



St. Agnes Parish

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Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday, Saturday Morning and Holy Day Masses:

As listed in the Bulletin.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 1:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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Baptisms: A baptism preparation session is required prior to having your baby baptized. Baptisms are by appointment.

The standard time for baptisms is 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Marriage: Please call the church office one year in advance. Marriage preparation classes are required. The standard wedding time is 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation: Anyone needing a sponsor certificate must be registered in the parish for at least 6 months, have all of their Sacraments (if married, be a Catholic Marriage), attend Mass regularly and support the Church.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Lord tells the number of the stars and calls them by name. – Psalm 147:4

From the Pastor:

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION FOR THE 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - The 11 verses of this Sunday's gospel are full of meaning. Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law. That means that the first pope was married! But notice what she did once her fever left her: "...she waited on them." In this instance, Jesus, restoring her health, shows that healing is often linked with service in the Kingdom of God. We are made well so as to better offer our lives to God's purposes. In the evening His healing ministry continues unabated. Jesus is taking on the foes of the human condition: sickness and demonic activity. The power of God is breaking into human history to confront the forces of evil and defeat them. The excitement that the Lord generated with such displays among the people could have become a temptation to remain there and bask in their attention. But, Jesus did nothing without consulting His heavenly Father. So He rises early the next day and spends alone time in prayer. When the apostles find Him and urge Him to return to the village, He knows He is not about seeking glory for Himself but for the Father. So, Jesus informs them that they are moving on to other villages to continue to spread the good news. A typical day in the life of Jesus was quite busy from morning to night. But, He knew that He must find time to pray to know the "...purpose (for which) I have come." If the God/Man needed to do this, how much more do we?

PA SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS RESPECT FOR PARENTAL CONSENT - Just before Christmas of 2010, the Independence Law Center filed an amici brief on behalf of the Pa. Family Institute, the Pa. Pro-Life Federation, the Pa. Catholic Conference, and about 60 state legislators in a case called *In the Interest of Jane Doe*, which involved a minor seeking an abortion. State law requires a minor to get a court order (called a judicial bypass) prior to having an abortion unless one of the child's parents agrees to the abortion. A court is to give a bypass only when the child

shows the maturity necessary to make the choice or if the abortion is somehow deemed to be in the child's "best interests." A judge in Allegheny County denied a judicial bypass. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court took the case because denials are so rare and it wanted to issue a decision to give direction to appellate courts reviewing denials. We are pleased to announce that the Court provided the direction that we requested in our amici ("friend of the court") brief. Judges are now given wide latitude in their investigation of the maturity of a minor. This will hopefully encourage more judges to conduct robust hearings—hearings that will ultimately protect the life of the unborn—and respect parental authority. We are grateful to God for one more win in our battle to protect the life of every unborn child.

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT: ULTRASOUND ACCESS BILL - The PA Catholic Conference is supporting HB 1077 that was introduced in October, 2011, with over 110 co-sponsors. The Bill would 1) require abortion clinics to perform an ultrasound at least 24 hours before an abortion (or provide a list of other ultrasound providers, including pregnancies centers); 2) require that pregnant women be informed of their right to view the live ultrasound image of her unborn baby while the test is being performed; 3) require that printed photos of those ultrasound images be provided to women. If passed, this Bill would make certain that women get all the facts before they go through with an abortion. Please contact our State Representative, George Dunbar, at www.repdunbar.com or 724-744-0305 (Harrison City) to support this HB 1077. Then please contact our State Senator, Kim Ward, at www.senatorward.com or 724-600-7002 (Greensburg) and ask her to support this bill when it comes over from the House.

MASS ATTENDANCE for January 28/29: 4:30 p.m. – 335; 9:00 a.m. – 430; 11:00 a.m. – 523 for a total of 1,288. The average weekend Mass attendance for January was 1,215.



Online giving is now available. To set up your online account, visit our website at www.stagneschurch.info and click on the **Online Giving** link. Follow the simple directions to begin having your donations processed electronically. Recurring and one-time gifts may be made through this link. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

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Stewardship of Treasure - January 28/29

	Actual	Online Giving	Budgeted	Variance
Offertory	\$14,279.31	\$1,893.50	\$13,673.08	\$2,499.73
Year-to-Date	\$395,554.31	\$25,248.50	\$423,865.48	-\$3,062.67
Children's Envelope	\$42.70	\$8.50		

Thank you for your generous support!

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

✠ Liturgy Schedule ✠

- 2/4 SAT: 4:30pm † **PAUL MALICE** - Wife, Kathy
- 2/5 SUN: 9:00am † **JACOB V. & DAVIDA ANN SAVANI** - Cathie Savani
11:00am † **DECEASED OF KOLESAR & WOODY FAMILIES** - James & Janet Woody
- 2/6 MON: 7:30am † **GERTRUDE GILLS** - Pawlak Family
- 2/7 TUE: 7:30am **PEOPLE OF ST. AGNES**
- 2/8 WED: 7:30am † **NOVAK & McCABE FAMILIES** - Children
- 2/9 THU: 7:30am † **ELAINE KENNEDY** - Paul Taylor
- 2/10 FRI: 7:30am † **DEREK WOOLRICH** - Margaret Fitzmaurice
- 2/11 SAT: 8:00am † **MARGARET KERRIGAN** - Arendas Family
4:30pm † **JOHN SOLTIS** - Guarascio Family
- 2/12 SUN: 9:00am † **JOHN & CATHERINE SCHOTT** - Paul & Beverly Schott
11:00am † **THOMAS KACZMAREK** - John & Penny Ciora

PRAYER CORNER - In your charity please pray for those members of our parish family who need our prayers, especially the sick and hospitalized: *Bob Alesius, Deb Andrews-Odenthal, Jackie Bass, Kathy Bortak, Marlene Bushik, Bud Byrne, Barbara Dionisi, Mary Ann Estok, Frank Galensky, Chrystal Harvey Haluck, Paul Hummert, Steve Kazousky, Vicky Ketter, Rita Kubancsek, Melvine Kustra, Karl Mastele, Harry McCracken, Bill Mundorf, Pat O'Donnell, Tony Mercadante, Emma Neri, Nick Oriti, John Paul, David Savani, Debra Savani, Joe Sharbaugh, Andy Skurnick, Polly Skurnick, Michael Soltis, Jessica Strasser, Doug Vitale, Linda Walters and Celia Zdrale.*

IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL, ST. AGNES MAY NOT BE NOTIFIED. PLEASE ASK A FAMILY MEMBER TO CALL US. IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR PRAYER CORNER CURRENT AND UP-TO-DATE, WE ASK THAT YOU CALL EVERY TWO WEEKS IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patti Dykta, mother of Joe Dykta, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace. †

NEWLY BAPTIZED: *Alexandra Marie Dunham.* We welcome this child into our Church.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING - *"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed ... He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"*

— Mark 1:35, 38

Through today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time this week to be with God.

This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, February 6

6:00pm - 7:30pm - CM Board Meeting, Servers Sacristy
7:00pm - 8:00pm - Jr. Legion of Mary, Fr. Brannon Room
Scripture Group Cancelled

TUESDAY, February 7

7:00pm - 8:00pm - Night of Reflection for Liturgy of the Word for Children, Chapel
7:00pm - 8:30pm - CS Webelos II, Res. Hall, Room 306

WEDNESDAY, February 8

8:00am - 9:30am - Legion of Mary, Fr. Brannon Room
11:00am - 3:00pm - Rel. Formation Crafters, Fr. Brannon Room
6:00pm - 7:30pm - GS Jr. Troop 24061, Res. Hall, Room 304
7:00pm - 8:30pm - GS Troop 21062, Res. Hall, Room 306
7:00pm - 9:00pm - Parish Choir Rehearsal, Church

THURSDAY, February 9

8:00am - 6:00pm - Adoration & Evening Prayer, Church
10:00am - 12:00n - GS Leader Meeting, Res. Hall, Room 306
6:30pm - 8:00pm - BS Troop 293, Res. Hall, Room 306

FRIDAY, February 10

6:30pm - 7:30pm - CS Bears, Res. Hall, Room 304
6:30pm - 7:30pm - CS Bears, Res. Hall, Room 305
6:30pm - 7:45pm - GS Cadette Troop 27062, Res. Hall, Room 306
9:00pm - Rosary, Church

SATURDAY, February 11

10:00am - 10:45am - SVDP Food Bank, SEAS, Mack Hall
After Mass - Men's Club Cinnamon Roll Sale, Narthex

SUNDAY, February 12

After Masses - Men's Club Cinnamon Roll Sale, Narthex
9:00pm - 10:00pm - PreK & KN Rel. Formation, Convent
10:05am - 10:55am - 1st Gr. Rel. Formation, Convent
10:05am - 10:55am - 2nd Gr. Rel. Formation, Resurrection Hall
5:00pm - Teen Hope Mass, BBC
6:00pm - 8:00pm - JYM Family Night, BBC
6:00pm - 8:00pm - SYM Meeting, BBC
Second Collection - Bright Yellow Envelope



IT'S TIME TO DECIDE if you're going to go for a shot-in-the-arm. Mark your calendar for March 9, 10 & 11 for the Men's Retreat — a great weekend experience!

Ministers for Masses for Feb. 11/12

SATURDAY, 4:30 P.M.: Altar Servers: M. Dugan, J. Ralph (*Sub req.*); Cross Bearer: N. Ralph (*Sub req.*); Lector: W. Merchant; Extraordinary Ministers: P. Bianchi, L. Dugan, L. Gretz, G. Merchant, M. Oroukin, M. Oroukin, G. Wood; Greeter: A. Ziegler

SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.: Altar Servers: A. Pesarsick, S. Sholtis; Cross Bearer: M. Jackson; Lector: R. Fraley; Extraordinary Ministers: J. Babyak, M. Babyak, R. Jackson, W. McCabe, D. McCMaster, E. Paul, D. Pesarsick; Children's Liturgy: A. Powell; Greeter: M. Svader.

SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M.: Altar Servers: T. Brough, N. Posgay; Cross Bearer: M. Brough; Lector: S. Kopko; Extraordinary Minister: C. DeFlicht (*Sub req.*), S. Halin (*Sub req.*), M. Maiolo, D. Natale, R. Schmitt, D. Spark, R. Takacs; Children's Liturgy: P. Murray; Greeter: L. Brough.

Sunday Evening Masses in the Area

St. Colman, Turtle Creek 5:30 p.m.
St. Barbara, Harrison City 6:00 p.m.
St. Bernadette, Monroeville 7:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament, Greensburg 7:00 p.m.

Last call ... **APPRECIATION DINNER** - Attention all volunteers (21+) mark your calendar for the Appreciation Dinner to honor all of our parishioners who give of their time and talents for our parish and Queen of Angels School. This year's dinner is Saturday, February 18, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Mack Hall. Reservation forms can be found in the narthex or you may RSVP to starr1253@comcast.net. Reservations are due by this Sunday, February 5.

A CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Servers Sacristy. All officers and board members are asked to attend.



"Sweet Buns for Your Sweetie"

The men's Club will hold a Valentine's Cinnamon Roll Sale the weekend of February 11/12 after all Masses. The rolls are \$5/half dozen. Stop by and get your sweetie some fresh baked Cinnamon Rolls and help to support the Men's Club.

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT - All youth of the Diocese in grades 9 -12 (NOT just youth in GNAC Youth Ministry) are invited to join us for the Diocesan High School Youth Ministry Retreat. Come and be "Full-Filled" on February 24-26 at Jumonville Retreat and Conference Center. Register now with Kirsten Lieberum at kleiberum@dioceseofgreensburg.org. The deadline to register is February 8, 2012. For information visit www.full-filled.org.

A BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Monday, February 13, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Fr. Gianni Room. All parents expecting a baby who have not previously taken a Baptism Preparation class must attend a class before having their child baptized. To register, call 724-864-5393.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN NIGHT OF REFLECTION - Are you interested in learning more about Liturgy of the Word for Children? Want to meet the other ministers and find out if this is something to which you can devote your time and talent? With enough volunteers, we can offer Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass as well as Sunday Masses. Are you currently a minister? You are all invited to a night of reflection to share information, prayer, fellowship and refreshments. We will be meeting on Tuesday, evening, February 7, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Convent Chapel. We look forward to seeing you then! Any questions or to learn more, please call the Religious Formation office at 724-864-5393.

VOLUNTEERS are needed at Westmoreland Manor for two dates in February. We will be escorting the wheelchair patients to the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 19, and to the 2:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service on February 22. Please arrive one hour prior to the services. For more information, please call Kathy Snodgrass at 724-861-0382 or Marguerite Shiring at 724-863-6138. Thank you for your help.



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN. Please stop in the school office to pick up a registration packet. Each child has the opportunity to

develop a relationship with God and to grow in Faith throughout their years at Queen of Angels. We pride ourselves on our academic excellence. Students are taught to think creatively and encouraged to accept academic challenges with guidance from teachers who are dedicated to the mission of Catholic education.

If you would like a tour of our school, please call the school office at 724-978-0144 to make an appointment. We look forward to meeting with you.

ANGEL GALA 2012 is the theme Queen of Angels Catholic School will celebrate on Friday, April 13, from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Center. In addition

to dinner, guests will enjoy a multimedia presentation given by our students and enjoy our well-known auction. The evening is a development effort to benefit the school's education program.

A contribution to the dinner and auction would be greatly appreciated — donate a gift certificate, services or store merchandise; purchase a Sponsorship or Patron ad in our program; or purchase a ticket and attend the dinner. We are thankful for your generous and continued support.

Please mail (or bring) all donations on or before March 1 to: *Queen of Angels Catholic School, c/o Mrs. Ruth Ann Noblick, Director of Marketing and Development, One Main Street, North Huntingdon, PA 15642.*

For any additional information, please call Ruth Ann Noblick at 724-978-0144, ext. 2223 or email rnoblick@queenofangelsch.org.



GIRLS CYO VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION - All 4th - 8th grade girls who want to learn and compete in volleyball are invited to join (must be a QofA student or public school student attending a parish religious formation program). Practices start mid-March and games begin in April. The season concludes with a tournament and year-end banquet in late May. All practices and home games will be in the Bishop Bosco Center gym. The fee is \$75 and includes uniforms, fees and banquet.

Bring volleyball, knee pads, t-shirt, shorts and sneakers. Sign-up nights are Wednesday, February 15, and Saturday, February 18, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Bishop Bosco Center gym area. Any questions, please call Missy Stein at 412-601-1320.

PRIEST PRAYER SERVICE - The Greensburg DCCW invites all to pray at our Priest Prayer Service on Tuesday, February 7, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin at 5:45 p.m. with the Blessed Sacrament already exposed in

Adoration. Adoration concludes at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Prayer Service.

A GIRL SCOUT SPIRIT DAY "Mary, Queen of the Living Rosary" for all Girl Scouts will be held on Saturday, March 24, at Mount St. Macrina. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and ends with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Early bird registration fee is \$18 through March 2. The cost includes breakfast, lunch, crafts, program and patch. To register, call Glenda at 724-446-5197 or email gsekerchak@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

NIGHT AT THE RACES - St. Edward Parish, Herminie will sponsor a "Night at the Races" on Saturday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Horses are \$20 each and entitles the owner to two free admission tickets. The winner of each winning horse will receive \$40. The evening includes free food, free beer, beverages, BYOB, and much more! Must be 21 to attend. Admission at the door is \$15. Please call Dawna at 724-446-1802 for information.

GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC ENROLLMENT INFORMATION: Come see what we're all about! **Visiting Days** for incoming students will be held as follows: Incoming 9th graders - February 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.; Incoming 7th graders - February 15 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.; and Incoming 8th graders - February 17 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. **A Freshmen Placement Test** will be held for incoming 9th graders on Saturday, February 18, from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. **A Junior High Parent Information Night** will be held Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auxiliary Gym. **Incoming Junior High Student Game Night** - Join us for Minute to Win It style games in our school cafeteria on Friday, March 16, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. RSVP for any of these events to Meghan Kerr at 724-834-0310, ext. 214 or mkerr@gcchs.org.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? Then consider joining the Greensburg Diocesan Choir. Comprised of singers from around the Diocese, this ensemble sings for Diocesan liturgies at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Rehearsals for Rite of Election will be held on Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21, at Blessed

Sacrament Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Christopher Pardini cpardini@dioceseofgreensburg.org or at 724-834-3710.



RUNNING FOR THE CALL! THE CALL TO SERVE is registered as an affiliate charity for the Pittsburgh marathon on Sunday, May 6, and we want you to run with us! By running with The Call to Serve, participants will receive: tickets to the Pirates games on May 5; invitation to the inaugural CTS pre-race pasta tailgate; a limited edition t-shirt; support and monthly emails from the CTS running team; the gratifying feeling of helping a great cause; and a personalized fundraising page. If you are unable to run/walk in the marathon, half-marathon or marathon relay, you can sponsor a runner or make a donation at www.thecalltoserve.org. Email marathon@thecalltoserve.org if you have any questions. Thanks to all of our supporters and we hope you will answer "The Call to Run!"

FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE will be offered for taxpayers who have low and moderate incomes. Agents will help in the preparation of Federal and State income tax returns, and for those who qualify, PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms. Taxpayers are asked to bring a copy of their 2010 Federal and State returns along with all of their 2011 tax records and property tax receipts. This service will be offered at the North Huntingdon Townhouse every Tuesday and Thursday, February 2 to April 17, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

DISCOVERING CHRIST: Now includes sessions for children!

We will all enjoy dinner together then study the same topic in separate adult/child sessions. This is a wonderful way to get to know Jesus in a powerful, meaningful way — and as a family. Join us seven consecutive Thursday evenings and Saturday, March 17. Register via www.stagneschurch.info/DCIndex.htm, pick up a registration form in the narthex (or use form below), or call Sherri Kopko 724-863-9096 to register via phone.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We hope everyone has taken a second to check out our website at www.stagneschurch.info to learn more about Discovering Christ. If you have not please do so, you will be amazed at the great journey that lies ahead for our parish.

We are in need of some more volunteers to complete our Discovering Christ teams. If you are looking for ways to help out at St. Agnes and to make a difference, this may be for you. Anyone is

welcome to volunteer.

Help is needed in all areas, but we are in most need of service volunteers: clean-up, table and chair set-up, A/V set-up and decorating. Some strong men would be most appreciated.

Also needed is anyone interest in helping with childcare for toddler-aged children and aides to assist with school-aged children as they grow closer to Jesus in a child-friendly version of Discovering Christ.

DISCOVERING CHRIST Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ (circle) Home Mobile Work

Preferred Method of contact: (circle) E-mail Phone

Dietary Restrictions or Food Allergies? (A dinner is included - *we will try to accommodate.*) _____

Child Care Needed? (circle) Yes No _____

School-Aged Children (for separate **Children's Sessions**): _____
NAMES & AGES

Transportation needed *or* Can you transport someone? _____
NAMES & AGES

Can we pray for you? Please let us know how we can help you in prayer! _____

