

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

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

#### MONDAY- FEB. 1ST - WEEKDAY

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

#### TUES - FEB. 2ND - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

6:45a - **William George Schuchert** (Family)

#### WED - FEB. 3RD - ST. BLAISE

*(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)*  
 2:00p Blessing of Throats

#### THUR - FEB. 4TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Rita & Frank Gigliotti)

#### 1ST FRIDAY - FEB. 5TH - ST AGATHA

8:15a - **James R. Abels** (Edward Fink Family)

#### 1ST SATURDAY - FEB. 6TH - ST. PAUL MIKI

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

#### SUN - FEB. 7TH - 5TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a - **Mary Sorokacs** (Mike Sorokacs)  
 11:00a - **William M. Lesko, Sr.** (Wife, Many Ann)

### HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

#### MONDAY-FEB 1ST - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Margaret Ribarchak** (Checque Family)

#### TUES -FEB 2ND - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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

#### WED - FEB. 3RD- ST. BLAISE

8:00a - **John Binkney, Jr.** (Josephine Sige)  
 Blessing of Throats following 8:00a Mass

#### THUR - FEB 4TH - WEEKDAY

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

#### 1ST FRIDAY - FEB. 5TH - ST. AGATHA

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

#### 1ST SATURDAY - FEB. 6TH - ST. PAUL MIKI

8:00a - **Eugene Sabol** (Virginia Jasek, Kris Kopay)

#### SUN - FEB. 7TH - 5TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00p - (Sat) - **Joelle "Kirch" Preksta** (Aileen Michaels)  
 9:30a - **Gerald Prengamen** (Bialobok 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**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

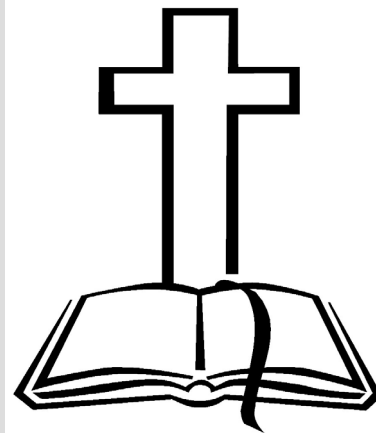
**Second Reading:** Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

**Gospel:** When Jesus claims his mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue. (Luke 4:21-30).

### THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.



**LOVE  
CONQUERS  
ALL**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sun, Jan. 31st.....**Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast** (9am-12pm, St. Agnes Social Hall)

Wed, Feb. 3rd.....**Prayer Service & Blessing of Throats** (2:00pm, St. Agnes, following 8am Mass, Holy Trinity)

Sat, Feb. 6th .....**St. Agnes School Night at the Races** (Purchase horses for \$10 after Mass in Social Hall)

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)

### FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

As the Church continues to celebrate the mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, it calls always for a deeper understanding of Christ's gift to us. Make every effort to attend daily Mass.

At Holy Trinity, Mass is at 8:00 a.m. on Mon., Wed. and Sat. At St. Agnes, Mass is at 6:45 a.m. on Tues. and Thurs. and 8:15 a.m. on Fri.

On First Friday, Feb. 5th, there will be an 8:15am Mass at St. Agnes. There will be no Mass at Holy Trinity.

### ST. AGNES SCHOOL

#### NIGHT AT THE RACES, SAT., FEB. 6TH

Doors open at 7pm and the Race Program starts at 7:30pm. Tickets and horses are available in the Social Hall after Masses. *Tickets are \$10.00 per person and horses are \$10.00.* Join the fun and support St. Agnes School.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come and celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week and enjoy a Pancake Breakfast from 9am to 12noon in St. Agnes Social Hall.

Thank you for the anonymous donation of \$2000 to Holy Trinity Parish Share.

### ST. AGNES DONUT SUNDAY

Please join us after the 8 and 11 am Masses next Sun., Feb. 7th.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Finance Committee of St. Agnes or Holy Trinity, please call the Parish Office at 412-466-6545.

## **ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY HELP NEEDED**

Our Fish Fry begins on Ash Wed., Feb. 10, at Holy Trinity Social Hall and continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, *from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm.*

*Donations of new items and wine and spirit goods to help make baskets for the Chinese Auction are needed. Your gifts can be dropped off at Holy Trinity Parish Office on or before Monday, February 8th.*

## **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET**

*for the FISH FRY is available in St. Agnes Social Hall after weekend Masses.*

Help is also needed on *Tuesday, February 9th, beginning at 8am in Holy Trinity Social Hall to make preparations.*

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...***to the family and friends of, Albert P. Oeler, Jr., 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.*



## **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

### **Tuesday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord**

*Jesus came to the Temple that day as a helpless Babe, but Simeon was able to see that He was the promised Messiah. God had promised Simeon that he would not die before seeing the Messiah, and the Spirit told him to be in the Temple that day. With eyes open, Simeon would proclaim the Spirit Who would enlighten our hearts so that we can know the depth, breadth, width, and height of God's presence and His love.*

### **Wednesday, February 3rd: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**

*Blaise was the Bishop of Sebastea in Armenia, and he was crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of Licinius. Blaise on one occasion had a woman brought to him, a little boy, who was at the point of death, owing to a fish bone in his throat; and the Saint healed him. On account of this and other cures, St. Blaise has been invoked during the many centuries past.*

### **Friday, February 5th: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

*Agatha was born at Catania or Palermo, Sicily, and she was martyred in approximately 251. She is one of seven women, who, along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, are commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. She is also the patron saint of breast cancer patients, martyrs, wet nurses, bell-founders, bakers, fire, earthquakes, and eruptions of Mount Etna.*

### **Saturday, February 6th, St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

*These twenty-six witnesses to the faith in Christ with St. Paul Miki were executed in 1597 as the Emperor of Japan tried to wipe out all missionaries in the country. They were canonized in 1862.*

## **BEST EVER! OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, at Holy Trinity Social Hall**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are registered as a member of Holy Trinity Parish, then the *Pittsburgh Catholic* is sent to you in the mail; if not, please notify the Parish Office. If you are not registered in the Parish and desire to belong and receive monthly envelopes; again, please notify the Parish Office. And also, if you are receiving unnecessary envelopes or envelopes in excess, please notify the Parish. St. Agnes parishioners are not sent the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, but it is given to you personally with the bulletin at the end of each Mass.

Our intent is to have all our parishioners, new and old, properly registered in the parishes and receiving the weekend edition of the *Pittsburgh Catholic*. If you are properly registered in the parish, then we can serve you in whatever your request may be, as baptismal or confirmation sponsors, carefully each week register your contribution and stewardship, updating our sick list, and being of service at all levels within our parishes. *Your understanding assistance in this matter is deeply appreciated and prayerfully noted.*

## **IN DIFFICULT TIMES**

Consoling God, be a source of serenity for me when struggles and difficulties threaten to overwhelm me.

God of hope, assure me of your unconditional love when I doubt myself or question the worth of my life.

Truth-bringing God, encourage me to embrace you during those times when I get lost in the lies of my weakness.

Compassionate God, hold me to your heart when I feel helpless in the face of the world's pain.

Light-filled God, keep me ever close to you during those moments when bleakness surrounds my life.

Comforting God, shelter me under your wings when I am engulfed in sadness and overcome with distress.

God of peace, you are the center of my life, a strong refuge of peace in the whirlwind of my pain. I look to you for strength and a constant assurance of hope.

-- Joyce Rupp

## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God, our Father and our Creator, we believe

that you have made each of us  
in your image and likeness.

Help us to lead lives that reflect that belief.  
Increase happy vocations to the married life and the  
single life, the religious life and the ordained life.

May we, as your children, listen for your call,  
let us hear your call, and be open to your grace.

Grant that we seek always  
to do your will and delight in the work  
which makes your name and your love known  
throughout the world.

We ask this prayer in the name  
of Jesus, your Son and the Holy Spirit, our guide.

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, 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 24, 2016

\$2,347.....Offerings  
\$ 190 .....Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 22,228  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 20,548  
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 24, 2016

\$ 973.....Offerings  
\$ 2,000.....Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2015.....\$ 21,505  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 20,753

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