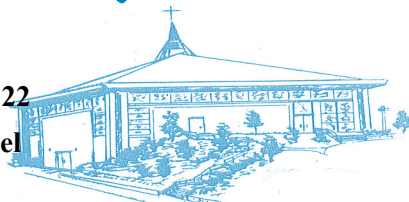


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



Administrator - Reverend Joseph R. Grosko
Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
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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 - DEC. 6TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a - **Rose Montalbano** (Rose Anne Needham)
 11:00a - **Emil Tomac** (Robert Schaff)

MONDAY- DEC. 7TH - ST. AMBROSE

(4:00p Anticipated Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - DEC. 8TH - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:15a - **Florence Dugan** (Staff of Savolskis Funeral Home)
 7:00p - **Cecelia Chobirko** (Phil Howard)

WED - DEC. 9TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - DEC. 10TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:45a - **James R. Abels** (Edward Fink Family)

FRIDAY - DEC. 11TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Joseph Banko** (Sister Janelle)

SATURDAY - DEC. 12TH-OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - DEC. 13TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Mike Sorokacs)
 11:00a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Jim & Bev Stavor & Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - DEC. 6TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **Regis Hock** (Richard Hock)
 9:30a - **Knights of Columbus #4210 Blue Mass**

MONDAY-DEC. 7TH - ST. AMBROSE

(No 8:00a Mass)
 4:00p - **Immaculate Conception Anticipated Mass**

TUES - DEC. 8TH - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)
(7:00p Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - DEC. 9TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Ethel Palyo** (Christian Mothers Guild)

THUR - DEC. 10TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - DEC. 11TH - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:15 Mass at St. Agnes only)

SATURDAY - DEC. 12TH - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00a - **David Robinson** (Mom & Dad)

SUN - DEC 13TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **Al Michaels** (Agnes Seech)
 9:30a - **John Bodnar** (Nancy Bodnar)

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 Holy Trinity Office Email.....h.trinity@verizon.net
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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.

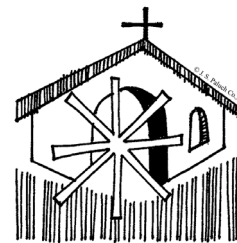
EPHESIANS IV-PRAYER & PRAISE-Next Mtg. Mon, Dec. 7th.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: *Baruch 5:1-9.* Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory.
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6.* A song of praise for God's great deeds
Second Reading: *Philippians 1:4-6,8-11.* Paul prays for the Philippians.
Gospel Reading: *Luke 3:1-6.* John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.



Reflecting on God's Word

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday

*The Lord has
done great things.*

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

- 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)
- Wed, Dec. 9th.....**Lights are Still on for You Confession** (H.T., 6:00-7:00pm - S.A., 7:00-8:00pm)
- 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)



...to all who made the Advent Lessons & Carols program last Sunday such a wonderful success: the beautiful singers, readers and decorators who helped to ready us all for the coming of Jesus. A special thank you to **Len Potemra** who organized the entire program. Blessings and thanks to all!!



*HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...
to the family and friends
of **Mary Mayher**, of **St. Agnes**, and
Virginia Feltz, 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.*

2016 LOTTERY CALENDARS

Pick up your **2016 Lottery Calendars** in the cafeteria after Mass. They are \$20. **If you want certain numbers call the school at 412-466-6238 to see if they are available.**

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!

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is displayed at St. Agnes through this weekend. 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.



RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights of Columbus Council 4210 are selling **Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) cards** after weekend Masses. Proceeds from the sale will benefit K of C charitable works. Questions? Contact Tim Richards, at timmy1825@aol.com or call 412-896-3290. **Let us keep Christ in Christmas and not Xmas him out.**

Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday, December 8th

The **Blessed Virgin Mary** was destined, from the moment of her conception, to be the **bearer of the Eternal Word**. *As Mary was the vessel that carried the Savior of the world, may we, too, be vessels that carry the message of the gospel to all we meet.* We will gather on **Monday, December 7th for the Anticipated Mass at Holy Trinity at 4:00pm and on the Feast Day, December 8th, at St. Agnes at 8:15am and 7:00pm.** to give praise and glory to God for the gift of the Lord Jesus.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS

Third grader, Kody Kraeuter, won the Allegheny County Firefighters 3rd place poster contest, "Hear the Beep in Your Bedroom." Kody was honored at Oakmont's Volunteer Fire Dept.

The following students have been selected following tryouts for the Diocesan Honors Band.
8th graders: Grace Rojas, Colin Sakony, Natalie Onofrey, Patrick Onofrey, Avi Adams, Emily Capozzolo, Kayla Kraeuter
7th grader: Ryan Gedman.
6th grader: Abigail Bevan.

On November 2nd we were honored to have Mike McCoy, the #1 draft choice of the Green Bay Packers where he played defensive tackle. He played eleven years in the NFL. Mike McCoy Ministries reaches students in Catholic schools with the message of Faith, Hope and Encouragement; enabling them to make better decisions in their lives. Mike spoke to the 4th through 8th graders.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

There is now an online course for taking the Protecting God's Children Workshop. Simply go to www.virtus.org and click on "Registration." Fill out the registration section and then choose your session. Please print out the certificate and give it to our Safe Environment Coordinator, Sister Cynthia.

It is extremely important for ALL Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers to complete the database at diopitt.org and (Safe Environment Protecting God's Children). Contact Sister Cynthia 412-466-6238 if you need assistance. We always have to put on our report, "non-compliant" because all of our Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors have not yet followed our plea to do this.

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. Through our beloved Christmas wafer tradition we are reminded of the Holy Nativity. We remember our Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, literally the "house of bread". We hallow his proclamation: "I am the Bread of Life." **Offering: \$2-1/2 doz. & \$4-doz., after weekend Masses.**

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.**



The Light is Still on for You Wednesday, December 9th

Has it been awhile since your last confession? “The light is still on for you!” is an invitation of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to

encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is the best way to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. **Confession will be available on Wednesday, December 9th from 6:00-7:00pm at Holy Trinity and from 7:00-8:00pm at St. Agnes.**

If it's been awhile since your last confession or you have trouble making our regularly scheduled confession times, this is an opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church.

Why should I go to Confession?

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called Penance or Confession) was given to us by Christ to help us reconcile with Christ and his Church when we have committed harm. Through the Sacrament, we acknowledge our sins, express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ, make reparation for what we have done and resolve to do better in the future. During his public life, Jesus both forgave sins and reintegrated the sinners into the community. This is the goal of the Sacrament of Confession: to forgive sins and to provide reconciliation with the Church. **The rite for the Sacrament of Reconciliation involves four parts: contrition, confession, penance and absolution.**

Contrition: a sincere sorrow for having offended God and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.

Confession: facing our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them aloud to a priest.

Penance: an important part of our healing is the “penance” assigned in reparation for our sins.

Absolution: A priest speaks the words by which “God, the Father of Mercies” reconciles a sinner to Himself through the merits of the Cross.

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, Pat Deluca, 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

Nov. 22, 29, 2015

\$ 6,176 -- Offering*
\$ 111 -- Parish Share
\$ 1,786 -- Retired Religious

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 22,228
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 16,731
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

Nov. 22, 29, 2015

\$ 3,784 -- Offering
\$ 290 -- Parish Share
\$ 1,169 -- Retired Religious

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 21,505
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 14,191

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