

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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

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

MONDAY- NOV. 9TH - DED. OF LATERAN BASILICA *(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

TUES - NOV. 10TH - ST. LEO THE GREAT 6:45a - **Marie Steiner (Tom & Joyce Kusher)**

WED - NOV. 11TH - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS *(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

THUR - NOV. 12TH - ST. JOSAPHAT 6:45a - **Joseph Banko (Sister Janelle)**

FRI - NOV. 13TH - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI 8:15a - **Sister Agnes Cecilia (Sisters at St. Agnes)**

SAT - NOV. 14TH - WEEKDAY *(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

SUN - NOV. 15TH - 33RD SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00a - **David Koehler (Ted & Carol Koehler)** 11:00a - **Joseph Naccarato (Fred & Joann Smith)**

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

MONDAY-NOV. 9TH - DED. OF LATERAN BASILICA 8:00a- **Eugene Sabol (Azzari Family)**

TUES - NOV. 10TH - ST. LEO THE GREAT *(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

WED - NOV. 11TH - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS 8:00a - **Remembrance of Our Beloved Departed**

THUR - NOV. 12TH - ST. JOSAPHAT *(6:45am Mass at St. Agnes)*

FRI - NOV. 13TH - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI *(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)*

SAT - NOV. 14TH - WEEKDAY 8:00a- **Howard Ondick (John & Kelly Gyurina)**

SUN - NOV 15TH - 33RD SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00p - (Sat) - **Madgaline Melnichak (Family)** 9:30a - **Elizabeth Butsko (Family)**

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, Nov. 16.
ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE
1-888-808-1235

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *1 Kings 17:10-16*. Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blest with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 146:7,8-9 9-10*. A prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 9:24-28*. Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 12:38-44*. Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

Reflecting on God's Word

My earliest memory of a widow was Aunt Lizzie: white-haired, seemingly very old, but kindly. (I was four, so she was probably in her sixties then—how one's perspective on age changes with time!) She lived with my godmother and uncle, having contributed some of her savings to help them buy a house. My second memory was of Lana Turner playing *The Merry Widow* in the 1952 movie of the same name. Both were light years away, historically and culturally, from the widows in today's readings.

The widows in biblical times were imperiled. If they did not have sons who would care for them, their very lives could be endangered. The widow in the first reading has a young son; she is collecting sticks to build a fire to prepare the last of her flour so they can eat and die. When Elijah asks her to prepare a cake for him, she generously does so—which proves to be her salvation. Later he even restores her son to life.

Jesus watches a widow put in her last—literally—two cents in the temple's coffers. He has previously warned about the scribes who “devour the houses of widows” while reciting lengthy prayers (Mark 12:40). Some say Jesus is lamenting the foolishness of this widow, like the prophets of the past who railed against the neglect of widows and orphans. But most think he is praising her generosity in giving “all she had, her whole livelihood” (12:44). Like her, Jesus will soon put all his trust in the Father.



~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

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)

Sat, Nov. 14th..... **Holy Trinity Eucharistic Minister Mtg.** (11:00am, Holy Trinity Church)

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)

Thurs, Nov. 26th.... **Thanksgiving Masses** (8:00am St. Agnes & 9:30am Holy Trinity)

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, Dec. 6th..... **K of C #4210 Blue Mass to honor first responders** (9:30am, Holy Trinity Church)

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



Holy Trinity Eucharistic Minister Meeting

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers to serve at Masses. Please consider volunteering to be a Eucharistic Minister. It is truly an honor to present the body and precious blood of Christ to the congregation.

For more information please join us at an important meeting for all potential and current Holy Trinity Eucharistic Ministers next Saturday, Nov., 14th, at 11:00am in Holy Trinity Church.



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).

There will be a St. Agnes-Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Meeting Next Sunday, Nov. 15th 12:15pm at St. Agnes Social Hall

OVERWHELMING AND EVER GRATEFUL

In the past few weeks, and here recently, I have been struck and overwhelmed by the number of bills that Holy Trinity Parish is committed to pay, and that our Sunday offerings are not sufficient in covering these necessary payments. We have been withdrawing from our parish savings to cover some necessary items that are quite evident in beautifying our grounds and the physical facility. And in particular, I make reference to the newly asphalted parking lot, the parking spaces in front of the church and the driveway to the garage. The cost was close to \$10,000 and approved by our Finance Committee.

The following are a number of bills that we have received over the past three months. Two are unpaid as yet and that is the elementary school grant of \$6,970 (St. Agnes offertory collection is taxed to the tune of \$6,167 a month) and insurance bills for the past two months of \$6,550. The Word Among us, which we have discontinued, cost the parish \$2,676 for the entire year. Continued repairs are made to the physical facilities of Holy Trinity. The last service maintenance bill for our organ was \$740. The monthly cost to provide the Pittsburgh Catholic to the homes of Holy Trinity parishioners is \$156. Other smaller bills can be mentioned but hopefully these few can paint a picture of the demands that are made upon your Sunday offerings and special collections, especially the Parish Share.

Hopefully these illustrations will lead to a greater understanding by all who make their Sunday offerings about the need to increase contributions so that we are able to cover the necessary bills.

PRAYERFULLY GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY WHO FAITHFULLY MAINTAIN THEIR SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS! And also, a number of those who send their offerings through the mail. Without your continued support and an increase in sacrificial giving we will exhaust Holy Trinity's savings and jeopardize the financial future of the parish.



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of William Bost, husband of Elaine Bost, 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.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY TAMBURITZANS



The Duquesne University Tamburitzans will have its first major Pittsburgh area performance of its 79th season on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH at the West Mifflin Middle School Auditorium at 3:00pm.** They will perform an exciting new production titled "New Horizons" with its fresh new content, enhanced audio-visual technology and rich, colorful costuming and staging. All tickets are **reserved seating only** and may be purchased on-line at www.tamburitzans.talentshadows.com. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Tickets at the door are \$25.

Parish Share Campaign...Our Parish Share Campaign continues until the end of January. The assessed goal for **St. Agnes** is **\$22,228** and for **Holy Trinity** is **\$21,505**. If you have not made a one-time donation or fulfilled your pledge at this time, please **we prayerfully ask you to do so by the end of January**. The parish of *St. Agnes* asks, at least, a pledge of ten dollars a month or a hundred dollars for the entire year of 2015-16. The parish of *Holy Trinity* asks for \$6.00 a month or \$60.00 for the entire year. If each envelope user fulfills his or her pledge and shares in this yearly campaign, we can fulfill our assessed goals. Otherwise we will need to borrow from the Diocese. **Please note, if we collect beyond our assessed goals, those funds are not taxable.** It would be a wonderful sign of our concern and support for the financial viability of our parishes. Hopefully, we can reach beyond our goals with your understanding and support. *Do show "stewardship in action"!*

Please note: The second collection on the first Sunday of the month is for our Parish Share Campaign. Of course, any time throughout the month that you are able to fulfill your pledge or make a payment to the PSP is greatly appreciated.



*Dear Jesus,
Thank You Profoundly For Our Brave
American Heroes As We Honor Them
This Veterans Day.*

*Give us All A Fresh and Renewed
Spirit of Love For Them and For Our
Nation.*

*Open Our Eyes to The Sacrifices They
Have Made To keep us Free to Wor-
ship You in Peace.*

*Thank You For Our Beautiful Land, a
Land of Abundance and Freedom,
and a Beacon of Liberty.*

*Thank You For Our Veterans and
Active Duty Heroes Who Put Their
Lives on the Line To Keep It That Way.*

*Help us now to Retain that Blessing by
honoring Your Gifts to us,
In Jesus Name.*

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 num-
ber. Bonus drawing Dec. 27, 28, 29
and 30 is \$1,000 (straight). Available
from Sister Cynthia until Dec. 6th.



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,
Flo Husfelt, Betty Jozefov, Joseph Kirch, Agnes Kovac,
Louis Kruszewski, Cecelia Minella, Helen Ondick,
Fran Onofrey, Alice Svirbel, 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

\$ 4,387 -- Offering*

\$ 815 -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015\$ 22,228

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 16,110

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

November 1, 2015

\$ 2,338 -- Offering

\$ 864 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 13,451

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