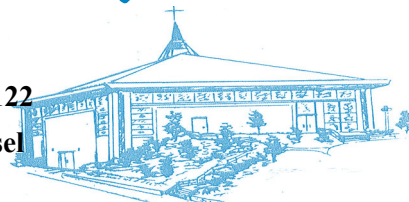


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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 - NOV. 1ST - ALL SAINTS

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

#### MONDAY - NOV. 2ND - ALL SOULS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)  
 7:00p - All Souls Prayer Service

#### TUES - NOV. 3RD - WEEKDAY

6:45a - David Koehler (Mary Kosko)

#### WED - NOV. 4TH - ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - NOV. 5TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - Marie Steiner (Tom & Joyce Kushnier)

#### FIRST FRI - NOV. 6TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - Joseph & Rose Banko (Sister Janelle)

#### FIRST SAT - NOV. 7TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN - NOV. 8TH - 32ND SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - St. Michael's Catholic War Veterans, #1423  
 11:00a - Joseph Munda (Family)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - NOV. 1ST - ALL SAINTS

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

#### MONDAY - NOV. 2ND - ALL SOULS

8:00a - Special Remembrance of our Beloved Departed  
 (7:00a All Souls Prayer Service at St. Agnes)

#### TUES - NOV. 3RD - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - NOV. 4TH - ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

8:00a - Eugene Sabol (Betty Kocheran)

#### THUR - NOV. 5TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FIRST FRI - NOV. 6TH - WEEKDAY

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FIRST SAT - NOV. 7TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Remembrance of our Beloved Departed

#### SUN - NOV 8TH - 32ND SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - Eleanor Truckley (John & Tracy Roman)  
 9:30a - Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Saint Agnes Website..... [www.stagneswm.com](http://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, Nov. 16.**

**ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

## ALL SAINTS

**First Reading:** *Revelation 7:2-4,9-14.* John describes his vision: those who have endured trials worship the Lamb.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 24:1-2,3-4,5-6.* Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

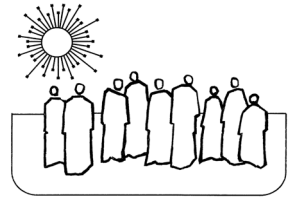
**Second Reading:** *1 John 3:1-3.* We are God's children now.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 5:1-12.* Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

### Reflecting on God's Word:

Some people want the Beatitudes to be Jesus' new commandments; others, an eight-step program for dealing with our world; and still others, just one more list of what we should be stocking up on for a journey to the Kingdom. The Beatitudes are also, however, the face of Jesus in its boldest and most daring profile. Every time we catch a glimpse of them in ourselves, it's like looking in the mirror and seeing what we someday will be. As St. John attests, it's already begun. I keep bumping into them, and so do you.

I think of someone I know who can't stand division in his home. He's a peacemaker from the word go. We all know those who are passionate about the weakest among us. They can't seem to help it. Some seem able to forgive without a second thought. Others honestly and deeply hunger to be holy and good. And others seem to enter into people's pain with great compassion and sensitivity. And then there are those of us who don't feel we live many of those Beatitudes very well. Yet every once in a while something pops up and it's a bit of divinity in us that we'd never believed could be there. Then we realize that it must be God's doing because it could never be our own. It must be God's doing. What else could it mean? It's like looking in a mirror, and we didn't even know what we were.



### ~~~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)

Tues, Nov. 10th.... **Holy Hour for Vocations** (7:00pm, St. Agnes Church)

Thurs, Nov. 12th....**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.....**Anointing of the Sick Mass & Luncheon** (11:00am, Holy Trinity Church)

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!)

**First Friday, November 6th**—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, November 6th, there will be an 8:15am Mass at St. Agnes. There will be no Mass at Holy Trinity.**



**THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IS DONUT and FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY.**

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



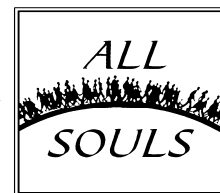
*HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the families and friends of **Florence Dugan, of St. Agnes**  
and **Ethel Palyo and Joelle Kirch Preksta, of Holy Trinity,**  
who died this past week.*

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



**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!**

### FEAST OF ALL SOULS



Although not a “Holy Day of Obligation,” it is another special day to spend time in prayer, particularly at the prayer service on **Monday, Nov. 2nd at St. Agnes Church**. Those who specifically bear the title of “saint” are honored on Nov. 1st, and we ask them to pray for us. But on Nov. 2nd, we commemorate ALL those who have gone before us, and we pray for them. While many of the deceased may not be officially declared saints, and are already with God, we are aware that others may still be on their way to God’s kingdom following a stage of “purgation” (i.e. Purgatory). Those in heaven do not need our prayers, but those still “on their way” to the fullness of God’s kingdom can benefit greatly from our prayer on their behalf. Relying on God’s loving mercy and aware of the power of our prayer, it is a vibrant part of our faith to pray for those who have gone before us.

#### *Attendance at All Sunday Masses Tabulated in October*

In all parishes of our Diocese during the month of October, we count the number of individuals who attend our weekend Masses to see what **percentage are coming to Church**. The count made by our ushers shows the following **average attendance at each of our Masses** taken over the weekends in October. The average weekly attendance at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity combined is 440. The percentage of parishioners attending weekend Masses during October for both parishes combined is **56%**. The percentage would be lower if visiting parishioners were not counted.

This means that **44% of our parishioners are not attending Mass regularly**. Please **invite them to come with you** to Mass. And in particular, *we ask parents to bring their families and give a sterling example for our children*. There is more than sufficient room for more people to be present at our weekend Masses at both parishes. **Wouldn't it be great if all our Eucharistic celebrations were filled to capacity and everyone would be filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus? YOUR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED.**

#### *ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT HOLY TRINITY*

On **Saturday, November 21st, 11:00 a.m.** at Holy Trinity, we will celebrate **Mass** and the **Communal Anointing of the Sick**. People who may receive the **Sacrament** are *those seriously ill, those about to have surgery due to serious illness, elderly people in weakened condition even if not seriously ill, and children who are seriously ill and have reached the age of reason and can be comforted by this Sacrament*. **This Sacrament provides the sick person with the grace of the Holy Spirit by which the whole person is brought to health, and trust in God is encouraged and strength is given.** Do take advantage of this Communal Anointing. **A luncheon will follow in the Holy Trinity Social Hall.**

**VERA BRADLEY** Vera Bradley Bingo, 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.**



#### **ST. AGNES BASKETBALL NIGHT AT THE RACES SAT., NOV. 21ST**

Admission is \$10 and includes food and drink (BYOB). Horses are available for \$10 at the school office (412-466-6238).

## *All Souls Novena*

*God our Father, Your power brings us  
to birth. Your providence guides our  
lives, and by Your command we return  
to dust.*

*I pray for the dead, especially for  
(Name).*

*May those who have been dear to me  
in life find a place with You in heaven.*

*Lord, those who die still live in  
Your presence; Their lives change  
but do not end. I pray in hope for my  
family, relatives and friends, and for all  
the dead known to You alone.*

*In company with Christ  
Who died and now lives may they  
rejoice in your kingdom  
where all tears are wiped away.  
Unite us together again as one family,  
to sing Your praise forever and ever.*

*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.**

**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, Mary Sabo, Agnes Seech,  
Margaret Serdy, Lois Soltis, Dom Toretti

**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 25, 2015

\$ 2,355 -- Offering\*  
\$ 30 -- Parish Share  
\$ 880 -- World Missions

PSP Assessment-2015 .....\$ 22,228  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 15,295  
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 25, 2015

\$ 1,259 -- Offering  
\$ 25 -- Parish Share  
\$ 364 -- World Missions

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 21,505  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 12,587

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