

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

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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.

ST. AGNES MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - MAR. 6TH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a - Joseph Naccarato (Donna Milko)

11:00a - Joan Lanz (Parish)

MONDAY - MAR. 7TH - STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY (8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUES - MAR. 8TH - ST. JOHN OF GOD

6:45a - Lil Turney (Sue Finnegan)

WED - MAR. 9TH - ST. FRANCES OF ROME

(11:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

7:00-9:00p - Light is On For You Confession

THUR - MAR. 10TH - WEEKDAY

6:45a - Mary Sorokacs (Gerry & Joe Sorokacs)

FRIDAY - MAR. 11TH - WEEKDAY

8:15a - Wendy Ruiz (Andres, Bear, Egnitz Families)

SATURDAY - MAR. 12TH - WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUN - MAR. 13TH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a - Michael Kasek (Robert Hruska)

11:00a - Wm. George Schuchert (Family)

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.

HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUN - MAR. 6TH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p - (Sat) - Joelle "Kirch" Preksta (Pat & Bill Jakub)

9:30a - Michael Tusay (Julie & Children)

MONDAY - MAR 7TH - STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY (6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

8:00a - Julianne Roger (Family)

TUES - MAR. 8TH - ST. JOHN OF GOD

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

WED - MAR. 9TH - ST. FRANCES OF ROME

11:00a - Albert Michaels (Don & Monica Mazik)

6:00-7:00p - Light is On for You Confession

THUR - MAR. 10TH - WEEKDAY

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

FRIDAY - MAR. 11TH - WEEKDAY

11:00a - Eugene Sabol (Bob Simak)

SATURDAY - MAR. 12TH - WEEKDAY

8:00a - Jason, Janice & Philip Checque (Family)

SUN - MAR. 13TH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00p - (Sat) - Fr. Victor Roche (Sue Finnegan)

9:30a - Dec'd Mbrs. of Krasman Fam. (Elizabeth Krasman)

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, March 7th.

ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME

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

MARCH 6, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12)

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

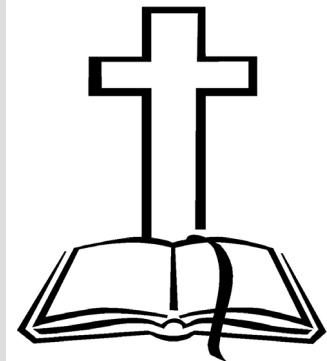
Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.



**YOUR BROTHER
WAS LOST
BUT NOW
HE IS FOUND**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUN, MAR 6TH.....**ST. AGNES DONUT SUNDAY (FOLLOWING THE 8AM & 11AM MASSES)**

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

THUR, Mar 10TH...**ST. AGNES SENIORS (1PM, ST. AGNES SOCIAL HALL. CALL ED FERCHAK AT 412-462-0904 TO RESERV.)**

SAT, MAR 12TH.....**K OF C ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE (7PM, H. T. SOCIAL HALL)**

MAR 14-16TH.....**LENTEN PARISH MISSION (MON-WED, 11AM, HOLY TRINITY; & MON-WED, 7PM, ST. AGNES)**

SUN, MAR 27TH....**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

SUN, APR 9TH.....**ST. AGNES CALENDAR PARTY (12NOON, ST. AGNES SOCIAL HALL)**

THUR, APR 14TH...**ST. AGNES SENIORS (1PM, ST. AGNES SOCIAL HALL, CALL ED FERCHAK AT 412-462-0904)**

THANK YOU...

Thank you for all the wonderful cards and well wishes sent to my Mother, Anna Fabian, on her 104th birthday. Your kindness is very much appreciated. - Irene Fabian

ST. AGNES SENIORS

The first regular monthly meeting of the year will be Thursday, March 10th at 1pm in the Social Hall. All parishioners and their friends from both parishes are invited to join us.

Please call Ed Ferchak at 412-462-0904 at least three days before the meeting so that sufficient refreshments are available.

REMEMBER THE THREE R'S:

RESPECT FOR SELF; RESPECT FOR OTHERS; AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL YOUR ACTIONS.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY...

to the family and friends of
Rudolph Slobodnik,

who died this past week and was buried from Holy Trinity.

May our Heavenly Father embrace all our beloved deceased and number them among the elect at the banquet of Heaven.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

"Confessing our sins is not going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: it's saying to the Lord, 'Lord, I am a sinner.'"

-Pope Francis

This Lent on the evening of March 9, 2016, from 6:00 p.m.-9pm, rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Trinity from 6-7pm and at St. Agnes from 7-9pm.

OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

Our Fish Fry at the Holy Trinity Social Hall continues throughout the Fridays of Lent, *from 11am until 6pm.* *Still considered the best in the Mon Valley!! Just ask Father Grosko!*

Take-Out Phone Orders: 412-466-9695

YOUR BAKED GOODS FOR THE FISH FRY ARE MUCH APPRECIATED!

Last name beginning with: U, V, W, X, Y, Z, Fri., Mar. 11th

Last name beginning with: A, B, C, D, Fri. Mar. 18th

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

IN NEED OF PRAYER

In these present and spiritually dangerous times, we wonder how many Catholics ever offer up even a single "Hail Mary" for the following intentions. We are all so busy rushing about, asking for favors or all kinds for ourselves that we forget:

1. The dying, awaiting final judgment.
2. The young, amidst terrifying temptations.
3. The despairing, ready to give up everything.
4. The sick, and the physical or spiritual suffering souls.
5. The millions of persecuted Catholics.
6. Our lawmakers, fighting for rights and justice against mountainous odds.
7. The tempted, that they may persevere in virtue.
8. Modern parents.
9. The governments of all nations.
10. Priests weighed down with their own troubles and the troubles of others.
11. Ourselves, perseverance in the friendship of God.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13, AT 12:15PM, ST. AGNES SOCIAL HALL

PARISH SHARE

Prayerfully grateful for those who are fulfilling their Parish Share pledge. We need your commitment so each parish can reach its goal. I'm asking each envelope user to pledge \$10 a month. If our goals are not met, funds will be taken out of our savings account as we have had to do the past few years.

LENSEN PARISH MISSION

"RICH IN MERCY"

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, as proclaimed by the Holy Father, two excellent Catholic Lay Ministers, Greg and Lydia Trainor, will lead a Lenten Parish Mission on March 14-16, 11am at Holy Trinity and 7pm at St. Agnes. In preparation for this mini retreat they will preach at all the Masses next weekend.

Greg and Lydia are 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..." This is a blessed and golden opportunity to be a more Eucharistic community. Your presence will help support their special and unique ministry that they have carried on over the years and across the country. Join your fellow parishioners for this rich Lenten journey.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE **SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH** **HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL HALL**

Please join us! You don't have to be Irish. Everyone is at least somewhat Irish in March, right? Come and let you hair down and dance the night away.

R.S.V.P to Tim Richards at
412-414-4919 by March 7th
7pm Social Hour, 7:30pm Dinner
8-11pm Dancing
\$20 per person or \$35 a couple.

HOLY TRINITY

DAILY LENTEN MASSES

Mondays and Saturdays, 8am;

Wednesdays and Fridays, 11am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays and Fridays following the 11am Masses.

CONFESSON

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.

CONFESSON

Every Sunday before Masses.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS



ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY

St. Agnes School will hold its Annual Calendar Party on Saturday, April 9th. Doors open at 12 noon for a relaxing afternoon out. A luncheon will be served at 1 pm. There will be auction baskets, good fellowship, and entertainment. Tickets are \$20 for a seat or \$144 for a table of 8 (\$18 a seat) and can be purchased through the school office and after Mass.

POPE FRANCIS BOOK

2015 VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C.

A hardback, full color, pictorial book commemorating the Pope's visit to Washington, D.C. is available for sale for \$10 after all Masses this weekend.

ACTIVE PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In the Catholic Church, we are members not only of the Mystical Body of Christ but also parishioners of a specific parish church, for example, St. Agnes or Holy Trinity Church. We become members of the Body of Christ through Baptism. We maintain our spiritual unity with the Body of Christ by our continued participation in the Sacraments, by our resisting sin and by our growth in virtue.

We become and remain active parishioners of a parish by being registered in that parish, by our continued support of that parish, and by our participation in the life of that parish. Membership in the Body of Christ and membership in our parish church are very important. *Active membership in our parish church is required in order to enjoy "active parishioner" status.*

Attending and contributing members of Holy Trinity and St. Agnes are determined as follows:

1. By being registered in the parish for a sufficient time having filled out a Registration Form.
2. By faithfully attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
3. By contributing to the support of our Parish, through our envelope system.

**ST. AGNES DONUT SUNDAY TODAY FOLLOWING
THE 8 & 11AM MASSES**

**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 28, 2016

\$3,819.....Offerings
\$ 50.....Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 1,751

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 28 2016

\$ 1,601.....Offerings
\$ 40.....Parish Share

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

Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 1,501

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