

# 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. 27TH - 26TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **William Flaherty** (Bernie & Kathy Kelley)  
 11:00a - **Living & Deceased Members, St. Vincent DePaul**

#### MONDAY-SEPT. 28TH- WEEKDAY

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

#### TUES - SEPT. 29TH - STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

6:45a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Samudosky Family)

#### WED - SEPT. 30TH - ST. JEROME

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

#### THUR - OCT. 1ST - ST. THERESE

6:45a - **Patty Ferguson** (Pat Prusak)

#### FIRST FRI - OCT. 2ND - HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

8:15a - **Sister Agnes Cecilia** (Sisters at St. Agnes)

#### FIRST SAT - OCT. 3RD - WEEKDAY

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

#### SUN, OCT. 4TH - 27TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **60th Wedding Anniv. Harry & Fran Sweeney**  
 11:00a - **Health of Nettie Conley** (Conley Family)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - SEPT. 27TH - 26TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Dorothy Bracco** (Edward & Dolores Moran)  
 9:30a - **Living & Deceased Members, St. Vincent DePaul**

#### MONDAY-SEPT. 28TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **Kathleen Harkless** (John & Valerie Belback)

#### TUES - SEPT. 29TH - STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

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

#### WED - SEPT. 30TH - ST. JEROME

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

#### THUR - OCT. 1ST - ST THERESE

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

#### FIRST FRI - OCT. 2ND - HOLY GAURDIAN ANGELS

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

#### FIRST SAT - OCT. 3RD - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **Andrew Stupar** (M/M Walt Maksymowicz)

#### SUN - OCT. 4TH - 27TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **George Lauer** (Goldie & Family)  
 9:30a - **Howard Ondick** (James & Susan Gyurina)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**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. 21.  
 ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *Numbers 11:25-29.* The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 19:8,10,12-13,14.* The Law of the Lord brings joy.

**Second Reading:** *James 5:1-6.* James chastises the rich.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48.* Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

### Reflecting on God's Word

Focus on God's agenda, not your own. This message could be the link between the reading from the book of Numbers and the Gospel. When Joshua gets upset at the two men who are suddenly prophesying and wants Moses to stop them, Moses asks, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29). And Jesus responds to his disciple John, also upset that someone outside their group was casting out demons in Jesus' name, that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40).

Both Jesus and Moses recognized that God's spirit blows where it will. It sometimes ends up in the strangest places, working through very unexpected people. At the same time, no one can presume that the Spirit will always be working through a particular group or the proper channels. We must be careful of trying to box in or corral the spirit of God.

Being on the inside is no guarantee. Thus, we get Jesus' hard words about cutting off a hand or a leg or plucking out an eye rather than letting it cause us to sin and be cast into hell. Most say this is hyperbole, Middle Eastern exaggeration. I think Jesus is calling his disciples to look honestly at their lives and face whatever it is that leads them away from God. "Deal with it," he says. We must always watch what we hold, the path we choose to walk, and the vision that guides us. Those on the inside can lose sight of, lose touch with, go off the path that takes us to the kingdom. And they can take others with them. What matters is that God's work be done. God will see to it; don't get in the way.



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

Sat, Oct. 3rd.....**H.T. Men's Club Ceregi Sale** (2:00pm, H.T. Social Hall, \$8 doz., limit 2 doz. per sale)

Wed., Oct. 7th.....**Rosary & Benediction** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity, Reception to follow in Social Hall)

Thur, Oct. 8th.....**St. Agnes Senior Mtg.** (1:00pm, S.A. Social Hall, Call Ed Ferchak 412-462-0904)

Sun, Oct. 11th.....**Pastoral Council Mtg.** (12:15pm, St. Agnes Social Hall)

Wed, Oct. 14th.....**H.T. Men's Club Mtg. & Nomination of Officer** (7:00pm H.T. Social Hall)

**Annual Mission Appeal of our Parishes will be this weekend, Sept. 26th & 27th. Father Dr. Benedict Mwangi, of the Diocese of Muranga, Kenya, will speak at all Masses in his appeal for the endless needs of this Diocese. Your personal envelope will be needed to make your annual Mission offering. It will be the second collection at all Masses. Your prayers and funds are prayerfully appreciated.**

**CLASS OF 2020 STUDENTS AND PARENTS please join us for Open House at Serra Catholic High School on Thursday, Oct. 15th at 7:00pm.**

**AVENUE OF FLAGS...** Again this year a very successful retiring of the flags under the leadership of Betty Clark and George Miteff. Serra High School students and parishioners assisted. Thank God for their muscles and energy. Ladies of the Kitchen provided a most delicious luncheon. Thanks to everyone for their support.



**Heartfelt Appreciation...** Elizabeth Smith initiated the potluck dinner this past Sunday at Holy Trinity Social Hall and it was a beautiful success as many families of both parishes attended, bringing in many delicious dishes and above all enjoying fellowship and friendship with one another. It truly was an energetic effort to have both parishes enjoy the company of one another. Our thanks also to those who brought the delicious food. We need many more such events to bring our parishes together in fraternal concern, fellowship and shared love.

**Respect  
Life  
Sunday**



**Respect Life Sunday—Respect Life Month**

Next Sunday, **October 4th**, is **Respect Life Sunday** and the entire month of **October** is designated as **Respect Life Month**. These are annual reminders for us to become informed, and to form convictions that all human life, from conception to natural death, in all physical and social conditions, is sacred and must be protected.

**God is Pro-Life** because He creates and sustains life. **To be “Pro-Choice”** is to be for murder, abortion, and death—which side are you on? No one can be neutral or straddle the fence. We have an opportunity this month to deepen our own “Pro-Life” convictions. May we all pray that others, as well, will form similar convictions, moved by God’s grace and right thinking, and not merely swayed by emotion.

**Teach others by your words and example—that is what God is calling all of us to do if we are to be faithful to His teachings and laws.** Let us be faith communities that speak out boldly and prayerfully and, ever witnessing in defense of *all* life, the wonderful life that you have and enjoy so blissfully!

**First Friday, October 2nd**—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, October 4th, there will be an 8:15am Mass at St. Agnes. There will be no Mass at Holy Trinity.**

**Attention! October Count is Near.....**Each October throughout the Diocese, a count is taken at each and every Mass celebrated for the Sunday Obligation. Many churches, as you well know, have been closed due to lack of participation. We surely don’t want that to happen at St. Agnes or Holy Trinity. Please make a strong effort to **attend Mass at ST. AGNES and HOLY TRINITY** during the **month of October**. It is very important that we **show good attendance** at this time! **Inform your neighbors and family members of this very important count.**



**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**We need your assistance to identify parishioners who are shut-ins or in personal care homes or nursing homes. We no longer receive this information from nursing or personal care homes, and some of our elderly parishioners are too ill to think to call the Parish Office for help. So, we ask that you look out for your relatives, friends or neighbors, and please contact the Parish Office at 412-466-6545.

**OFFERTORY & MISSION COLLECTIONS**

Prayerfully grateful for the many who are so supportive and faithful in their offerings and in particular, for the many who have given “make-up” envelopes for the many Sundays that they may have been away. Also, I need to express thanks for those who monthly, through the mail, send their offerings in helping our finances.

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY... Saturday, October 10, 12 noon, Holy Spirit Church at the Grove, 2603 Old Elizabeth Rd., West Mifflin.** The Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 14,000 rallies that will take place across the US on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the US. For information call Barb Rauch, 412-866-2636.



AMERICA NEEDS  
**FATIMA**

**ENJOY BOOKS** for \$30, & **Kids Stuff Books** for \$25 are available after Mass in the **St. Agnes Social Hall** or call the **School Office**, at **412-466-6238**.

**Lots of savings for you while helping St. Agnes School!!**

**Thank you for your on-going support of Catholic education.**



**FALL FOOD FESTIVAL**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Homestead**, will hold a **Fall Food Festival October 9-11** featuring ethnic food booths, Chinese Auction, Flea Market, Bingo and more. Entertainment every evening. Friday fish fry and Sunday Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner. For more information call 412-461-1054.

## ***A Sunday School Teacher . . .***

. . . . . decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible—*Psalm 23*. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, ***“The Lord is my Shepherd, and that’s all I need to know.”***

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### **Musician’s Prayer**

*God, please bless our music  
that it might glorify Your name.  
May using it to serve you  
always be our aim.  
Let it be as witness  
to Your majesty and love.  
And remind us that You’re watching  
from Your throne above.  
May others see your beauty  
in every note they hear.  
And when they hear our music  
may they feel Your presence near.  
Oh Lord, I ask for guidance  
in everything I do,  
and pray You’ll make our music  
an instrument for You. Amen*

### ***Blessing of Animals and Your Favorite Pets***

**The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday, October 4th**, has traditionally been an opportunity for the blessing of animals. Therefore, On **Sunday, October 4th, following the 11:00 am Mass, at 12:30 pm, at St. Agnes**, weather permitting, we will bless your animals and pets in the **upper parking lot**. *We do encourage the children of the parishes, with their pets, to come for this special blessing.*



**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,  
Agnes Seech, Margaret Serdy, Lois Soltis, Dom Toretto

**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, Denise Ventura

*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**

September 20, 2015

\$ 2,187 -- Offering

\$ 50 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 13,783

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**

September 20, 2015

\$ 1,830 -- Offering

\$ 40 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 11,599

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