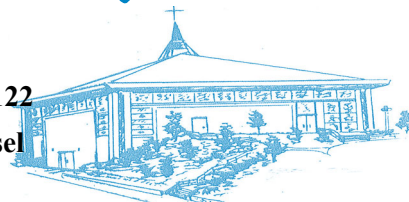


Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



Administrator - Reverend Joseph R. Grosko
Administrative Office and Rectory
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Saint Agnes School Principal - Sister Cynthia Wessel
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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

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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 - JAN. 3RD - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY- JAN. 4TH - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SEATON

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - JAN. 5TH - ST. JOHN NEUMANN

6:45a - **Patty Ferguson** (Pam Prusak)

WED - JAN. 6TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

THUR - JAN. 7TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Marie Steiner** (Jessie Smith)

FRIDAY - JAN 8TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Cecelia Chobirko** (Tom & Patty Klocko)

SATURDAY - JAN. 9TH - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - JAN. 10TH - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00a - **Mary Mayher** (Nancy Andres)
 11:00a - **Victor Merritt** (Ann & Family)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - JAN. 3RD - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY- JAN. 4TH - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SEATON

8:00a - **Michael Kascak** (Al & Eleanor Hruska)

TUES - JAN. 5TH - ST. JOHN NEUMANN

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

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 9:30a - **George Matta, Sr.** (Cynthia Meleski)

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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, Jan. 4th.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6. Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13. Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6. Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12. The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.



LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

~~~**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**~~~

- Mon, Jan. 4th.....**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day**
- Mon, Jan. 4th.....**St. Agnes School Classes Resume**
- Sun, Jan. 10th.....**The Baptism of the Lord** (End of the Christmas Season)
- 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)
- Wed, Jan. 20th.....**Holy Trinity Men/Ladies’ Club Mtg.** (6:30pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)
- Sun, April 5th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**PRO-LIFE CORNER:** The REAL controversy about abortion and euthanasia is our SILENCE. Let all of us who profess to be Christian open our hearts to God’s grace, that we will have the courage to speak out in defense of all life, the pre-born, the sick and elderly. May God have mercy on us all.

**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.**

**Holy Trinity Church Christmas Decorations will be taken down following the 9:30a Mass on Sunday, January 10th.** It takes a lot of hands to make the Church beautiful for Christmas and even more to take everything down and pack it away for next year. Please come and help and lighten the load!!!



**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.**

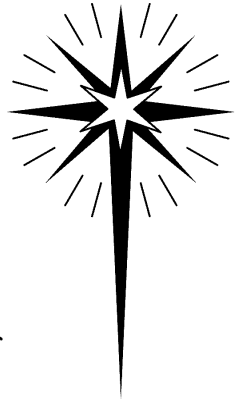
**Play area for toddlers and infants and board games for young and old. Paper Airplane contest and kiddies' prizes.**

**Envelopes! Envelopes!** We are asking the **high school graduates** who have either gone on to college or have moved out of the Parishes or desire to receive church envelopes from either St. Agnes or Holy Trinity to **please notify us so that we can update and refine our envelope list.** It is costly to maintain an envelope listing that does not have a response or financial return. **Your understanding attention to this matter of our high school graduates is deeply appreciated.** —*To notify the parishes, place a note in the collection basket or call Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Office at 412-466-6545.*

## ***Feast of EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

Today's feast is also popularly known as the **Feast of Three Kings**. In some countries it is a Holy Day of Obligation, always celebrated on January 6th. In our country it is celebrated this year today, the **3rd of January**.

St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel that after the birth of Jesus, three men arrived in Jerusalem, having been guided there from the East by a star, looking for the King of the Jews. Were they **Kings** or **Magi** or **Wise Men** or **Astrologers**? We really don't know. But somewhere in tradition they have been given the names **Casper**, **Melchoir** and **Balthasar**. They were probably men of importance, arriving with a great entourage of camels and servants. When did they come? It could have been up to two years after the birth of Jesus, because Herod, who wanted to be rid of this newborn king that he perceived as a threat, had all the baby boys in Bethlehem put to death who were two years old and younger.



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The importance of these men is this: **They were non-Jewish and came with royal gifts for Christ. So God was telling us that Jesus was here to be accepted not only by the Jews, but by everyone as KING and GOD.** So from the very beginning, Jesus was showing and manifesting and revealing (and that's what the word "epiphany" means) that He came as the Savior of **all peoples**.

Now it is up to us to **continue His Epiphany**—it is our responsibility to **show Christ and to reveal Him to those around us by our words & example.** Perhaps we can make a resolution to do this a little better in this new year of **2016**.

## **WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH ABOUT MERCY?**

Spreading God's mercy is central to the mission of the Catholic Church. The Church calls on us to reach out to the broken in body and spirit. **The Corporal Works of Mercy: Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, ransoming the captive/visiting the imprisoned, giving drink to the thirsty, burying the dead. The Spiritual Works of Mercy: Converting sinners, instructing the uninformed, advising the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, praying for the living and dead.**

**HOW DO WE PARTICIPATE IN THE JUBILEE?** The Year of Mercy is for all of us. To deliver God's mercy, we must first seek to fully experience it ourselves. This can be done by renewing ourselves through the sacraments, particularly confession. A pilgrimage is also a special way to experience this renewal.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

The 43rd Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C will be on Friday, January 22, 2016. Knights of Columbus Council #4210 is sponsoring a bus for the event. Cost is \$45 for adults and \$25 for students. Seats are limited. For information and to reserve your seat call Cindi at St. Theresa's Rectory(412-462-8161).

***You are the Church in Your Home . . . . You forgive and seek reconciliation.  
When you do so, family members come to believe that, no matter what,  
they are still loved by you and by God.***



### **HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of *Jean Kopa*,**

***of St. Agnes, 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.***

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

*May the coming of the New Year be graced-filled,  
hopeful, and spiritually fulfilling.*

*May the families at both Holy Trinity and St.  
Agnes gather weekly in celebrating the precious  
gift of Christ's Eucharist.*

*May St. Agnes School continue on its mission of  
being Christ-centered and ever reaching out to the  
youth of the area.*

*May the youth celebrate their wonderful presence  
in the Church in showing compassionate love and  
unity for one another.*

*Above all, may all of us know how we are truly  
loved, saved by the all-embracing  
Father in heaven.*

A JOYOUS and HAPPY  
NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

## TEN EASY WAYS TO BE KIND

1. Talk to strangers, especially people different from you. They may become a friend.
2. Fast from unkind words. Use your words to bless, heal, or bring peace.
3. Let cars go in front of you in traffic. Let someone go in front of you in line at the grocery store.
4. If someone makes you mad, leave a flower for them anonymously each day until you are over it.
5. Light a candle every Sunday and pray for someone different each time.
6. Pick up every penny you see and put it on the candle tray. (You'll be surprised at how it adds up.)
7. Open the door for someone.
8. Choose a picture or an article from the newspaper and pray for the people.
9. Put a quarter in an expired parking meter.
10. Take someone with whom you disagree to coffee and listen more than you talk.

**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, 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.  
27th & Jan. 3rd will appear in the Jan. 10th Bulletin

Dec. 20, 2015

\$3,802.....Offering

\$ 55.....Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 18,126

Monthly School Subsidy.....\$ 6,167

\*includes monies for all purposes such as Angel Fund, candles,  
diocesan collections, hall rental, funerals, etc., unless otherwise noted.

**HOLY TRINITY**

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Dec. 20, 2015

\$ 1,553.....Offering

\$ 795..... Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 16,196

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