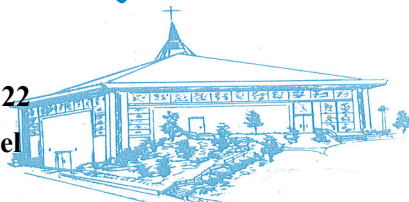


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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. 22ND - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00a - **William Flaherty** (Bernie & Kathy Kelly)  
 11:00a - **Conley & Juhoski Families** (Conley Family)

#### MONDAY- NOV. 23RD - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### TUES - NOV. 24TH - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC

6:45a - **Paul Milko** (Bernice Monzak)

#### WED - NOV. 25TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### THUR - NOV. 26TH - THANKSGIVING

8:00a - **Benefactors of St. Vincent DePaul**

#### FRI - NOV. 27TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity Only)*

#### SAT - NOV. 28TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*  
*(11:00a Anointing of the Sick Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### SUN - NOV. 29TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a - **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Deroy** (Tom & Patty Klocko)  
 11:00a - **Leo & Susanne Snyder** (Family)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - NOV. 22ND - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

4:00p - (Sat) - **John Binkney, Jr.** (John & Barb Stanoszek)  
 9:30a - **Michael A. Tusay, Sr.** (Mr. & Mrs. Tom Yeager)

#### MONDAY-NOV. 23RD - WEEKDAY

8:00a- **Joelle Kirch Preksta** (Husband, Bob)

#### TUES - NOV. 24TH -ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC

*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### WED - NOV. 25TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Ethel Palyo** (Parish)

#### THUR - NOV. 26TH - THANKSGIVING

9:30a - **Benefactors of St. Vincent DePaul**

#### FRI - NOV. 27TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John Binkney, Jr.** (Pat & Dennis Baker)

#### SAT - NOV. 28TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **In remembrance of our beloved deceased**  
 11:00a - **Anointing of the Sick Mass**

#### SUN - NOV 29TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **Michael Onofrey** (Wife & Family)  
 9:30a - **Michael Sotak** (Debbie Gaydos)

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 Social Hall - Holy Trinity..... 412-466-9695  
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 Saint Agnes Website.....[www.stagneswm.com](http://www.stagneswm.com)  
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 Holy Trinity Office Email.....[h.trinity@verizon.net](mailto: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, Dec. 7th.**

**ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

*November 22, 2015*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**First Reading:** *Daniel 7:13-14.* Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5.* A prayer of praise to God our king.  
**Second Reading:** *Revelation 1:5-8.* Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.  
**Gospel Reading:** *John 18:33b-37.* Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."



### Reflecting on God's Word

Political power meets spiritual power in today's conversation between Jesus and Pilate. "Are you the King of the Jews?" Pilate asks Jesus (John 18:33). Pilate sees Jesus as a threat to Roman rule, just as the Jewish leaders see Jesus as a threat to their authority. Jesus is thus either guilty of inciting insurrection as a militant messiah or of speaking blasphemy by presenting himself as one who inaugurates the reign of God.

Jesus, however, speaks not about himself as a king but about a kingdom that "does not belong to this world" (John 18:36). This kingdom may not be of this world but it is in this world. God's kingdom is present in Jesus as one who comes to bear witness to the truth that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Jesus is the Word become flesh who made his dwelling among us, so that we might see his glory, "the glory of the Father's only Son, / full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). The hour of glory was the hour of the cross, the hour not of political power, but God's power shining through human weakness, bringing light into the darkness, revealing self-sacrificing love so that we might have life.

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

**TODAY.....H.T. Men's/Women'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.....**Holy Trinity Rivers Casino Bus Trip** (Call George 412-466-5062)  
 Sat, Dec. 5th.....**H.T. Men's & Women's Club Christmas Party** (Following 4:00pm Mass)  
 Sun, Dec. 6th.....**K of C #4210 Blue Mass** (9:30am, Holy Trinity Church)  
 Thurs, Dec 10th .....**St. Agnes Sr.'s Christmas Party, Skyvue** (Call Ed Ferchak, 412-462-0904)  
 Sun, Dec. 13th.....**Decorate Holy Trinity Church for Christmas** (following 9:30am Mass)  
 Tues, Dec. 15th.....**Day of Recollection** (9-12, Fr. Litavec, luncheon to follow, Holy Trinity)  
 Thurs, Dec. 31st .....**K of C New Year's Eve Party** (H.T. Hall, RSVP: 412-414-4919)



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**  
 will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend. Please be supportive in prayers & monies.

**Holy Trinity Men's & Women's Club  
 Christmas Party**  
**Saturday, December 5th**  
**HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL HALL**  
**RSVP by November 30th**  
**Call George 412-466-5062**



### ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is displayed at St. Agnes through December 6th. Your gift will support Sisters Place whose mission is to assist single parent families toward self-sufficiency. They greatly appreciate **household items and gift cards to Giant Eagle or Wal-Mart** which can be dropped off through Dec. 13th.



### DECORATING HELP NEEDED!!

**Christmas decorations will be put up after the Sunday 9:30am Mass at Holy Trinity on December 13th. Please come and help make our Church beautiful for this sacred season. Thank you!**

**ST. AGNES SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Thursday, Dec. 10th, Skyvue Restaurant**  
 For reservations call Ed Ferchak (412-462-0904)  
 Open to all St. Agnes & Holy Trinity parishioners

### *Feast of CHRIST THE KING*

In the Old Testament, God promised King David that from his lineage would come the promised Messiah, the Savior, who would also be a king. And so 2,000 years ago the Jewish leaders were expecting a political king who would free them from the Romans.



As we celebrate this feast not only in our Liturgy, but also by adoration of Jesus Christ our King in the Blessed Sacrament—His Real Presence among us—plan to make an effort to *come and spend an hour with your Divine King!* Your presence can be a beautiful expression of your love for Christ, our King, Savior, and Lord. Hopefully, our love for Christ in the Eucharist will encourage us whenever given the opportunity to place ourselves in the presence of the Lord—perhaps by coming earlier for our Eucharistic celebrations or by staying a little longer after our weekend Masses.

**PLEASE NOTE** that every first Friday of the month a holy hour and benediction is scheduled following the 8am Mass at Holy Trinity. The greater our love of Christ's presence in the Eucharist the more it can help us in our daily struggles and prepare us to be numbered among the elect.

### **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

This service was founded on the model of the Advent service at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England, which grew out of the annual presentation of Nine Lessons and Carols, celebrated in that historic chapel on Christmas Eve. This year we have worked very hard to bring the spirit of Advent to the parishioners of Holy Trinity and St. Agnes. We continue to look more deeply into the meaning of Advent, anticipating the time when Christ will come again, not as a child, but in glory as King over all. We hope to see you at this third annual Lessons and Carols in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, November 29, at 4:00pm.



### *Day of Recollection, Tuesday, December 15th*

**Father Edward Litavec**, our beloved preacher, will give a Day of Recollection for the parishes of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity. His theme for the "Day" will be "*Advent Preparation for the Nativity of our Lord.*" The day will begin at Holy Trinity Church at 9:00 a.m. with an opening conference and then the opportunity for confession and the celebration of the Eucharist. A luncheon will conclude the Day of Recollection with a question and answer forum. *Let us spend some spiritual time in the midst of the holiday rush to better prepare ourselves for the Birth of Christ.*



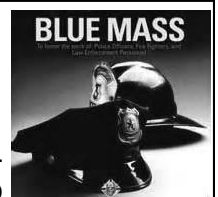
### **THANKSGIVING OFFERING - On Thanksgiving Day, November 26,** there will be

a Eucharistic celebration at **St. Agnes at 8:00am and then at Holy Trinity at 9:30am.** As we gather together for family dinners that bring us together in ever loving concern for each other, no greater opportunity is offered than coming together **AS FAMILY** to the Eucharistic celebration.

This year canned and dry goods **will not** be collected at Holy Trinity. **A monetary collection** will be taken up for the benefit of our St. Vincent DePaul Society **at the Thanksgiving Mass.** **There is an envelope in your packet** for this purpose and may be used any time throughout the month of November. Daily we receive calls from those in need asking for the help of our devoted St. Vincent DePaul members. Your giving will be a great help in reaching out to the many who daily call upon us for assistance.

### **K of C #4210 Blue Mass and Breakfast Sunday, Dec. 6: 9:30am Mass at Holy Trinity Followed by Breakfast in Social Hall**

The event will honor the police, firemen and EMTs of Duquesne, West Mifflin and surrounding communities. Breakfast is \$7 p/p. Must reserve in advance by calling 412-414-4919 or emailing [timmy1825@aol.com](mailto:timmy1825@aol.com). Door prizes, food, music, and silent auction. Donations will be given to Duquesne and West Mifflin police, fire and EMT's suggested charity. **Reservation deadline: Nov. 30th.** Call Tim Richards at 412-414-4919.



## Prayer for the New Evangelization

Gracious and loving God, you have, in words of Pope Benedict XVI, “touched our hearts with Your word and with Your Spirit, calling us to faith and to communion in the Church.”

As we receive these gifts with joy,  
make us active agents of the New  
Evangelization, handing on to others that  
which we have received.

Help us to take seriously the call to carry the  
Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, into  
the world today through our words and  
through our actions.

Give us the grace and courage to “respond  
with generosity and holiness to the calls and  
challenges of our time.”

Inspire us with the words we need to invite  
and to welcome people  
who are searching for you.

Make us authentic witnesses of your love  
to every person we meet.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

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. 6th.

#### 2016 LOTTERY CALENDARS

**The 2016 Lottery Calendars are here.** Pick  
them up in the cafeteria after Mass. **They are \$20. If**  
**you want certain numbers call the school to see if**  
**they are available.** Makes a great Christmas gift!!

**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**

November 15, 2015

\$ 3,038 -- Offering\*

\$ 110 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 16,620

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 15, 2015

\$ 1,690 -- Offering

\$ 120 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 13,901

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