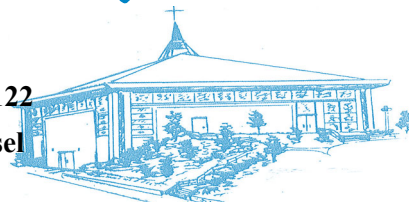


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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. 27TH - HOLY FAMILY

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

MONDAY- DEC. 28TH - THE HOLY INNOCENTS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES -DEC. 29TH - 5TH DAY, OCTIVE OF NATIVITY

6:45a - **Joseph Banko** (Sister Janelle)

WED -DEC. 30TH - 6TH DAY, OCTIVE OF NATIVITY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR -DEC. 31ST - 7TH DAY, OCTIVE OF NATIVITY

7:00a - **William Flaherty** (Bernie & Kathy Kelly)
 (4:00p - Mass at Holy Trinity)

FIRST FRIDAY - JAN 1ST - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

11:00a - **Joseph Naccarato** (George & Bernice Monzak)

SATURDAY - JAN. 2ND - STS. BASIL & NAZIANZEN

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - JAN. 3RD - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00a - **Michael Costello** (Bernie & Cassie Kelly)
 11:00a - **Paul Milko** (Rose Spirnak)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - DEC. 27TH - HOLY FAMILY

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

MONDAY-DEC. 28TH - THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00a - **Margaret Wooddell** (Robert Wooddell)

TUES - DEC. 29TH - 5TH DAY, OCTIVE OF NATIVITY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - DEC. 30TH - 6TH DAY, OCTIVE OF NATIVITY

8:00a - **Virginia Feltz** (Anna & Irene Fabian)

THUR - DEC. 31ST 7TH DAY, OCTIVE OF NATIVITY

(7:00a Mass at St. Agnes)
 4:00p - (Thurs) **Eugene Sabol** (Flo Matta Family)

FIRST FRIDAY - JAN. 1ST - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

9:30a - **John Binkney, Jr.** (Raymond Grego)

SATURDAY - JAN. 2ND - STS BASIL & NAZIANZEN

8:00a - **Joelle Kirch Preksta** (Bea Miller)

SUN - JAN. 3RD - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00p - (Sat) - **Marjorie Byrnes** (Karen Trebus)
 9:30a - **Steve Bialobok** (Kity & Family)

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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**

HOLY FAMILY OF MARY, JESUS & JOSEPH

First Reading: *1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28.* Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10.* Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-2,21-24.* We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:41-52.* The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.



Reflecting on God's Word

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

~~~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)
- Sun, Jan. 10th..... **Take down Christmas decorations at Holy Trinity** (following 9:30am Mass)

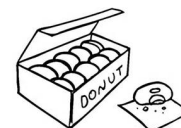


**ST. AGNES/
HOLY TRINITY
PIE SOCIAL
SUNDAY, JAN. 10TH, 12:30pm**

Each Family is kindly asked to bring a pie to share and celebrate the last day of the Christmas season with your parish families.

Play area for toddlers and infants and board games for young and old. Paper Airplane contest and kiddies' prizes.

**THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH IS DONUT and
FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY.**



Please join us Sunday, Jan. 3rd after the 8 and 11 am Masses at St. Agnes.

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.**



If we get too caught up in the secular celebration of Christmas, we may experience that day-after feeling of "is that all there is?" There is nothing wrong with all the lights and jingle bells if we remember what we are celebrating: the birth of Jesus. We are called to become His disciples, to live out our faith in love and service. That is the work of formation that must go on in us every day of the year. Make today another step in your formation as a disciple of Jesus.

To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

Pope: Best Gift is Encountering Christ

The BEST PRESENT IN LIFE is ENCOUNTERING JESUS--an encounter that will last a lifetime, POPE FRANCIS said. A Christian's whole life "is an encounter with Jesus: in prayer, when we go to Mass, when we do good works, when we visit the sick, when we help the poor; when we think of others, when we're not self-centered, when we are amiable. We always encounter Christ in these things and the journey of life is exactly this: Walking to Encounter Jesus."

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Sunday, December 27th

The Feast of the Holy Family is relatively new on the Church's liturgical calendar. At the end of the nineteenth century, the church established this feast in response to the **changes occurring in the conditions of family life** around the world. Today's families can take comfort in the knowledge that the Holy Family had its share of hardships. There was **worry and deep concern** on the part of Mary and Joseph, who lost their young boy in the crowds as they returned from Jerusalem. Even for a few moments, we can understand the worry of the parents of Jesus. **Let us pray that all families will be strengthened, especially in time of hardship, distress, and division. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph help us.**

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Friday, January 1st

In the **Octave of Christmas**, on the **1st of January**, the church celebrates the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we begin the New Year there can be no better way than in giving *Honor and Remembrance to Mary* and also *asking the Lord for His strength and graces in the coming year of 2016*. It is my **prayerful and heartfelt wish** for the **entire faith communities of St. Agnes and Holy Trinity** —*ever witnessing for our Lord by our presence.*



Blessed are You Among Women

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

Thursday, December 31st, 2015

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

Friday, January 1st, 2016

9:30am Mass (Holy Trinity)

11:00AM MASS (ST. AGNES)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

During the school vacation, the Daily Masses of St. Agnes are scheduled for 7:00 a.m. The daily Mass schedule does continue at 6:45 a.m. beginning Tuesday, January 4th.

Prayerful Thanks!! As we rejoice in the “wonderfulness” of these **Holy Days**, we need to express **heartfelt thanks and appreciation** of the many in the Parishes who helped to **beautify** the interior of the churches as well as on the outside of the churches. **Endless effort, creativity and talent** are clearly displayed and all of us need to give our thanks and surely **say a prayer for those who work for the good of the Parishes throughout the year.** (“Please, someone said to me, no names, Father,” and so I have obliged.) But all of you have my **heartiest of thanks and daily prayers.**

Also, thanks to the many who contributed to our Christmas Flower Collection and maintained their PSP pledges which need your faithful support—and the cards that were sent to me and gifts for which I am most grateful.

Envelopes! Envelopes! If your child is **18 years of age or older** and wants to receive “teen” envelopes (*which only includes the weekly and holy day envelopes*), please contact the rectory at **412-466-6545**. *Children under 18 years who are currently using the children's envelopes, will continue to receive them.*



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*Peace
on Earth*



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Prayer for the New Year

2016

“Almighty God, with You there is no beginning and no end for You are the origin and goal of all creation.

May this New Year which we dedicate to You bring us abundant prosperity and growth in holy living.

May we bring the spirit of Christ to all our efforts and work with each other as brothers and sisters establishing true love and guiding creation to perfect fulfillment.

Fill our hearts with the spirit of Your charity, that we may please You by our thoughts, and love You and our brothers and sisters.

Bless our families with the gifts we need.
Bless our parish with profound spiritual renewal.

May Your Holy Spirit give us right judgment and the joy of His comfort and guidance.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen”



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

Due to early publication deadlines the collections for Dec.
20th & 27th will appear in the Jan. 3rd Bulletin

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

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PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 21,505
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 15,401

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