

# 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 - MAY 1ST - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a - Fr. Michael Polak (Rose Anne Thomas)  
 11:00a - First Holy Communicants

#### MONDAY - MAY 2ND - ST. ATHANASIUS

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### TUES - MAY 3RD - STS. PHILIP & JAMES

6:45a - James, Eleanor, & James Jr. McAuliffe (Family)

#### WED - MAY 4TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)  
 (4:00p Ascension Anticipatory Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### THUR - MAY 5TH - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:15a - Ayn Babylon (Lil Kemmel & Sister Cynthia)  
 (10:00a - Mass at Holy Trinity)  
 7:00p - Fr. Michael Polak (Bev & Jim Stavor)

#### FIRST FRIDAY - MAY 6TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15a - Lawrence McElhinny (R. McElhinny)

#### FIRST SATURDAY - MAY 7TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

(8:00a Mass at Holy Trinity)

#### SUN - MAY 8TH - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a - George Lesko (Wife Joan & Family)  
 11:00a - Living & Deceased Mothers of St. Agnes

### Holy Trinity Mass Intentions

#### SUN - MAY 1ST - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00(Sat) - Joelle "Kirch" Preksta (Jane & Frank Breznay)  
 9:30a - Ann Sotak (Debbie Gaydos)

#### MONDAY - MAY 2ND - ST. ATHANASIUS

8:00a - In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (Eileen Schorr)

#### TUES - MAY 3RD - STS. PHILIP & JAMES

(6:45a Mass at St. Agnes)

#### WED - MAY 4TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - Joelle "Kirch" Preksta (Richard & Audrey Kuhn)  
 4:00p - George Matta, Sr. (Gary & Eileen Morgan)

#### THUR - MAY 5TH - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(8:15a - Mass at St. Agnes)  
 10:00a - Helen, Jennifer & Jason Checque (Family)  
 (7:00p - Mass at St. Agnes)

#### FIRST FRIDAY - MAY 6TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

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

#### FIRST SATURDAY - MAY 7TH - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:00a - Dorothy Bracco (Mary Ann Polinski)

#### SUN - MAY 8TH - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00p (Sat) - Albert & Marie Kapples (Family)  
 9:30a - Living & Deceased Mothers of Holy Trinity

### 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, May 2nd.  
 ST. AGNES CHURCH - EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**FIRST READING:** *Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29.* The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8.* All the nations sing praise to God.

**SECOND READING:** *Revelation 21:10-14,22-23.* The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

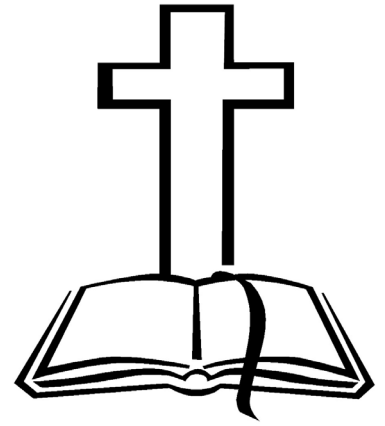
**GOSPEL READING:** *John 14:23-29.* Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

In this portion of John's Gospel the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.



**WHOEVER LOVES  
ME  
WILL KEEP MY  
WORD**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WED, MAY 4.....**ANTICIPATED MASS, ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (4PM, HOLY TRINITY)

THUR, MAY 5.....**ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (8:15AM, & 7PM, ST. AGNES. 10AM, HOLY TRINITY)

FRI, MAY 6.....**ST. AGNES MAY CROWNING** (PRIOR TO 8:15AM SCHOOL MASS)

SAT/SUN, MAY 7-8...**HOLY TRINITY/ST. AGNES DIAPER DRIVE MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND**

SUN, MAY 8.....**ST. AGNES DONUT SUNDAY** (ST. AGNES SOCIAL HALL, AFTER THE 8 AND 11 MASSES)

THUR, MAY 12.....**ST. AGNES SENIORS MTG.**(1PM, ST. AGNES SOCIAL HALL. CALL ED FERCHAK AT 412-462-0904)

SAT, MAY 14.....**SLOVAK DAY AT KENNYWOOD MTG.** (12 NOON, HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL HALL)

JUNE 2-7.....**DROP-OFF FOR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE** (9AM-9PM, ST. AGNES SOCIAL HALL)

JUNE 10-11.....**ST. AGNES WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

## NO BOTTOMS LEFT BEHIND DIAPER DRIVE

In support of Pope Francis' call to perform corporal works of mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, St Agnes and Holy Trinity will be holding a diaper drive to benefit the Western PA Diaper Bank.

One in three American moms struggles to provide clean diapers for her children. Food stamps and WIC don't cover diapers. The families often are forced to make tough decisions because they can't afford diapers. Children can't go to daycare without a clean supply of diapers, preventing adults from going to work or school.

On Mother's Day weekend, May 7 and 8, we are asking parishioners to donate a bag of diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6 are most needed) or the funds to buy them, (Checks can be made out to Western PA Diaper Bank). Place your donation in the boxes and envelopes provided at the back of Holy Trinity Church and St. Agnes Cafeteria.

Locally, diapers are distributed by the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank through the Duquesne Family Support Center, the McKeesport Salvation Army, and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in Homestead to families in need registered with these agencies. More info. can be found on the website [www.westernpennsylvaniadiaperbank.org](http://www.westernpennsylvaniadiaperbank.org). Let's all get behind this urgent need! This is a crisis we can solve together.

## THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, ASCENSION THURSDAY

Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus returned to His Father in Heaven, as the apostles watched. But He was not abandoning them or us. He had already made provisions to be physically and sacramentally present on earth for all time in the Holy Eucharist. And He would continue to teach and guide us through the Church He established. And after returning to Heaven, He would send the Holy Spirit to enlighten, guide, and strengthen us in accepting and living His Teachings. Jesus ascended into Heaven, but he is still very much present among us today—but we can only “see” and accept Him by Faith. If we keep that Faith viable and strong, and practice it faithfully, then we also will be eligible for our place in Heaven that Jesus has gone there to prepare for us.

As Catholics, our obligation to attend Mass on Thursday is the same as it is on a Sunday. To deliberately miss Mass without a good reason is a serious sin of obligation:

**HOLY TRINITY:** (ANTICIPATED) WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH, 4:00PM & (FEAST DAY) THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 10AM

**ST. AGNES:** (FEAST DAY) THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 8:15 AM. AND 7:00PM.

### CONGRATULATIONS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

TODAY at the 11:00am Mass at St. Agnes, ten second graders will receive the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time!

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| Tyler Bevan          | Alejandro Patino |
| Nathan Dewar         | Austin Riley     |
| Delena Galiyas       | Preston Smith    |
| Robert Gogo          | Samuel Smith     |
| Samantha Kalkbrenner | Annie Wilcox     |
| Hannah Oleyar        | Isabelle Wilcox  |
|                      | Caden Wills      |

With heartfelt congratulations to our communicants, under the spiritual guidance of *Sister Cynthia*, and to their parents, relatives and friends, their teacher, *Linda Reed*, and all who helped on this wonderful sacramental moment in the life of our Faith Community.

It is our prayer that our children grow in deeper love and appreciation of the Eucharist and in its frequent reception as hopefully we do.

### FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 6TH

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.

Let us make every effort to attend daily Mass. At Holy Trinity, Mass is at 8am Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. At St. Agnes, Mass is at 6:45am on Tuesday and Thursday and 8:15am on Friday.

On First Friday, May 6th, there will be an 8:15am Mass at St. Agnes. There will be no Mass at Holy Trinity.

### ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE

It has been a year since Bishop Zubik announced “On Mission for The Church Alive!” The goal of On Mission for The Church Alive! Is to help our parishes and schools...and every faith community in our diocese become even more vibrant communities of worship and service while challenging all of us to be excited about our faith!” As Bishop Zubik reminds us, it is our task to “welcome those who have left the Church or are far from God.” This week, let's approach one person that we know with just such a welcome.

To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit [www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org).

### 10 STEPS TO SELF CARE

1. If it feels wrong, don't do it.
2. Say “exactly” what you mean.
3. Don't be a people pleaser..
4. Trust your instinct.
5. Never speak bad about yourself.
6. Don't be afraid to say “no.”
7. Don't be afraid to say “yes.”
8. Be kind to yourself.
9. Let go of what you can't control.
10. Stay away from drama and negativity.

### HOLY TRINITY AVENUE OF FLAGS

This year will be the 16th year for the flags. They are displayed honoring our beloved veterans. The flags will be raised on May 17th or 18th, weather permitting. We are in need of volunteers.

Any questions, please call Betty Clark at 412-466-9457.

## **GESTURES AT MASS**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** - The *bishops of the United States* have recommended that in the Mass, as we pray the Our Father, the prayer given us by Jesus Himself, we extend our arms downward in supplication, holding both hands with the palms outward in the ancient *orans* (Latin, prayer) gesture. This gesture *signifies our need, our humble dependence on God, our openness to receive the gifts of daily bread, and the forgiveness which we seek in this prayer.*

\* **The Sign of the Cross before the Gospel Reading** - We make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, our lips, and our chest, following the action of the priest at that moment. The prayer that many of us were taught to pray while making these Signs of the Cross is: *"May the Word of the Lord be on my mind (make the sign of the Cross on the forehead), on my lips (then on the lips), and in my heart (on the chest)."* In other words, the action is the physical manifestation of a prayer, asking God to help us to understand the Gospel (mind), to proclaim it ourselves (lips), and to live it in our daily lives (heart). The Sign of the Cross is a profession of the essential mysteries of Christianity--the Trinity and the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Making the Sign of the Cross as we prepare to hear the Gospel is a way of professing our faith--and of asking God that we might be worthy to profess it and to live it.

## **ST. AGNES WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

Time to start saving for the White Elephant Sale to be held in the Social Hall on Friday and Saturday, June 10th and 11th. You can bring your "golden treasures." beginning at 9:00 am on June 2nd through the 7th, *We will keep the back door of the Social Hall open until 9:00 pm* We ask that all donations be made by June 8th. *Please no large items, televisions, computers/printers and large exercise equipment."*

Time to get to work on Spring cleaning while helping St. Agnes School. Your "golden treasures" are needed and welcomed.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY & YOU NEED A PRIEST,  
FR. DAN CAN BE REACHED AT 412-461-1054**

**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, Fr. Joseph  
Grosko, 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 Toretto, John Wagner

**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,  
Diana Soltis, Michael Sorokacs,  
Paul Thomas, Denise Ventura

*Please keep our beloved sick in your daily prayers. 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

**Weekly Collections**

\*includes monies for all purposes such as Angel Fund, candles,  
diocesan collections, hall rental, funerals, etc., unless otherwise noted.

**ST. AGNES**

April 24

\$ 3,269.....Offerings\*  
\$ 120.....Parish Share  
PSP Assessment-2016.....\$ 18,889  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 6,799  
Monthly School Subsidy.....\$ 6,167

**HOLY TRINITY**

April 24

\$ 1,651.....Offerings\*  
\$ 140.....Parish Share  
PSP Assessment-2016.....\$ 22,232  
Amount Collected PSP.....\$ 5,476

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