

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

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 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

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 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. 25TH - 30TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY-OCT. 26TH- WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - OCT. 27TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Rose Montalbano** (Rose Anne Needham)

WED - OCT. 28TH - STS. SIMON & JUDE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - OCT. 29TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Paul Milko** (Donna Milko)

FRI - OCT. 30TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Wife, Joan)

SAT - OCT. 31ST - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - NOV. 1ST - ALL SAINTS

8:00a - **Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes**
 11:00a - **Rose Biagiarella** (Children)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

MONDAY-OCT. 26TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **Steve Bialobok** (Kitty & Family)

TUES - OCT. 27TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - OCT. 28TH - STS. SIMON & JUDE

8:00a - **Eugene Sabol** (Rita Byrnes)

THUR - OCT. 29TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)

FRI - OCT. 30TH - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

SAT - OCT. 31ST - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **John Binkney, Jr.** (Mary Ellen)

SUN - NOV 1ST - ALL SAINTS

4:00p - (Sat) - **Dorothy Bracco** (Geoprge & Jean Miteff)
 9:30a - **Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administrative Office and Rectory.....412-466-6545
 St. Agnes School.....412-466-6238
 Social Hall - Saint Agnes..... 412-466-5500
 Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695
 Saint Agnes Convent 412-466-3554
 Saint Agnes Website..... www.stagneswm.com
 Holy Trinity Website.....www.holytrinitywm.com
 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Office Email... 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, Nov. 16.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:7-9.* The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.* A song of praise to God who does great things

Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-6.* Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:46-52.* Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus.

Your faith
has
saved
you



Reflecting on God's Word

We've all done it—passed street people without seeming to see, hear, or smell them sitting on the sidewalk begging. I usually encounter them when I'm dressed up to go to the theater or on vacation in a strange city. I'm slightly out of my comfort zone. I might catch sight of their shoeless feet or sunglasses or hear the thin request, "Spare change?" Immediately my guard goes up and I pretend not to notice their existence, let alone their need. Chances are they aren't really blind anyway and they'd probably just spend the money on liquor.

The star of today's Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Mon, Nov 2nd.....**All Souls Prayer Service** (7:00pm, St. Agnes Church)

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

Thurs, Nov. 12.....**St. Agnes Seniors** (1:00pm St. Agnes Hall, Call Ed Ferchak, 412-462-0904)

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

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

Sun, Nov. 22nd**H.T. Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner** (12:00-5:00, H.T. Social Hall)

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

Wed, Dec. 2nd.....**H.T. Men's Club Rivers Casino Bus Trip** (Call George 412-466-5062)

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

ESTATE PLANNING ESSENTIALS

The George Irvin Green Funeral Home is hosting a **free informational workshop entitled Estate Planning Essentials presented by Heritage Elder Law & Estate Planning, LLC.** Learn how to protect your home from estate recovery, protect and preserve your life savings, and the three BIG myths of Medicaid qualifications. **Two dates: Wednesday, November 11th, 2:00-4:00pm and Thursday, November 12th, 6:00-8:00pm. At the Messiah Lutheran Church, 4300 Main Street, Munhall.** Please call the George I. Green Funeral Home to **RSVP at 412-461-6394.**

VERA BRADLEY
BINGO

Vera Bradley Bingo will be 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!



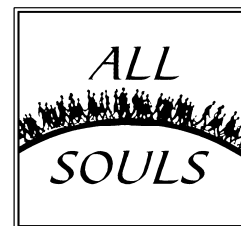
ST. AGNES BASKETBALL NIGHT AT THE RACES SATURDAY, NOV. 21ST

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).

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.

November — Month of the Poor Souls

At death we will all face a **final judgment**, which will be determined by our actions and lives here on earth. This has been **revealed to us by Christ**, and is clearly **taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church**. But we here on earth do not know what is the result of that judgment—only God knows. For some it may be immediate entry into **Heaven**. God wants some of these to be examples for us, so He allows miracles through their intercession, which tells the Church to canonize them. Some, unfortunately, have chosen by their lives to be eternally separated from God, and their eternal lot is **Hell**. Others, however, although dying as friends of God and assured of Heaven, need to be further purified from the effects of their sins, which leads to our belief in **Purgatory**. In the Liturgy, *the Church prays for all our beloved deceased at every Mass*. And we are *encouraged to privately pray for the dead throughout the year, but especially during the month of November*. God will allocate the benefits of our prayers to those who are in need of them. *May our beloved deceased be embraced by the Heavenly Father in the loving ecstasy and the joy of Heaven.*



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“Book of Remembrance” . . . is on display in the back of the church. You may write a name/names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered during the month of November.

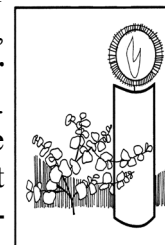
All Souls Envelopes . . . Enclosed in your envelope packet is a **special envelope of remembrance** to be placed on the altar during November Masses. ***Please list the names of your beloved deceased on the back of the special envelope and place it in the offertory basket or mail.*** Your beloved deceased will be remembered throughout the month.

It is **our honored and privileged tradition**, particularly during the month of November, **to pray and seek intercession from the Eternal Father for our beloved deceased.**

During the month of November **special Masses of Remembrance** for all the beloved deceased of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity faith communities will be celebrated. Those “Poor Soul” **Masses are scheduled at St. Agnes November 6th, 17th and 27th. At Holy Trinity they are November 7th, 11th, 21st and 28th.** It is our honored and privileged tradition, particularly during the month of November, to pray and seek intercession from the Eternal Father for our beloved deceased.

**To be pro-life is not to love the child and forget the mother. It is rather to ask,
“Why can’t we love them both.**

All Souls Prayer Service - Monday, November 2nd... St. Agnes will be hosting a prayer service to remember the lives of those who died between November 2, 2014 and November 2, 2015 from both St. Agnes and Holy Trinity parishes. The Prayer Service will be on **November 2nd at 7:00pm in St. Agnes Church**. Invitations have been sent to the families of the deceased. This is a beautiful service offered as comfort for the families. **All are invited to attend.** We are sure every parishioner knows at least one of our deceased who passed on to the Eternal Banquet during the year. **Also, candles will be lit on all of the graves in St. Agnes Cemetery that evening. It is truly a beautiful sight!**



BIBLE STUDY ON ST. PETER: St. Rita and Resurrection are offering a 10 week fall and spring Bible Study on St. Peter and his role in the scriptures and its impact on our lives. The study will be held at Resurrection rectory from 7:00-9:00pm on the following Mondays: November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 14; January 25; February 1, 8, 15 & 22. The cost of the resource book is \$25. Please call Kim at the rectory (412-461-8087) to register. The address of the rectory at Resurrection is 1 Majka Drive, West Mifflin.

Thank You!

The Stuffed Cabbage Dinner last Sunday at Holy Trinity was a resounding success (we sold out)! Thanks to all the men and women who cooked, served, manned the desks and made the delicious desserts. Special thank you to the parishioners of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity who attended!! Hope to see you again at our Roast Beef Dinner on November 22nd.

Prayer for all the Faithful Departed

Heavenly Father, I believe that in Your Wisdom and Justice, You willed to purify all persons who die without having attained the state that they need for all eternity, all who have still to expiate completely the sins committed here on earth.

I also believe that You have mercifully arranged that this process of purification can be aided by the prayers of the living, and especially by the Eucharist.

Help me to pray for my brothers and sisters who have departed from this world.

May their time of purification be short, and may they be quickly guided into that holy light promised by our Lord to Abraham and his descendents.

I offer You sacrifices and prayers of praise.

Accept them for all the souls of the faithful departed and admit them all to the eternal joy of Heaven.

Amen



ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

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!



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,
Bob Pavuchak, 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 18, 2015

\$ 4,002 -- Offering*

\$ 135 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015\$ 22,228

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 15,265

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 18, 2015

\$ 1,985 -- Offering

\$ 135 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 12,562

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