

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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Administrative Office and Rectory
529 Grant Avenue Extension • West Mifflin, PA 15122
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Mission Statement of Saint Agnes Parish

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 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 - FEB. 14TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00a - **25th Wedding Anniv., Robert & Jennifer Johns**
 11:00a - **Mary Mayher** (Eileen Cochrane & Family)
MONDAY- FEB. 15TH - WEEKDAY
 (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
TUES - FEB. 16TH - WEEKDAY
 6:45a - **Cecelia "Sis" Chobirko** (Jim Cline)
WED - FEB. 17TH WEEKDAY
 (11:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
 7:00p - **Living Members of Ephesians IV**
THUR - FEB. 18TH - WEEKDAY
 6:45a - **Florence Dugan** (Friends of Carol Huber)
FRIDAY - FEB. 19TH - WEEKDAY
 8:15a - **Joseph Naccarato** (Ken & Stephanie Young)
SATURDAY - FEB. 20TH - WEEKDAY
 (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
SUN - FEB. 21ST - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00a - **George Schmidt, Jr.** (Wife & Daughter)
 11:00a -

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - FEB. 14TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 4:00p - (Sat) - **George Matta, Sr.** (Family)
 9:30a - **Michael Tusay** (Julie & Children)
MONDAY-FEB 15TH - WEEKDAY
 8:00a - **Joelle "Kirch" Preksta** (Rich & Deb Ignat)
TUES -FEB 16TH - WEEKDAY
 (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)
WED - FEB. 17TH- WEEKDAY
 11:00a - **Rudy Mihaljevic** (Patty & Family)
 (7:00p at St. Agnes)
THUR - FEB 18TH - WEEKDAY
 (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)
FRIDAY - FEB. 19TH - WEEKDAY
 11:00a - **John Binkney, Jr.** (Helen, Joe & David DeCaria)
SATURDAY - FEB. 20TH - WEEKDAY
 8:00a - **Eugene Sabol** (Goldie & Greg Pollack)
SUN - FEB. 21ST - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 4:00p - (Sat) - **Robert Schorr** (Wife & Daughter)
 9:30a - **Joseph Tkach** (Family)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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. 15th.
ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

**NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MONDAYS
 AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*. Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15*. A prayer for God's protection

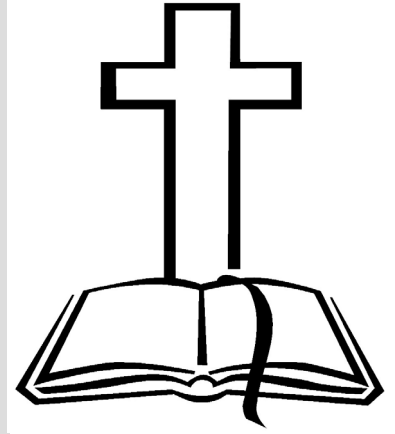
Second Reading: *Romans 10:8-13*. Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:1-13*. In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today's Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.



**JESUS WAS LED
BY THE SPIRIT
INTO THE DESERT**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sun, Feb. 14th.....**Pastoral Council Mtg.** (12:15pm, St. Agnes Social Hall)

Wed, Feb. 17th.....**Holy Trinity Men's & Ladies' Club Mtg.** (6:30pm, Holy Trinity Social Hall)

Wed, March 9th.....**The Light is On For You Confession**(6:00pm-7:00pm, Holy Trinity. 7:00pm-9:00pm, St. Agnes)

Sat, March 12th.....**Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** (7:00pm, Holy Trinity 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 150TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2017 St. Agnes Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Volunteers are needed to form a committee to develop plans for a year long celebration to mark this important milestone. If you are interested in serving, please call the Church Office (412-466-6545) and leave your name and number. Let's make this a celebration to remember!

IT'S BEEN A LOOOOOONG TIME SINCE MY LAST CONFESSION

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on Wednesday, March 9th, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. "The Light is On for You!" at Holy Trinity from 6-7pm and at St. Agnes from 7-9pm on Wednesday, March 9th.

BE HEART HEALTHY AND STROKE SAVVY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, NOON-2:30PM

UPMC MCKEESPORT, KELLY CONFERENCE CENTER

Cardiologist Matthew E. Harinstein, MD, will discuss the signs, symptoms, diagnosis and advanced treatments for heart disease. Learn about critical lifestyle changes to improve your overall heart health. Neurologist Edward J. Mistler, DO, will discuss how to recognize symptoms of stroke and how to respond to early warning signs. Learn simple lifestyle changes that can help reduce your risk for a stroke.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS AND EXPERT HELP

- * American Heart Association
- * Stroke Education & Cardiopulmonary Rehab.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Balance Assessment, Blood Pressure, Bone Density, Foot Screenings.

Reservations are required: 412-664-2306

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY HELP NEEDED

Our Fish Fry began on Ash Wednesday at the Holy Trinity Social Hall and continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, *from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm.*

Net proceeds from the Fish Fry go to support our St. Agnes School.

YOUR BAKED GOODS FOR THE FISH FRY ARE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Last name beginning with: I-J-K-L
Friday, February 19th.

Last name beginning with M-N-O-P
Friday, February 26th.

NOTE: Due to changes in Health Dept. rules, no bake goods needing refrigeration can be accepted.

STEWARDSHIP: A PILLAR OF LENT

Our Sunday offerings are vital in maintaining the financial stability of the parishes. The stewardship demonstrated in your weekly offerings is the means for paying our bills, maintaining our physical plant, and receiving sufficient funds to monthly subsidize St. Agnes School and pay the Diocesan subsidy required of Holy Trinity.

Prayerfully asking each envelope holder *to maintain and review your offerings for possible upgrades. If you are blessed with a cost-of-living increase, perhaps you might consider increasing your offering by the same or similar percentage. Please fulfill your Parish Share Program pledge, regularly meet paying the School's tuition, and above all, know that we depend on your faithful stewardship.* Otherwise, there are difficulties in meeting our budget and making needed repairs.

Your understanding and support is a blessing for the parishes—and a prayerful thanks from your Administrator. *The Lord truly blesses the faithful and cheerful givers!*

If you have not received your church envelopes or have a change of address, etc., please call the Parish Office at 412-466-6545.

Special thank you to the many who mail in their envelope donations when unable to attend Mass.

LIVE LENT AT ST. AGNES AND HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITIES

To be a better Christian, accept Lent's Challenge - As we “journey with the crucified Lord,” reflect on how Christ suffered and died for you and me. Participate in the Mass, and if you can, receive Holy Communion often during Lent for yourself, for others, for our parishes and for our world. Make the *Stations* weekly and, above all, consider seriously the Lenten observances of *fasting, almsgiving, and praying*, especially in these days, for world peace, justice, and the sanctity of life and marriage. Discover and experience how you can make your faith more meaningful than ever before.

HOLY TRINITY

DAILY LENTEN MASSES

Mondays and Saturdays, 8am;

Wednesdays and Fridays, 11am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays and Fridays following the 11am Masses.

CONFESSION

Every Saturday before the 4pm Mass

ST. AGNES

DAILY LENTEN MASSES

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:45am;

Wednesdays, 7pm; Fridays, 8:15am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 2pm (with school children); 7pm.

CONFESSION

Every Sunday before Masses.

ST. AGNES SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING MASSES

Throughout the season of Lent, every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, a Mass will be celebrated by a visiting celebrant and homilist. On Wednesday Feb. 17th guest celebrant and preacher will be Fr. Litavec. On Feb. 24th and March 2nd Fr. Dan Sweeney will be guest celebrant.



PRAYER FOR LENT

Jesus, dear Savior,
during these days of Lent,
I want to fast,
to repent and to pray.



Above all else I want
to stay in the circle of Your love.
Walk with me and surround me
with Your light; lead me and
guide me in Your footsteps.
During this season of Lent
help me to follow You
and imitate Your love.
May this nail remind me today
and throughout Lent
of Your great love for me.

Amen.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS

For registration for St. Agnes School & Pre-School, please see Sister Cynthia or call the School Office, 412-466-6238.



Children for Preschool must be three (3) or four (4) years old by September 1st. Children for Kindergarten must be five (5) years old by September 1st.

CALL FROM CARDINAL WUERL

Our 5th graders were learning the proper way of writing a business letter and decided to write to Cardinal Wuerl. This week Sister Cynthia received a call from the Cardinal indicating that he is sending every student in the school a book and a prayer card of Pope Francis.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The students collected \$1,002 after the Masses last weekend at both churches for "Souper Bowl Sunday." The money will be divided between the Intersection and Jubilee Kitchen. We thank you for your support and ask that you remember the homeless in your prayers, especially during these cold days.

ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, the students had a very inspiring assembly focusing on values and yo-yos. The Ned Show came to St. Agnes School. Believe it or not, through the use of yo-yos, the presenter promoted positive attitudes and encourage the students and staff to do their best every day. Alumni, do you remember the Ned Show from 2003, 2005 & 2007?

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, Mary Sabo, Agnes Seech,
Margaret Serdy, Harold Sievern,
Joseph Skalican, Dom Toretti

St. Agnes

Margaret Becze, Libby Butko, Francis J. Capaleo,
Nancy Colella, 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,
Joann Smith, Diana Soltis, Michael Sorokacs,
Paul Thomas, Denise Ventura

*Please call the Parish Office with any changes or
additions.*

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

February 7, 2016

\$5,158.....Offerings

\$ 986.....Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2016.....\$ 18,889

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 986

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

February 7, 2016

\$ 2,495.....Offerings

\$ 1,210.....Parish Share

PSP Assessment-2016.....\$ 22,232

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 1,210

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