

Saint Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church



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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. 21ST - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a - **George Schmidt, Jr.** (Wife & Daughter)
 11:00a - **Ralph & Rose Biagiarelli** (Roseann & Phyllis)

MONDAY- FEB. 22ND - THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - FEB. 23RD - WEEKDAY

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

WED - FEB. 24TH WEEKDAY

(11:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)
 7:00p - **Mary Mayher** (Donna Milko)

THUR - FEB. 25TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - **Cecelia "Sis" Chobirko** (Kathy Bowen & Bill)

FRIDAY - FEB. 26TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - **Joan Lanz** (Parish)

SATURDAY - FEB. 27TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - FEB. 28TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a - **Michael Kasek** (Robert Hruska)
 11:00a - **Beverly List** (Karen List)

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - FEB. 21ST - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **Robert Schorr** (Wife & Daughter)
 9:30a - **Joseph Tkach** (Family)

MONDAY-FEB 22ND - THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

8:00a - **Anna Fabian 104th Birthday** (Daughter, Irene)

TUES -FEB 23RD - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - FEB. 24TH- WEEKDAY

11:00a - **Fr. Warren Metzler** (Family)
 (7:00p at St. Agnes)

THUR - FEB 25TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - FEB. 26TH - WEEKDAY

11:00a - **Kathleen Harkless** (Andrea Long)

SATURDAY - FEB. 27TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - **Dec'd. Mbrs. of Francetic Family** (Kitty Bialobok)

SUN - FEB. 28TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p - (Sat) - **John Binkney** (John & Michelle Warobig)
 9:30a - **Eugene Sabol** (Beatrice Susan)

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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. 22nd.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading: The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

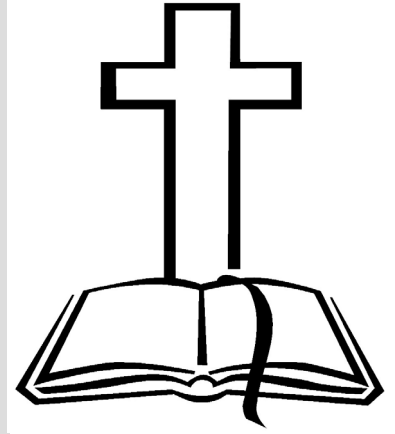
Second Reading: We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel: Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.



**THIS IS MY
CHOSEN SON
LISTEN TO HIM.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WED, MAR 9TH....**THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON FOR YOU CONFESSION**(6:00PM-7:00PM, HOLY TRINITY. 7:00PM-9:00PM, ST. AGNES)

Sat, Mar 12th.....**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE** (7:00PM, HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL HALL)

Mar 14-16th.....**LENTEN PARISH MISSION** (MARK YOUR CALENDAR - TIMES AND LOCATIONS TO FOLLOW)

Sun, Mar 27th....**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Sat, April 16th....**WOMEN ALIVE! IN GOD'S MERCY CONFERENCE** (CARDINAL WUERL NORTH CATHOLIC)

THE "LIGHTS ARE STILL ON FOR YOU" CONFESSION: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH

At Holy Trinity *from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm* and at St. Agnes *from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.*
A Blessed Opportunity to be Reconciled.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION "RICH IN MERCY"

A Lenten Parish Mission will be held on March 14-16 with Greg and Lydia Trainor, from Preach Jesus.Org, Inc. The organization was founded to make known the Gospel of Jesus Christ and fulfill the "great commission" given in Mark 6:15: "And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel..."

ST. AGNES

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. 24th and March 2nd Fr. Dan Sweeney will be guest celebrant.

HOLY TRINITY/ST. AGNES

PASTORAL COUNCIL SURVEY

Please help your Pastoral Council in planning for the future of our Parishes. Complete the survey form enclosed in today's bulletin and bring it to Mass next week-end for collection. Your thoughtful input will provide vital information about our parish community.

PRAYERFULLY GRATEFUL to those who are unable to attend Mass but mail their envelopes to the office. May the Lord reward you for your understanding stewardship and continued generosity.

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR 2016

If you would like to request the sanctuary candle in 2016 to remember or honor someone, please drop a note in the collection basket with your \$5 contribution.

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

HELP NEEDED

Our Fish Fry at the Holy Trinity Social Hall continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, *from 11am until 6pm.*

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: M-N-O-P: Fri., Feb. 26th

Last name beginning with Q-R-S-T: Fri., Mar. 4th

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

ALSO...HEARTFELT THANKS...

... for the many St. Agnes School students who enthusiastically wait on the tables for our Fish Fry
... for the many volunteers in the kitchen who so faithfully prepare the wonderful side dishes and delicious soups, cook the fish, assemble the meals, keep the shelves stocked, and clean up afterwards
... for those who work at the entrance, raffle ticket, and bake sale tables
... for those who donate great new items to fill baskets, donate lovely complete baskets, and assemble baskets for the Chinese Auction
... for the many bakers who bring delicious pastries and desserts for each Friday after the Fish Fry
... for the many patrons who “eat-in” at the Holy Trinity Social Hall to enjoy the fish dinners and the many tasty items and soups on the menu
... and for the many supporters who “call in” for take out orders to enjoy at home!

Yes, St. Agnes/Holy Trinity is becoming “the” Fish Fry in the Valley. Come see for yourself!

2016 THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

In the ancient Hebrew tradition, it was celebrated every 50 years, and was meant to restore equality among all of the children of Israel offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their personal freedom. The Catholic tradition of the Holy Year began with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. He had envisioned a Jubilee every century. From 1475 onwards, in order to allow each generation to experience at least one Holy Year, the ordinary Jubilee was to be celebrated every 25 years. However, an extraordinary Jubilee may be announced on the occasion of an event of particular importance. Until present, there have been 26 ordinary Holy Year celebrations, the last of which was the Jubilee of 2000.

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.

IMPORTANCE OF SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The attitude among many Catholics toward the Sacrament of Reconciliation has changed significantly and, to be true, not for the best for the Church’s membership. So many individuals today have a personal psychologist or counselor for the purpose of maintaining focus in their topsy-turvy world. Might we be overlooking the availability of a spiritual resource commonly known as one’s Confessor? *Peace of soul is a natural by-product of a good confession. The Sacrament of Penance restores friendship with one’s Lord and Savior. If it is inner healing that is needed, then Confession is your answer.*

The Sacrament of Penance contributes to the spiritual development of the Christian life. Jesus provided the avenue to unload guilt. *More of our Catholics need to use this instrument of grace in order to experience inner relief and consolation.*

The journey to Easter must include reconciliation with our Savior. *Lenten Penance Services* will be held on *Wednesday, March 23rd, at St. Agnes. And as always, confessions are before the 4pm Saturday Mass at Holy Trinity and the 8 & 11am Masses at St. Agnes.*

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.

The Knights of Columbus sponsored an essay contest for the 8th graders. The topic was Religious Liberty. Kayla Kraeuter won first place and received \$50. Her essay will be going on to the district judging. We wish her good luck! Other winners were Sebastian Darrah, second place-\$25; Avi Adams, third place-\$15; Emily Capozzolo, honorable mention-\$10.

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders are wrapping up the writing of an essay, Do the Write Thing Challenge on how violence affects their lives. This essay is sponsored by Allegheny Family Courts under the direction of co-chairs Judge Dwayne Woodruff and his wife Joy. We wish all our students good luck.

The Vicar Father Cain and Educational Consultant, Cecilia Grandillo, met with Fr. Grosko and Sr. Cynthia on Feb. 18 concerning the Benchmark Survey that the Teachers, Parents, Finance Committee and School Advisory Council were asked to complete back in August and September. We had a total of 43 surveys that were submitted. Many of the responses received a 5 or 4 with a few don't know. The topics included the Catholic Identity & Mission of the school, Governance & Leadership, Academic Excellence and Operational Vitality.

GIVING, WHETHER IT BE OF TIME, LABOR, AFFECTION, ADVICE, GIFTS, OR WHATEVER, IS ONE OF LIFE'S GREATEST PLEASURES. - REBECCA RUSSELL -

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS MARCH 6TH, ST PAUL SEMINARY

Free art exhibit featuring the work of 20 artists in a variety of media including watercolor, stained glass, sculpture, photography and iconography. Artists represent various religious communities including: Benedictine Sisters, School Sisters of St. Francis, Sisters of Charity of Greensburg, Sisters of Divine Providence, Sisters of St. Joseph & Sisters of the Holy Spirit, to name just a few. RSVP is required by calling 412-456-3067 by March 1st.

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 14, 2016

\$4,261.....Offerings

\$ 530.....Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 1,516

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 14, 2016

\$ 1,529.....Offerings

\$ 86.....Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 1,296

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