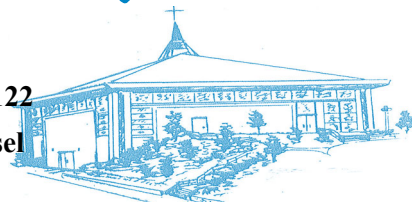


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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. 18TH - 29TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY-OCT. 19TH- STS. De BREBEUF & JOGUES *(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

TUES - OCT. 20TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Joe Milko** (Steiner Family)

WED - OCT. 21ST - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - OCT. 22ND - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Mary Hawrylak** (Sisters at St. Agnes)

FRI - OCT. 23RD - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **John R. Kukta** (Joe & Loretta Sabol)

SAT - OCT. 24TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN, OCT. 25TH - 30TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Charles Howell** (Family)
 11:00a - **Roy W. Cochrane** (Eileen & Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

MONDAY-OCT. 19TH - STS. De BREBEUF & JOGUES 8:00a- **Eugene Sabol** (Alice Svirbel)

TUES - OCT. 20TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - OCT. 21ST - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John Binkney, Jr.** (Andrea Hamlin)

THUR - OCT. 22ND - WEEKDAY

(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - OCT. 23RD - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - OCT. 24TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **John Terrick** (Doris & Carol)

SUN - OCT. 25TH - 30TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Members of Slovak Catholic Sokol #295**
 9:30a - **Albert & Madgaline Melnichak** (Children)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 St. Agnes School.....412-466-6238
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 Saint Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.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, Oct. 19.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

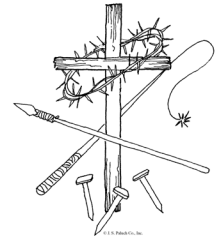
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: *Isaiah 53:10-11.* Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.* A prayer of praise for God's mercy.

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 4:14-16.* Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:35-45.* Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.



Reflecting on God's Word:

The text of this weekend's Isaiah reading speaks of a servant whose suffering and afflictions are borne for the many. Father Daniel Berrigan once said that the call of the disciple of Jesus is to absorb evil. Not very glorious, indeed, for servants absorb the leftovers of the household's extravagance. Those at the bottom of life's pyramid absorb the muck; swamps and lowlands absorb the runoff of life's fields. Just so parents absorb our tears. And those who forgive absorb the blow. As the warrior absorbs the enemy's hate, so the conscientious objector absorbs the need for revenge. So also the embrace absorbs our fears, justice absorbs mistrust, love absorbs the distance of hearts, and the sharing of bread absorbs the memory of pain. In such ways God makes the world new.

The fear, and perhaps the sadness as well, is that in absorbing the evil of life we do become at least to some extent that which we absorb. Then those who gaze upon us do so as if we ourselves were afflicted and diseased. Then those who minister to dying AIDS patients are themselves eyed with suspicion and fear. Then the conscientious objector is expelled by the patriot, and the selfless warrior is cast off into indifference by the righteous purist. Then the Alzheimer caregiver is forgotten; the one who forgives the abuse is revenged; and the one who combats poverty with generosity grows poorer while the hoarder is glorified. And, contradiction of contradictions, the crucified Christ becomes the Christ who reigns. And so we become like him.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

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)

Sat, Oct. 24th.....**K of C Halloween Dinner** (H.T. Hall 7-11pm, RSVP Tim Richards (412-414-4919)

Sat, Nov. 7th.....**Vera Bradley Bingo** (St. Agnes Social Hall, doors open at 12noon, tkts. \$20, school office)

Wed, Nov. 11th....**H.T. Men's Club Rivers Casino Trip** (Call George at 412-466-5062 to reserve)

Sat, Nov. 21st.....**St. Agnes School Night at the Races** (Tkts. & Horses available at school office)

Sun, Nov. 29th.....**Advent Lessons & Carols** (4:00pm, Holy Trinity Church, Reception to follow)

Sun, Jan. 10th.....**Joint Parish Pie Social** (St. Agnes Hall, Mark your Calendars!)



JOINT PARISH EVENT

It was wonderful to share time and food with one another at the Parish Potluck last month! Good turnout and LOTS of great food. If you missed this special opportunity to fellowship with our joint parish families, **mark your calendars now for the Joint Parish Pie Social on January 10th, 2016!**

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 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.**

HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER TODAY!

Join us for a delicious stuffed cabbage dinner **today, 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. Let someone else do the cooking!!!



The Holy Trinity Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to the **Rivers Casino on Wednesday, Nov. 11th.** Bus will leave the church hall at **8:30am** and depart the casino at 4:00pm. Coffee and pastries beginning at 7:00am. Cost is \$25 p/p. Call George at 412-466-5062 for reservations. Everyone welcome!

Attention! October Count is Here! 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!

SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS: If Sunday worship becomes peripheral in the life of an individual or household there is an obvious impact on faith. We need to be reminded that faith needs to be practiced in a tangible way. Faith is not merely a feeling but a discipline. It is a gift from the Lord but like other godly gifts, it requires spiritual attentiveness, development and use. The longer someone stays away from religious practice, especially Sunday worship, the harder it is to initiate it again. Many of our problems are related to a lack of faith and confusion about where God is when problems occur. I encourage every person and every household to keep Sunday worship a priority. And above all, attend the **Eucharistic celebrations**.

PASTORAL IMPLICATIONS: Decreasing Mass attendance (along with fewer priests) will require reorganization of parish life and a reduction of the number of weekend Masses. We may be creating fuller Churches because fewer worshippers require fewer liturgies and fewer worship spaces. **ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEKEND BECAUSE YOU COUNT AND WE COUNT ON YOU!**

Traditionally during the month of October, Catholics throughout the world are asked to support the missions in a special way on **World Mission Sunday**. This year the collection for World Mission Sunday is scheduled for this weekend, **October 17th and 18th**. Be supportive of the world-wide missions and concerns by your daily prayers of remembrance and, in particular, on Mission Sunday be true stewards for the Missions.



*HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of **Elizabeth O'Leary** who was buried this past 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.*

OF CONCERN: AND HOPEFULLY, YOUR CONCERN AND UNDERSTANDING.

In the past few weeks our offertory collections have not been sufficient to cover our steady flow of utility bills, taxes, and various administrative costs. As a result at Holy Trinity it has been necessary to touch the savings account to cover these expenses. At St. Agnes, we were able to demolish the rectory because of an anonymous donor, otherwise the building would still stand. With this kind of imbalance, we need to establish better financial stability for both parishes. An increase in your personal offertory collections would be of great help and keep our communities Alive! So I'm asking both parishes for a personal increase in the offertory collections and, prayerfully, ask that you make the support of both churches a priority by your increased offerings.

**CAN
YOU
HELP?**

Miss The Word Among Us? To subscribe to the various formats from electronic to printed versions, go on line to wau.org/new4 or call 1-800-775 WORD (9673). Unfortunately due to the cost involved, we are no longer able to supply them to both parishes free of charge. Thank you for your understanding.

WITH GENTLE LOVE.....!!!

The universe teaches me with gentle love. The Spirit mentors me with care and accuracy. As I open my heart and my hand to be counseled, I am partnered with Divine Wisdom. It is a great blessing that I do not walk alone. I am not without guidance. In every day, in every moment, there is a source of Divine guidance available to me if I will turn within. Within me I carry God. Within God, I am carried. There is no separation, only the forgetting of union. As I realize, accept, and appreciate my union with divinity, all things unfold for me more clearly. As I accept the grace with my current circumstances, my grace increases and flows forward to prepare my future. My life is a life with abundant blessings. My heart is a home for grace and good. As I cherish the gifts which accompany me now, I see greater gifts, greater love unfolding. As I open my eyes to see and my ears to hear, I find the beauty of life is dazzling. This green planet, the garden returns to grace as I am guided to husband it carefully as I would my child. Graced and protected by higher forces, acutely attuned to higher goods, I protect and shepherd this planet to deepened health. My guidance blesses me and all I touch.....*Julia Cameron — Blessings*





ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

**HOAGIES: \$7 EACH AFTER ALL
MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFER:

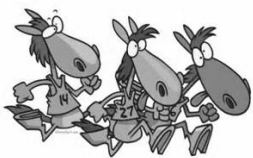
Serra High School & St. Agnes School
**New Year's Eve Drawing, \$10,000 on the
PA Big 4 at 7pm number. Bonus drawing
Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30 is \$1,000 (straight).
Available from Sister Cynthia until Dec. 6.**

TAMBELLINI: Soups, Entrees, Biscotti,
Cannoli, Nut Rolls, Apricot Rolls and Baklava
orders can be placed in the cafeteria through
Sister Cynthia or in school office **until Nov. 4.**

APPLELICIOUS APPLES & PRETZELS:
Cashew, M&Ms Peanut Butter Reese's, Pecan
Apples and Pretzels. **Place your order** in the
cafeteria **until Oct. 25** or in the school office
until Oct. 29. These are delicious!

VERA BRADLEY Vera Bradley Bingo will be
BINGO held on **Saturday, Nov. 7th**, in
St. Agnes Social Hall. Doors
open at 12 noon. Early Birds
begin at 12:30pm and Regular
Games begin at 1:00pm. **Tickets are \$20 and can be
purchased in advance in the school office or by
calling 412-466-6238.** Don't miss all the fun!

ST. AGNES BASKETBALL NIGHT AT THE RACES SATURDAY, NOV. 21ST



Join in the fun on Saturday,
November 21st at the St. Agnes
Basketball Team Night at the
Races. Admission is \$10 and includes food and drink
(BYOB). Horses are available for \$10 at the school
office (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,
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 11, 2015

\$ 5,072 -- Offering*

\$ 556 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015\$ 22,228

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 15,130

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 11, 2015

\$ 1,888 -- Offering

\$ 210 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 12,427

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