

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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Administrative Office and Rectory
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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 - DEC. 20TH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a - **Richard Loper** (Fedor Family)
 11:00a - **Wendy Ruiz & Robert Andres** (Andres Family)

MONDAY- DEC. 21ST - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - DEC. 22ND - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

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

WED - DEC. 23RD - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - DEC. 24TH - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00a - **Father Frank Siler**

FRIDAY - DEC. 25TH - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00p - (Thurs) **Amelia McElhinny** (Richard McElhinny)
 12:00 - (Midnight) **Paula Anne Smith** (Mom & Dad)
 8:00a - **Irene Slezak** (Parish)
 11:00a - **Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes**

SATURDAY - DEC. 26TH - ST. STEPHEN

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - DEC. 27TH - HOLY FAMILY

8:00a - **Mary Mayher** (Irene & Sue Fontanase)
 11:00a - **Rose Youso** (Mary Catherine & Ed Demengo)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - DEC. 20TH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **Elizabeth Potemra** (Len Potemra)
 9:30a - **George Matta, Sr.** (Ann Pavlan & Daughters)

MONDAY-DEC. 21ST - ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a - **John Binkney, Jr.** (Andy & Eleanor Fedor)

TUES - DEC. 22ND - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - DEC. 23RD - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Michael A. Tusay, Sr.** (M/M Bernard Koval)

THUR - DEC. 24TH - LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - DEC. 25TH - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00p - (Thurs) **Ann Matthias** (Jim Matthias)
 12:00 - (Midnight Mass at St. Agnes)
 9:30a - **Living & Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**

SATURDAY - DEC. 26TH - ST. STEPHEN

8:00a - **Howard Ondick** (Dick & Barbara Nieman)

SUN - DEC. 27TH - HOLY FAMILY

4:00p - (Sat) - **Joelle Kirch Preksta** (Parents & Joe)
 9:30a - **Dorothy Bracco** (Irene & Mildred Moran)

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.

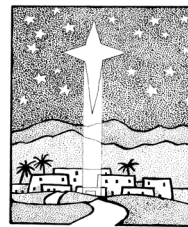
NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at Rectory.

EPHESIANS IV-PRAYER & PRAISE-Next Mtg. Mon, Dec. 21st.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



First Reading: *Micah 5:1-4.* The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.* A prayer for God's salvation.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:5-10.* Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:39-45.* Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

Reflecting on God's Word:

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today's first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary's womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus' new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

~~~MARK YOUR CALENDAR~~~

Thurs, Dec. 31st **K of C New Year's Eve Party** (H.T. Hall, RSVP: 412-414-4919)

Fri, Jan. 1st **Solemnity of Mary** (Holy Day of Obligation)

Sun, Jan. 10th..... **Holy Trinity Men/Ladies' Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** (8-12 H.T. Hall)

Sun, Jan 10th..... **St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Pie Social** (12:30pm, St. Agnes Social Hall)



*HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of **Gerald Pregelman**, 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.*

LAST CALL: SLOVAK COOKBOOKS—(in English) are on sale at the Parish Office. Only a few are left so don't delay. They make great Christmas gifts!



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.**

OPLATKE - HOLY BREAD

The **Christmas wafer** commemorates that 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.**



Our Heartiest Congratulations to the family of **Madalyn Jean and Michael Jacob Wagner**, children of **Melissa and Michael Wagner**, who were recently baptized at St. Agnes Church.

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. **Let us keep Christ in Christmas and not Xmas him out.**

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DEADLINE for the **January 3rd Bulletin** is **Monday, Dec. 21st.**

Thank you for your understanding!



MEDITATION

from Pope Francis' homily proclaiming the Jubilee dedicated to Divine Mercy.


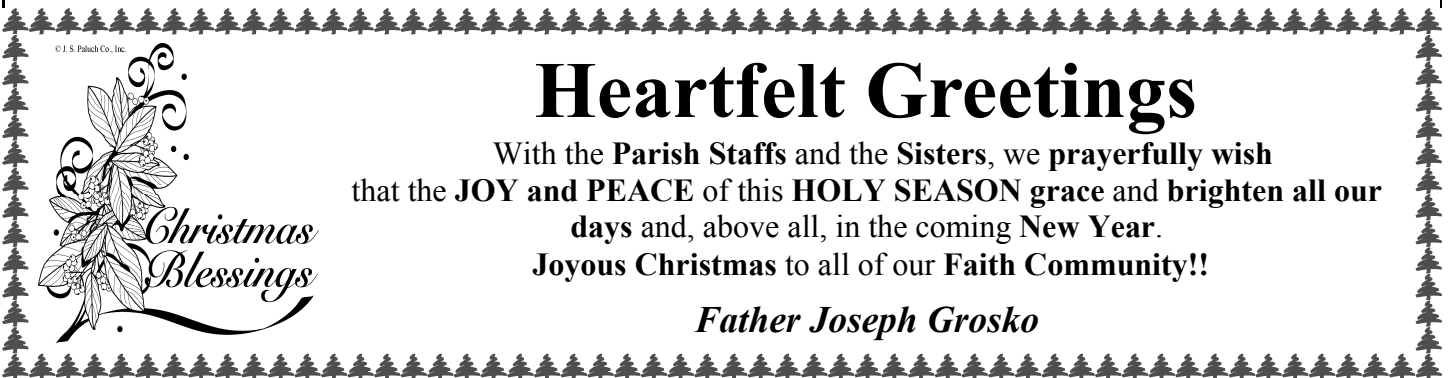
As the Apostle Paul reminds us, God never ceases to show the richness of his mercy throughout the ages. The transformation of the heart that leads us to confess our sins is “Gods gift,” it is “his work” (cf. Eph. 2:8-10). To be touched with tenderness by his hand and shaped by his grace allows us, therefore, to approach the priest without fear for our sins...[and to] find the certainty of forgiveness. The greater the sin, so much greater must be the love that the Church expresses toward those who convert.

Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center...This Holy Year will begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will end on Nov. 20, 2016, the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.

1. When have we felt the mercy of God in our own lives?
2. Have we ever been a “witness to mercy” and extended God's forgiveness to others? Have we been able to look beyond the limitations of justice, and forgive those who have offended or hurt us?
3. Can we, as a family, renew our own “spiritual conversion” by going to confession more frequently?



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Heartfelt Greetings

With the **Parish Staffs** and the **Sisters**, we prayerfully wish that the **JOY and PEACE** of this **HOLY SEASON** grace and brighten all our days and, above all, in the coming **New Year**.
Joyous Christmas to all of our **Faith Community!!**

Father Joseph Grosko

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

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.



—HOLY DAY MASSES —

CHRISTMAS EVE: Thursday, December 24th, 2015 **CHRISTMAS DAY: Friday, December 25th, 2015**

3:45pm Christmas Carols at Holy Trinity prior to Mass
4pm Masses (both at St. Agnes and Holy Trinity)
12am Midnight Mass (St. Agnes)

8am Mass (St. Agnes)
9:30am Mass (Holy Trinity)
11am Mass (St. Agnes)

OCTIVE OF CHRISTMAS: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD:

Thursday, December 31st, 2015

Friday, January 1st, 2016

4:00 p.m. Mass (Holy Trinity only)

9:30am Mass (Holy Trinity)
11am Mass (St. Agnes)

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A 4pm MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT BOTH CHURCHES.
THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CHRISTMAS CHARITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
This collection is credited to our Parish Share Campaign

Blessing the Manger

Steadfast God, keep us faithful in Your ways,
as You did for Joseph, good and upright man.
God among us, hear our prayer.

Mighty God, help us to be obedient to You,
as was Mary, highly favored, full of grace.
God among us, hear our prayer.

God of glory, send Your tidings of great joy,
sung by Your angels over Bethlehem.
God among us, hear our prayer.

God our Father, lead us to Christ Your Son,
as You led the lowly shepherds long ago.
God among us, hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, look on us in our lowliness;
let us see the wondrous birth, as did the beasts.
God among us, hear our prayer.

Creator God, dazzle us with heaven's light;
guide us from on high by the light of a star.
God among us, hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, fill us with Your grace;
bring us to worship Christ, as did the magi.
God among us, hear our prayer.

God of all love, bless this manger.
Hear this prayer offered to You in faith,
God among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Amen

*Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you.*

St. Augustine

COLLECTION

The second collection at the Christmas Masses is for the Christmas Charities for Children and Youth and is credited toward our Parish Share Assessment. Fulfilling your pledge of the Parish Share program will help us to meet our goal, which we have not been able to do in these past years at Holy Trinity. Thus, we are continually withdrawing funds from Holy Trinity's savings account to meet our goal.

Please Pray for Our Beloved Sick

Holy Trinity

Catherine Bialobok, Monica Branik, Patricia Brevko,
Margaret Breznai, Veronica Bujdos, Ann Capristo,
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, Patricia DeLuca, Irene Fontanese, Jack Funa,
Steve Grochalski, Jean (Koehler) Kopa,
Mary Kosko, Dorothy Kostovny,
Lois Mohrbach, Marguerite Oeler, Laura Pasternak,
Bob Pavuchak, Loretta Sabol, 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

Dec. 13, 2015

\$ 5,781 -- Offering*

\$ 475 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 18,071

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

Dec. 13, 2015

\$ 1,504 -- Offering

\$ 150 -- Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 15,401

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