

# 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. 24TH - 3RD SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Michael Kascek** (Robert Hrusak)  
 11:00a - **Paul Milko** (Frank Milko)

#### MONDAY- JAN. 25TH - CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

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

#### TUES - JAN. 26TH - STS TIMOTHY & TITUS

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

#### WED - JAN. 27TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### THUR - JAN. 28TH - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

6:45a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Caruso Family)

#### FRIDAY - JAN 29TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Joseph Banko** (M/M Terry Howard)

#### SATURDAY - JAN. 30TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### SUN - JAN 31ST - 4TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Rev. John C. Vojtek** (Ed & Carol Koehler)  
 11:00a - **Ralph Biagiarelli** (Children)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUN - JAN. 24TH - 3RD SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Cecelia "Sis" Chobirko**  
 (Karen & Jim Kopolovich)  
 9:30a - **Living & Dec'd. Mbrs. Jednota Branch #580**

#### MONDAY-JAN. 25TH - CONVERSIN OF ST. PAUL

8:00a - **Eugene Sabol** (Rita Byrnes)

#### TUES - JAN. 26TH - STS TIMOTHY & TITUS

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

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8:00a - **George, Mary, Stanley Checque** (Family)

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8:00a - **Ceil Morgan** (Family)

#### SUN - JAN. 31ST - 4TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **John Binkney, Jr.** (Virginia Hall)  
 9:30a - **George Matta, Sr.** (Family)

### 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.

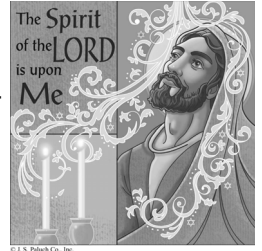
**SICK & SHUTINS:** Please call the Rectory.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register at Rectory.

**EPHESIANS IV-PRAYER & PRAISE-Next Mtg. Mon, Feb. 1st.**  
**ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**First Reading:** Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

**Second Reading:** As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

**Gospel:** While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

### LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together.

Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

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

- Sun, Jan. 24th.....**Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Pastoral Council Mtg.** (12:15, S.A. Social Hall)  
Sat, Jan. 30th.....**Holy Trinity Cheregi Sale** (Beginning at 2:00pm H.T. Social Hall)  
Sun, Jan. 31st.....**Catholic Schools Week Begins**  
Wed, Feb. 3rd.....**Prayer Service & Blessing of Throats** (2:00pm, St. Agnes; 4:00pm, Holy Trinity)  
Wed, Feb. 10th.....**Ash Wednesday Masses** (8:15am St. Agnes; 4:00pm Holy Trinity)  
Sat, Feb. 13th.....**Knights of Columbus Valentine's Dinner Dance** (7:00pm, H. T. Social Hall)  
Sun, March 27th.....**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
Sat, April 16th.....**Women Alive! In God's Mercy Conference** (Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic)



**St. Agnes School will hold an informational evening Monday, January 25, from 6:30 to 7:30pm for new families interested in St. Agnes School. "Come See Us in Action" will be an Open House on January 26 from 8:15am to 11:00am for new families.**

Our annual Science Fair will take place on Thursday evening, January 28th. Our judges are from Bombardier and Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation (Bettis).

**Catholic Schools Week will take place from January 31st through February 7th. Students will be participating in the Masses at St. Agnes on January 31st and at Holy Trinity on February 6th and 7th.** Many activities are planned and all parishioners are welcome to stop in school during the week. Students in grades 4 through 8 planned the lunch menus for the week (all menus had to pass the nutritional values for a lunch). They did a great job applying all they had learned about nutrition in health classes .

**Night at the Races is February 6th. Purchase your horses after the Masses in the Social Hall.**

### 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 when you place it in the collection basket.

### CHEREGI SALE

**The Holy Trinity Men's and Ladies Club Cheregi Sale will be held next Saturday, January 30th, beginning at 2:00pm in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. The cost is \$8.00 a dozen with a two dozen limit per sale.**

## THE EUCHARIST - NUMBER ONE REASON THAT PEOPLE COME BACK TO THE CHURCH

*Most people discover that coming back to the Church is not an event, as much as it is a process that involves a little pain, a little laughter, some thinking, some prayer, some discernment, and a lot of letting go. "My actual return to full participation in a parish took about three years after I felt the first longing," one person admitted.*

*And what do they get in return? The Catholic Church offers union with Jesus Christ in Scripture, in prayer, in the community of others, in the Eucharist, and in the other Sacraments. It offers spiritual support in good times and bad. It offers divine wisdom that is thousands of years old. It offers meaning and purpose in this life and the promise of life after death. —You'll know you are home when you begin to feel a deep sense of peace.*

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, January 25th: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

*The Apostle of the Gentiles and a Jew of the Tribe of Benjamin. Before his conversion, he was a blasphemer and a persecutor until being made an apostle and chosen to be a principal instrument in the conversion of the world, and that is, the gentile world.*

#### **Thursday, January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church**

*St. Aquinas was of noble lineage. His early education at the famous Benedictine Monastery of Monte Cassino. Furthering his education at the University of Paris, and later becoming at this university one of the outstanding teachers of the Church, Aquinas left a legacy of enormous studies in the fields of philosophy, theology, and spirituality. Also considered the Doctor of Scholastic Philosophy.*



*HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...to the family and friends of, **Jonathan Steiner**, 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.*

*Heartfelt and Prayerful Thanks!*

Thank you to all who purchased Hoagies after the Masses last weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all who supported St. Agnes School during the year, especially in December. We had a number of large donations given. One parishioner donated \$10,000 which was matched by U.S. Steel. God bless you! An alumnus set up a fund of \$10,000 in memory of his mother to help needy families with tuition. A former parishioner sent a check for \$3,000 because the students were missed. Another supporter of the school donated \$25,000. These donations really helped us in paying all of the salaries, insurances and utilities but, unfortunately, all of this doesn't cover even one month's expenses. However, what's important is that it helps. We thank God every day for these generous people, all of the smaller donations we receive all the time, and those who purchase anything we are selling. All of this helps to keep St. Agnes School truly alive.

### ***Our PSP Campaign for 2016 Begins on Sunday, February 7th***

#### ***— Parish Share Program —***

The annual "Parish Share Program," as we all know, is the way that our Bishop obtains funds from the parishes to run various diocesan programs that benefit the entire diocese. He does this with a "tax" on our ordinary income. But instead of taking this amount directly out of our parish income, each parish is asked to "raise" that amount from parishioners. And so each February as our Parish Share Program begins, donations are made through the **golden Parish Share Envelope on the first Sunday of the month, the second collection**. There are many envelopes in your packet, but please remember you have the entire month to address these needs of the parish. If a parish collects **more** than its goal, which we were unable to do *in 2015*, that money is put into the parish's Savings Account as **income that is not taxable the following year**. Many parishes are raising huge amounts as Parish Share payments over and above their goals, and for them it's like an annual fundraiser. **Prayerfully grateful for the many who fulfilled their monthly pledges.**

## **WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO FOSTER VOCATIONS AND CHRISTIAN VALUES**

Some parents talk directly about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Others simply try to help their children learn Christian values. Here are some suggestions parents and families can do to foster vocations.

- Talk positively and enthusiastically about activities of priests and religious.
- Encourage role playing for the very young, help them to think about ways in which they can care for and help people.
- Make prayer a normal part of family decision-making, with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.
- Look for opportunities to share with those who have less. Teach children to learn.
- Discuss your response when a neighbor is sick, unemployed lonely or misunderstood.
- Encourage your children to volunteer their time, talents and gifts.
- Pray always for those in dire need and help.
- Speak about your life as a vocation — as a husband or wife, father or mother.
- Set aside family time each week — give each child time to share and answer their questions.
- Give children opportunities to lead prayer and to pray in their own words.
- Invite priests and religious into your home.
- Challenge young adults to look at church-related vocations. Tell them about gifts of ministry you see in them.
- Ask your children's friends what they are thinking about for life choices. They may not say anything, but on the other hand, they may pick up your interest and be more prepared to talk to you than to their own parents.
- Take part in parish activities together as a family and in particular, Mass attendance.

**TODAY, JANUARY 24TH**

**Holy Trinity/St. Agnes Pastoral Council  
Meeting**

**12:15 St. Agnes Social Hall**

**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

~ REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH ~  
AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

**Weekly Collections**

**ST. AGNES**

January 17, 2016

\$3,061.....Offerings  
\$ 9.....Parish Share  
\$ 561.....St. Anthony School

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 22,228  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 20,358  
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**

January 17, 2016

\$ 1,325.....Offerings  
\$ 5.....Parish Share  
\$ 499.....St. Anthony School

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 21,505  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 18,753

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