

# 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. 29TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 8:00a - **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Deroy** (Tom & Patty Klocko)  
 11:00a - **Leo & Susanne Snyder** (Family)  
**MONDAY- NOV. 30TH - ST. ANDREW**  
*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*  
**TUES - DEC. 1ST - ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
 6:45a - **Flo Dendis** (Sisters at St. Agnes)  
**WED - DEC. 2ND - ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*  
**THUR - DEC. 3RD - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**  
 6:45a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Floyd Caruso & Family)  
**FIRST FRIDAY - DEC. 4TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
 8:15a - **Robert Andres** (Wife, Nancy & Family)  
**FIRST SATURDAY - DEC. 5TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*  
**SUN - DEC. 6TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 8:00a - **Rose Montalbano** (Rose Anne Needham)  
 11:00a - **Emil Tomac** (Robert Schaff)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

**SUN - NOV. 29TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 4:00p - (Sat) - **Michael Onofrey** (Wife & Family)  
 9:30a - **Michael Sotak** (Debbie Gaydos)  
**MONDAY-NOV. 30TH - ST. ANDREW**  
 8:00a- **Eugene Sabol** (Fran Onofrey)  
**TUES - DEC. 1ST - ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*  
**WED - DEC. 2ND - ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
 8:00a - **John Binkney, Jr.** (Lisa & Mark)  
**THUR - DEC. 3RD - ST FRANCIS XAVIER**  
*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*  
**FIRST FRIDAY - DEC. 4TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
*(8:15 Mass at St. Agnes only)*  
**FIRST SATURDAY - DEC. 5TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY**  
 8:00a - **Howard Ondick** (Elaine & Anthony Falce)  
**SUN - DEC 6TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 4:00p - (Sat) - **Regis Hock** (Richard Hock)  
 9:30a - **K of C #4210 Blue Mass**

### 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, Dec. 7th.**  
**ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE**  
**1-888-808-1235**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 33:14-16.* The Lord will fulfill his promises to Israel and Judah.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.* The Lord will teach us his paths.  
**Second Reading:** *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2.* Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.  
**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.* Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that



### THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king’s coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day. They will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

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

- 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)
- Tue, Dec. 8th.....**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 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)

***First Friday, Dec. 4th***—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. **On First Friday, December 4th, there will be an 8:15am Mass at St. Agnes. There will be no Mass at Holy Trinity.**

#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

**HOLY TRINITY: 4:00pm MON. DEC. 7TH**  
**ST. AGNES: 8:15am & 7:00pm TUE. DEC. 8TH**

**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

## Season of ADVENT Begins TODAY

Today we will begin a new Church Liturgical Year with a period that **prepares us to again celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas.** And one venerable tradition that reminds us to prepare ourselves is the **Advent Wreath.** The gradual lighting of 4 candles, one on each of the 4 weeks of Advent, helps to **symbolize** not only the expectation and hope of **Our Lord's first coming into the world, but also His second coming as just Judge at the end of the world.**

We will have an Advent Wreath in Church and will observe this devotion by lighting the candles and saying the prayers before our daily and Sunday Liturgies. **You can also observe this devotion at home,** and we recommend it. You can make your own Advent Wreath or buy one already made. **Clip and save the following prayers** which can be said at the family evening meal, for example, as the candles are lit each day. Also, special Advent booklets are available in the lobby. Excellent for meditation and reflection.

### The Advent Wreath Devotion

**Blessing of the Advent Wreath** - *"O God, by Whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your Blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen"*

### — Prayers for Each Week —

**First Week** - *(Light 1 purple candle)* - Stir up Your Might, O God, we beg You, and come, so that by Your protection, we may be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins, and may be saved by Your deliverance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

**Second Week** - *(Light 2 purple candles)* - Stir up our hearts, O God, so that we may prepare for Your Only Begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve You with pure minds. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

**Third Week** - *(Light 2 purple and 1 pink candles)* - We beg You, O God, incline Your ear to our prayers, and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Your visitation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

**Fourth Week** - *(Light all 4 candles)* - Stir up Your Power, O God, and help us, so that by Your Grace and Merciful Kindness, we may swiftly receive the salvation that our sins impede. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen

### OPLATKE - HOLY BREAD

The **Christmas wafer** commemorates a custom which is centuries old. Oplatke, from Latin, "Oblatum," Holy Bread, is believed by some to emanate as far back as the "manna" of Exodus; it is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, literally, the House of Bread. **Offering: \$2-1/2 doz. & \$4-doz.**

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Each year at Christmas, St. Agnes/Holy Trinity are *beautifully decorated for the Birth of Jesus* with Christmas Flowers. We invite you to make a donation to the CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND "**In Memory of**" a *deceased* loved one or, "**In Honor of**" a *living* one, by using the envelope in your packet and placing it in the **collection basket.** **This year we will not** be listing the names of your loved ones in the bulletin but, in making these flower offerings, you are indeed honoring them.



### 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.**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015**  
**22ND ANNUAL SLOVAK VILIIJA**

*Celebrate this Holy Season with a traditional  
Slovak Christmas Eve dinner.*

**Prince of Peace Parish Center**  
*81 So. 13th Street, South Side*

*5:00pm dinner*  
*Entertainment by the*  
**Pittsburgh Slovaks**

*Please reply by December 9th*  
*(412) 481-8380*

*Hosted by the*  
**Slovak Customs Group of Prince of Peach  
Parish**

**The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

*Invite all women*  
*to an Advent Season Day of Reflection entitled:*  
**Touched by His Mercy**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
**9:30am - 4:00pm**  
**Offering: \$25**

Includes: Continental Breakfast, Praise and Adoration,  
Guest Speaker, Lunch, Small Group Discussion, and  
Eucharistic Celebration. Register by Dec. 4th by call-  
ing (412) 563-3857.



**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**

Due to publisher holiday deadline, financials for Nov. 22nd & 29th will appear in the Dec. 6th Bulletin

\$ -- Offering\*  
\$ -- Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015 .....\$ 22,228  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 16,620  
Monthly School Subsidy.....\$ 6,167

~~ REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH ~~  
AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

**HOLY TRINITY**

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\$ -- Offering  
\$ -- 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.