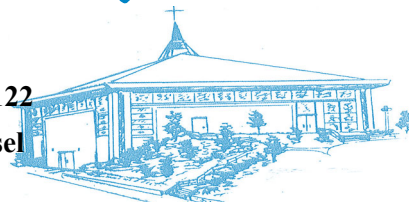


# Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



**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 - JAN. 10TH - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

#### MONDAY- JAN. 11TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### TUES - JAN. 12TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Barry Saunders** (Parish)

#### WED - JAN. 13TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### THUR - JAN. 14TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Florence Dugan** (Friends of Carol Hubar)

#### FRIDAY - JAN 15TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Joe Sredinski** (Sisters at St. Agnes)

#### SATURDAY - JAN. 16TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*

#### SUN - JAN. 17TH - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Irene Slezek** (Parish)  
 11:00a - **Cecelia "Sis" Chobirko** (Jim & Bev Stavor)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - JAN. 10TH - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:00p - (Sat) - **Martin Hock** (Richard Hock)  
 9:30a - **George Matta, Sr.** (Cynthia Meleski)

#### MONDAY-JAN. 11TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Howard Ondick** (Family)

#### TUES - JAN. 12TH - WEEKDAY

*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### WED - JAN. 13TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **50th Wedding Anniversary**  
**Jonathan & Beverly Miller** (Family)

#### THUR - JAN. 14TH - WEEKDAY

*(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### FRIDAY - JAN. 15TH - WEEKDAY

*(8:15a Mass at St. Agnes)*

#### SATURDAY - JAN. 16TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Joelle Kirch Preksta** (Paul & Colleen Bodai)

#### SUN - JAN. 17TH - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Gerald Prengaman** (Family)  
 9:30a - **Living & Dec'd. Mbrs. Jednota Branch #580**

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 St. Agnes/Holy Trinity Fax.....412-466-6968

**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. 18th.**

**ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11.* Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30.* A prayer praising God's greatness.

**Second Reading**

*Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.* Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 3:15-16,21-22.* Jesus is baptized by John.



### MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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

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

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

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

Sat-Sun, Jan. 16-17th .....**St. Agnes School Hoagie Sale** (following Masses at both parishes)

Wed, Jan 20th .....**Holy Trinity Men/Ladies' Club Mtg.** (6:30pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)

Sun, Jan 24th.....**Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Pastoral Council Mtg.** (12:15, S.A. Social Hall)

Sun, April 5th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

### 2015 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a copy of your 2015 contributions, please call the Parish Office at 412-466-6545 and leave your name & envelope # or write "Statement" on your envelope and place it in the collection basket.

Due to privacy laws we are not permitted to publish the names of the winners of the Stocking Stuffer Raffle.



**ST. AGNES/  
HOLY TRINITY  
PIE SOCIAL  
TODAY, 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.

### ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

We are in the early weeks of the Jubilee Year of Mercy called by the Holy Father. The Jubilee Year will last until November 28th. Pope Francis has described this year as a "favorable time to heal wounds." At the same time, we have begun "On Mission for The Church Alive!" The goal of "On Mission" is to help our parishes become even more vibrant communities of service. What social outreach to the community can our parish do that it is not doing now?

***"If something is true, it is good and beautiful;  
if it is beautiful; it is good and true;  
if it is good, it is true and it is beautiful.  
And together, these elements enable us to grow  
and help us to love life,  
even when we are not well,  
even in the midst of many problems.  
True education enables us to love life  
and opens us to the fullness of life."***

- Pope Francis -

## ***The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 10th***

***“After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him.” Matthew 3: 13-17***

The Christmas season comes to a conclusion today as we remember the **baptism of the Lord in the Jordan by John the Baptist**. How fitting it is that the refrain for today’s responsorial psalm is, ***“The Lord will bless His people with peace.”*** as we celebrate the *continued manifestation of Christ to the world*, we recognize the **tremendous potential for peace that exists in the hearts of all who have been baptized into the Christ**. Isaiah tells us that God’s chosen ones are those who have been called for the *victory of justice*. **Let us not leave the work of justice and peace to others**. Let us listen attentively to God’s saving word and pray that we, in whatever ways possible—small or large—will bring *justice and peace to those people and to those places where injustice, suffering, and violence flourish*.

**Our daily Eucharist celebrations continue at both St. Agnes and Holy Trinity**. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, the scheduled Mass at Holy Trinity is at 8:00 a.m. On Mondays, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help is scheduled. Then, on the First Friday of each month, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity, the Holy Hour is celebrated. During the school year at St. Agnes on Tuesday and Thursday there is a 6:45am Mass and, every Friday, the Mass is scheduled at 8:15 a.m. The celebrant usually dialogues during the homily time with our school children who look forward to discovering ever more about their gift of faith.

Help us to **become more Eucharistic parishes** by your presence, not only at the weekend Masses, but if convenient and possible, do join us in the daily Masses. Every Wednesday and Saturday, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity, all are welcome to dialogue and “holy gossip”. Coffee and refreshments!

This is My  
Beloved Son



**Attention all Women:** The Christian Mothers and Guild of St. Joseph Parish cordially invites all women of our parishes to a one-day retreat on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at the Divine Redeemer Motherhouse on Rock Run Rd. in Elizabeth. The theme of the Retreat is “Women on A Mission”. The day will begin at 10:00am. The cost is \$20 and will include lunch. The day will conclude with Mass at 4:00pm. To reserve call Pat Schorr at 412-675-0169.

**Diocese of Pgh. Women Alive! In God’s Mercy  
Conference, April 16, 2016  
Registration Opens Friday, January 15**

This day of renewal is at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School in Cranberry Township and will include dynamic speakers and Mass with Bishop Zubik. The cost is \$45 and free transportation will be available from 12 locations throughout the Diocese. For more info: [womentalivepgh.org](http://womentalivepgh.org).



### **ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Agnes School held an Ice Cream Social on Monday afternoon, Jan. 4th as a Welcome Back After the Holidays for students. Some of the proceeds from the Santa Shop were used to fund this event for the students.

Hoagies will be sold after all the Masses the weekend of Jan. 16 & 17th.

An Open House will be held for new families looking to register their children for the 2016-17 school year on Monday, January 25th from 6:30-7:30pm, or to see us in action on Tuesday morning, January 26th from 8:15-11:00am.

### **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).



## **With Heartfelt Thanks To All**

Heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus #4210 who organized and constructed a Nativity scene at the corner of Grant Avenue and Second Street in Duquesne. They also had a successful New Year's Eve dinner and dance and are always looking for new members for this thriving and dedicated group of Knights.

Thanks to Mary Ann Winter and her decorating crew for the beautiful Christmas display at Holy Trinity and, of course, to the ladies who diligently watered the flowers.

Also, as usual, St. Agnes had a beautiful Nativity scene that was organized and displayed by Sister Janelle and her crew.

Always in my prayers are the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Cantors, Organists and Musicians of both parishes who maintain our up-lifting liturgies and welcoming manner to those who wish to come to our Eucharistic Celebrations. All are welcome to our liturgy on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Thank you too to our maintenance men, Bill Jacobs and Jason Bevan who do a superb job of maintaining and being on top of all social events that take place at both parishes.

My thanks to Nancy Fritch who voluntarily helps to maintain the cleanliness of our Rectory by her weekly visits.

A special thank you to the many who keep my refrigerator full with their many gifts of food so I never to hungry.

And finally my thanks to our two wonderful secretaries, Suzann Bevan and Linda Schorr who maintain the administrative arm of our parishes and Linda who each week voluntarily produces a fine bulletin.

**May God Bless You All!**

**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**

Collections for Christmas, Dec. 27th, New Years & Jan. 3rd

\$5,243.....Christmas  
\$3,380.....Offerings  
\$1,659.....Christmas Charities  
\$ 951.....Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 20,038

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**

Collections for Christmas, Dec. 27th, New Years & Jan. 3rd

\$ 3,986.....Christmas  
\$ 4,159.....Offerings  
\$ 1,392.....Christmas Charities  
\$ 1,083.....Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 18,362

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