some unorthodox methods, such as rolling around on the floor, cursing, and singing. It is a profoundly moving experience when King George finally addresses his people over the radio and delivers a speech flawlessly, giving courage to his people on the eve of World War II.

The story in this Gospel tells us how Jesus helped a man to find his voice. The man whose tongue Jesus touched with his spittle (an element believed to ward off demons) came to speak "plainly." Another word for "plainly" would be "rightly," in the sense of correctly or truly. "Be opened!" Jesus says, and it happens (Mark 7:34). The man then spoke the truth of what Jesus did for him, and honored him.

As we hold firm to our faith in the Lord, Jesus calls us to speak and act "rightly" in the eyes of the world, caring for those who have little and treating them the same as those who have much. We are called to imitate Jesus by reaching out to touch those who have been wounded by life and burdened by the rejection of others.

### ~~~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)

Tue, Sept. 15th.....**K of C Chili Championship & Car Cruise** (5:30pm Holy Trinity Social Hall & Lot)

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)

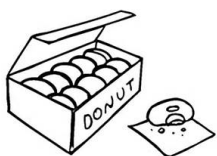
Sun, Sept. 20th.....**St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Pot Luck Dinner** (4:00pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)

Tue, Sept 22nd.....**Take Down Holy Trinity Cemetery Flags** (volunteers needed)

Wed, Sept 23rd.....**Holy Trinity Men's Club Meadows Casino Trip** (Call George 412-466-5062 for info.)

Wed., Oct. 7th.....**Rosary & Benediction** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity)

### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION: FOR BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND



#### TODAY IS DONUT and FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

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

Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to the Meadows Casino on Wed., Sept. 23. Please call George Miteff at 412-466-5062 for details and to reserve your seat.



*HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of **Martha Vasil** who was buried last week from **Holy Trinity Church***

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



**There will be a St. Agnes-Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Meeting Next Sunday, Sept. 13th 12:15pm at St. Agnes Social Hall**



Although **Monday, September 7th** is a **civil holiday**, it is also a day on which we **pray for God's blessings on our human labor**. It is obvious that God considers all human work, physical and mental, as elevating. In fact, **He entrusted the care of His own Son to a manual laborer**, a carpenter, **St. Joseph**. Neither Jesus nor Joseph were afraid to "get their hands dirty."

We, as well, should **never consider any work as demeaning or beneath us**. Jesus commanded us to "**love one another**," and sometimes this requires us to roll up our sleeves and **pitch in** with work—at **home**, in the **neighborhood**, and in our **parish**. May the **example of both Jesus and Joseph** remind us that all labor, if it is done in the right spirit and with the right intention, will help us attain our eternal salvation. **JOIN OUR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT 8:00AM MASS AT HOLY TRINITY.**

## 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.**

## WOMEN'S RETREAT, Saturday, September 19, 2015, ST AGNES

A Women's Retreat will be held at St. Agnes Church and Social Hall on **Saturday, September 19th from 10:00am to 2:30pm**. Women from all parishes are invited to attend. **The theme is "Companionship."** The **cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch**. **To register call Peg Smith at 412-469-3452.**



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is having a fund raiser in September involving a Friends of the Poor Walk. A few of our conference members will be walking to raise money and awareness of the poor around us. **You can help our conference raise funds and possibly win a cash prize at the same time.** After weekend masses in September, **raffle tickets will be sold by our conference members at \$5.00 each.** **Winners of the raffle win gift cards ranging from \$250 to \$3,000.** Proceeds from our raffle ticket sales stay with our conference in West Mifflin. Father Grosko will have tickets to sell or contact John Hostovich at 412-466-7447 if we miss you. Thank you, as always, for your kind and considerate donations to our cause of helping the less fortunate in our parishes and in the borough of West Mifflin.

## Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Sorrows Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, Holy Trinity Church

**The Slovak-English Mass for the Patroness of Slovakia will include a prelude of Slovak Hymns to honor Mary, preceding Mass, at 7:00pm.**

**A reception will follow in the church social hall. For more info., call Len Potemra at 412-672-6265 or the Holy Trinity Rectory at 412-466-6545.**



## 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](http://cmfpitt.org).

## **A Prayer of Remembrance**

*Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.*

*We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day fourteen years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.*

*Gracious Lord, comfort all who mourn, embrace all those in sorrow, give courage to all who suffer. Continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.*

*God of peace, who vindicates all injustice, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Restore tranquility to all nations and less the work of Your creation.*

*Heavenly Father, answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ, Your Son. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen*

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHILI CHEF CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

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!!!



**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, Dom Torette

**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 30, 2015

\$ 3,039 -- Offering

\$ 130 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 11,958

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 30, 2015

\$ 1,879 -- Offering

\$ 30 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 10,300

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