

# 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 - OCT. 11TH - 28TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Beverly List** (Karen List)  
 11:00a - **Laura Butko** (Conley Family)

#### MONDAY-OCT. 12TH- WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - OCT. 13TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Robert Kosko, Sr.** (Ken Matsko)

#### WED - OCT. 14TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - OCT. 15TH - ST. TERESA OF JESUS

6:45a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Gerry & Joe Sorokacs)

#### FRI - OCT. 16TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **James R. Abels** (Edward Fink Family)

#### SAT - OCT. 17TH - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN, OCT. 18TH - 29TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Roberta Karichko** (Johns Family)  
 11:00a - **Leo & Susanne Snyder** (Family)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - OCT. 11TH - 28TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Michael Potemra** (Len Potemra)  
 9:30a - **Eugene Sabol** (Eugene Jr. & Rachael)

#### MONDAY-OCT. 12TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Mary Jasek** (Family)

#### TUES - OCT. 13TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - OCT. 14TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John Butsko** (Family)

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8:00a - **George Matta** (Holy Trinity Christian Mothers)

#### SUN - OCT. 18TH - 29TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Dorothy Carothers** (Margaret Traud)  
 9:30a - **Maureen Sersen** (Maureen & John Meacham)

### 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, Oct. 19.**

**ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 7:7-11.* Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17.* The Lord fills us with love and joy.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 4:12-13.* The Word of God exposes the heart.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 10:17-30 (shorter form Mark 10:17-27).* A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

### Reflecting on God's Word

When the rich young man in this week's Gospel asks Jesus what he must *do* to inherit eternal life, the answer is simply "nothing." Or to put it another way, "You don't have to *do* anything to earn it. Simply *do not* let anything get in the way. Don't kill, or commit adultery, or steal, or lie, or defraud, or any such things that tend to muddy the focus of our lives." Beyond that it seems we don't have to *do* anything. But, the young man protests, he has avoided all these things. And so the reply Jesus then offers is, in effect, don't let your riches get in the way either.

Easier said than done, and more difficult than imagined. More difficult than threading a needle with camel hair when the hair is still on the camel; more difficult than getting a camel inside your house, whether through your pet door or your back door or maybe even your garage door. Camels don't shrink. Neither does our hold on riches. Both tend to get in the way.

So what does one then do, we ask. Curious—that was the same response in Jesus' day as well. And over the centuries believers have sought ways to keep wealth in perspective, or at least some things that might help do so. Yet it's all about trying to make sure that as little as possible gets in the way of finding God among the mishmash of life.



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

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

Tues, Oct. 13th.....**Holy Hour for Vocations** (7:00pm, St. Agnes Church)

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

Oct. 17-18th .....**St. Agnes School Hoagies** (\$7 each, available after all Masses)

Sun, Oct. 18th.....**H.T. Men's Club Stuffed Cabbage Dinner** (Adults/\$9, Child/\$5 (12-5pm, H.T. Hall)

Oct. 19-28th.....**Novena to St. Jude** (following 8:00am Masses at Holy Trinity)

**HEALING MASS...** The Pittsburgh Fraternity of Priests will offer a **Healing Liturgy at St. Therese Church on Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00pm.** All who are in need of an emotional, physical or spiritual healing are invited to attend. This is not the sacrament of anointing. Songs of praise and worship will be offered. For further information call St. Therese Rectory at 412-462-8161.



Prayerful and Hearty Congratulations to: NICHOLE HAGHLOM and LEE ROY SWINK, II, who exchanged their marriage vows this past week at St. Agnes. May "they" and all married couples be enriched and blessed in their married lives!

### *Respect for Life Reflection of Blessed Mother Teresa*

On **October 19, 2003**, Mother Teresa was declared, "**Blessed**" by our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II in a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Peter Basilica. **This beautiful and holy woman speaks to our age**, more than ever in her following comments and particularly, in this month of October, "**Respect for Life**".

*Life is an opportunity; benefit from it. Life is beauty; admire it. Life is bliss; taste it.  
Life is a dream; realize it. Life is a challenge; meet it. Life is a duty; complete it.  
Life is a game; play it. Life is a promise; fulfill it. Life is sorrow; overcome it.  
Life is a song; sing it. Life is a struggle; accept it. Life is a tragedy; confront it.  
Life is an adventure; dare it. Life is too precious; do not destroy it. Life is life; fight for it.*

### TIME TO PRAY

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't take time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me,  
And heavier came each task,  
"Why doesn't God help me,"  
I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on, gray and black,  
I wondered why God didn't show me,  
He said, "But you didn't seek."  
I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
My child, you didn't knock."  
I woke up early this morning  
And paused before entering the day.  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

### **What I Want My Church to Be!**

*My church is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a  
generous giver.  
It will bring other people into its worship and  
fellowship, if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a church of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith,  
and a church with a noble spirit, if I,  
who make it what it is,  
am filled with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God,  
I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the  
things that I want my church to be.*

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL... Yankee Candle orders deadline: Oct. 13th.** See Sister Cynthia for form.

**Applelicious Apples & Pretzels order deadline: Oct. 25th in the cafeteria or Oct. 29th in School Office.**

**Tambellini soups, entrees, biscotti, cannoli, nut & apricot rolls and baklava order deadline: Nov. 4th**  
in the cafeteria or the school office. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

**At the Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Pot Luck Supper a young lady indicated to Sister Janelle she would like to volunteer to help coach the girls basketball team. We don't know who you are. Would you please give Sister Cynthia a call at 412-466-6238. We really could use your help and appreciate your offer! Thank you. Looking forward to meeting you!**

### **HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER**

Join us for a delicious stuffed cabbage dinner on Sunday, **October 18th**, from noon 'til 5:00pm in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. Adults are \$9.00 p/p and children are \$5.00 p/p. **Your delicious desserts are needed!!**



### **K OF C HALLOWEEN DINNER DANCE, Saturday, October 24, 2015**

**Holy Trinity Church Hall, 7:00-11:00pm -\$20 p/p in Advance and \$25 p/p at Door.**

**RSVP by Monday, Oct. 19th to Tim Richards with checks payable to Knights of Columbus #4210. Mail to Tim Richards at 3311 Eisenhower Dr., White Oak, PA 15131 or call 412-414-4919.**

**ATTENTION: Current Extraordinary Ministers and those who would like to start assisting in this ministry. There will be a special Training/Re-Training/Review Session on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at St. Agnes Church at 11:00am.** Being an Extraordinary Minister is a beautiful means of service to a parish community. It is open to those 18 years old or above, who have received the Sacraments, regularly attends Mass and strives to live a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.



**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MASS... St. Therese of Lisieux Church, Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7:00pm.** We come together as a community to ask for God's blessing and healing grace. Light refreshments to follow Mass. Always our heartfelt prayers for the many afflicted with Cancer.

## POPE FRANCIS TOP 10 TIPS FOR BRINGING GRATER JOY TO ONE'S LIFE:

1. ***“Live and let live.”*** Everyone should be guided by this principle.
2. ***“Be giving of yourself to others.”*** People need to be generous toward others, because if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid.
3. ***“Proceed calmly”*** in life. The pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel, in which the protagonist looks back on how he lived his life. “He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool of water.” He likes this latter image of a pool of water -- to have the ability to move with kindness and humility, calmness in life.
4. ***“A healthy sense of leisure.”*** The pleasures of art, literature and playing together with children has been lost. Consumerism has brought us anxiety and stress, causing people to lose a healthy culture of leisure. Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children. Work schedules make it complicated, but you must do it. Turn off the TV when sitting down to eat.
5. ***“Sundays should be holidays.”*** Workers should have Sundays off because “Sunday is for family.”
6. ***Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.*** We need to be creative with young people. If they have no opportunities they will get into drugs and be more vulnerable to suicide. Dignity is given to you when you can bring food home from one's own labor.
7. ***“Respect and take care of nature.”*** Environmental degradation is one of the biggest challenges we have. I think a question that we're not asking ourselves is: Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature.
8. ***“Stop being negative.”*** Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means, I feel so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down. Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy.
9. ***“Don't proselytize; respect others' beliefs.”*** “We can inspire others through witness so that one grows together in communicating. But the worst thing of all is religious proselytism, which paralyzes.
10. ***“Work for peace.”*** “We are living in a time of many wars. And the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive.

**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, Jean (Koehler) Kopa,  
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**

October 4, 2015

\$ 3,657 -- Offering\*

\$ 680 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 14,574

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**

October 4, 2015

\$ 1,180 -- Offering

\$ 578 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 12,217

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