

St. Agnes Parish

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Sunday Masses:Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 am. and 11:15am

Weekday, 7:30 a.m., Saturday Morning 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses: As listed in the Bulletin.

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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 2:00 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.



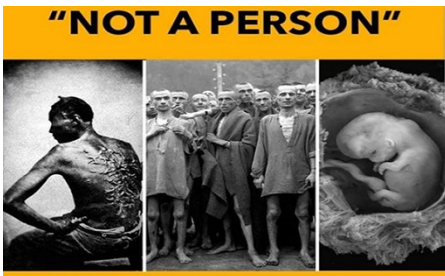
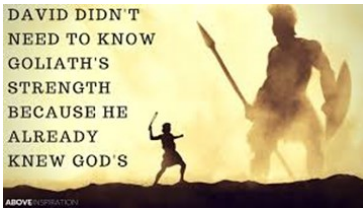
FROM THE PASTOR:

Fear No One. Do Not Be Afraid.

These words come from today's gospel. A brief reflection on our lives would reveal how often fear has played a negative role in our lives. We did not choose a certain path in life because of fear of failure. We did not speak out and defend the truth because of fear of rejection. We did not bring up an issue that was bothering us with our spouse because we were afraid of an argument. And the list could go on and on. Of course, the ultimate fear is death.

As disciples of the Lord, how are we to handle fear? Let me use an example. There is a terrific thunderstorm with lightning and loud booms. Your young child awakens and is very frightened and runs into the bedroom. You and your spouse sit her down and calmly explain the science behind thunder and lightening. Of course, you don't. One of you holds her close and reassures that she is safe with mommy and daddy and that you love her very much. Love. Presence. Reassurance. Protection.

St. John in his first letter writes, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear..." Where do we experience perfect love? In our relationship with Jesus. The closer we draw to Him, the more we will experience His love, presence, reassurance and protection.



They said that slaves weren't people. They say unborn babies aren't people. Same wrong, just a different century.

Solemnity of Saints: Peter and Paul

Monday, June 29th, celebrates these two great apostles of the Lord Jesus. It is important to note that the two men we call the "pillars of the church," were both flawed and gifted human beings. Peter, the "rock" upon which Jesus built his church, was a simple fisherman who was the first to recognize Jesus as Messiah. When asked by Jesus, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

He was also the first to deny Him. On the night of Jesus' betrayal, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. When repeatedly asked if he were a companion of Jesus, he swore and cursed, "I do not know the man!" He would repent, become the first pope and die a martyr's death.

Paul, a Pharisee and an educated Roman citizen, enters the picture as a persecutor of Christians whom he considered a danger to the true faith. He encountered the risen Lord outside the walls of Damascus and experienced a profound conversion. Shortly afterwards, begins preaching salvation in Christ Jesus. He was Christianity's first missionary, establishing communities throughout the Mediterranean world. He would die a martyr's death in Rome.

Yes, these are giants in the Catholic faith, but each of us is called to live the gospel message. These stories and the lives of the saints offer reassurances that God can use and overcome our weaknesses.

Thanks For All Of Your Prayers



I am humbled and very appreciative of the wonderful prayer support that has sustained me over these days as I faced open heart surgery.

This is one of those times when the flock cares for its shepherd.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING:

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me."
(Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

Readings for the Week

- SUN: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
- MON: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- TUE: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
- WED: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
- THU: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
- FRI: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
- SAT: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace & Justice," nos. 887-891
- SUN: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

✠ LITURGY SCHEDULE ✠

THIS WEEK in Our Parish

6/27	SAT:	4:30pm	50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - RON & LUCILLE SMITH - Family
6/28	SUN:	9:00am †	DAVID KUNKEL - Family
		11:15am †	JACK & CLARA SHULTZ - Cecelia Page & Family
6/29	MON:	7:30am †	JOSEPH L. KOVAC - Cathy & Bob Koncerak
6/30	TUE:	7:30am †	EUGENE ZURAWSKI - Cyndy Milchick
7/1	WED:	7:30am †	JOSEPH & BARBARA LABER - Children
7/2	THU:	7:30am	PEOPLE OF ST. AGNES
7/3	FRI:	7:30am †	BOB ALESIOUS - From Your BFF
7/4	SAT:	8:00am †	JOSEPH & ANNE BOBISH - Ronald Onderko Family 
		4:30pm	ENZIO FRANCHI - Wife, Vi
7/5	SUN:	9:00am †	KAREN HAAS - Diane Walker & Family
		11:15am †	REGIS & MARTIN HOCK - Audrey & Ken Glick

Parish Update:

Parishioners and Friends: While we are delighted to have the church reopened for Sunday Masses, we are required to maintain 25% capacity. **In order to avoid turning anyone away**, we have developed a system for registering for Mass much like booking concert, sports, or theater tickets. Each week, registration will be available at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday for the Masses for the next weekend. There is no charge for Mass of course and you will not be asked for credit card information but the system will ask for your email and address. **There is no need to print the ticket or have it on your phone; your registration is all that is needed.**

The booking/registration site is: www.ticketsource.us/saint-agnes-catholic-church. Going forward the site will be linked from our parish web site and Facebook.

We are working on an alternate method to accommodate overflow in Resurrection Hall **but may not have this ready for the first few weeks**. Stay tuned for updates.

PRAYER CORNER - In your charity, please pray for those members of our parish family who need our prayers, especially:

Mike Ballas, Ruth Ann Chomas, Allan Cook, Jim Ferranti, Ronnie Findley, Msgr. V. Paul Fitzmaurice, John Gombos, Donna Grubbs, Tim Hamilton, Colby Horvath, Ethel Lesnicky, Frank Lesnicky, Sr., Lee Lewand, Nate Lewand, David Machek, Mary Ann Maiolo, Karen Mulvay, Betty Musser, Cheryl Roney, Tom Salsgiver, Francis Simko, Wendy Vincent, Sgt. Doug Vitale and Lana Wisniewski.

Wednesday, July 1

8:30am - 10:00am - Legion of Mary, **Res. Hall**, Room 303/305

Thursday, July 2

8:00am - 7:00pm - Adoration, Church

Friday, July 3

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day



Ministry Schedule for July 4 /5

	July 4, 4:30 pm	July 5, 9:00 am	July 5, 11:15 am
Lector	Ray Takacs	John Koller	Jill Callahan
Extra-ordinary Minister	Lorrie Gretz	Geralyn DeFelice	Dan Gorenz

Stewardship of Treasure - June 20/21

	Actual	Online Giving	Budgeted	Variance
Offertory	\$7,684.25	\$5,068.22	\$13,949.73	-\$1,197.26
Children's Env.	\$2.00	\$9.00		
Year to Date	\$463,591.25	\$219,448.22	\$711,436.23	-\$28,396.76



SHARE YOUR STORY -

From our COVID-19 experiences, we've had trials and tribulations, but we've also had the chance to strengthen bonds with family and friends, and Jesus! Please visit our blog by going to the parish web site, stagneschurch.info, and clicking on the slider with the "COVID-19 book" shown here. Read what others have contributed and don't forget that this is your story too. *Please share your story!*

PARISH news

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - at St. Agnes is currently suspended until further notice.



FOURTH OF JULY - Next weekend, July 4/5, we will observe the birthday of our country. Plan to arrive fifteen minutes early before Mass to join in singing some of your favorite patriotic hymns as we celebrate the blessings of our land and continue to pray for peace in this world. *Wear your red, white and blue!*



HELP WANTED - Part-Time Maintenance/Custodian at St. Agnes Church, N. Huntingdon. Hourly. Experienced in cleaning facilities and general maintenance, including electrical and plumbing. Ability to lift 50 pounds. To apply, please submit resume to ccoletti@dioceseofgreensburg.org or drop off at the parish office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ST. AGNES CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & LADIES GUILD

A letter to all Christian Mothers:

Although it's been several months since our last face to face encounters, we are still united by our motives and good will expressed as Catholic Christians. We are still the heart and soul of our families and friends even though we are wearing masks and are social distancing. We are continually under the protection and guidance of our Blessed Mother.

Know that our prayers and good works at this time, especially, are recognized and answered by our Heavenly Father.

It was the great Pope Pius IX who said "Give me truly Christian Mothers and I will renew the face of the earth." Prayerfully and by example, we can and will bring about this renewal. As we move ahead in this time of uncertainty, let's become even stronger in our faith and increase our devotion to the Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary daily. By prayer and example, we can bring this faith to the world!

We will keep you posted concerning future meetings and activities. With God's help, we will resume our public meetings in the near future.

With God's Blessings & Love,

The Christian Mother's Board

CLEARANCES - We are asking all volunteers to take some time to provide us with updated clearances and trainings. Our 5-year anniversary is upon us, which means many clearances have expired. For a complete list of requirements and instructions or to become a new volunteer, visit stagneschurch.info - click on the **Clearance slider**. Please turn in each certificate and/or clearance result to the St. Agnes office as you obtain it. If you have any questions or if you need to set up a time to use a computer at St. Agnes or make an appointment for direct assistance, please call the office at 724-863-2626. Thank you for your service and efforts to ensure our children's safety. Your cooperation and generous donation of your time and talents enable our parish to continue to serve the needs of our people and community!



REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES -

If you missed the opportunity to honor your deceased loved one, here's another chance! We plan to add more brass plates to the Memorial Plaque in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Order forms can be emailed to you or you can pick one up in the Church office during normal business hours.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We have a tradition at St. Agnes of praying for the families of our First Holy Communion group each year. Please stop by the Church Office Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and pick up a "Chalice Ornament" with a child's name and pray for their family. First Communion will be Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM. Thank you for your prayerful support!

In order to keep our Prayer Corner current and up-to-date, we ask that you call once a month if you wish to remain on the prayer list.

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the People of St. Agnes Parish are a Catholic Faith Community inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. Sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ, we are committed to spreading the Good News of God's love in our Parish and in the World. As we continue our journey of Faith, we pledge to love and support each other, give witness to Christ, and welcome all who desire to be part of our Parish Family.



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Dear Queen of Angels Catholic School Family:

I am pleased and excited to inform you that *Ms. Jennifer Filak* has accepted the offer to be the new principal of Queen of Angels Catholic School. Ms. Filak has 20 years of teaching and administrative experience in Catholic education, with the past 14 years at The Campus Laboratory School of Carlow University in Pittsburgh. She has served there as the pre-kindergarten and first-grade teacher, assistant director of early childhood programs and assistant head of the school. Ms. Filak began her educational career at Queen of Angels as the kindergarten and first-grade teacher from 1999-2006.

Her academic qualifications are excellent. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a concentration in natural sciences from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Gannon University in Erie. Ms. Filak is currently working on her Pennsylvania Department of Education administrative certification.

Ms. Filak's wealth of administrative experience includes oversight of day-to-day operations, budget issues, personnel matters and development initiatives. She collaborated with Carnegie Mellon University in several curriculum development areas and worked with The Campus Laboratory School faculty to implement its remote learning structures. She also helped develop an outdoor classroom for the school.

She says she looks forward to "coming home" to Queen of Angels and once again interacting with the parents, teachers, staff and students in this community that is centered on faith and service. I look forward to working with her as she leads Queen of Angels Catholic School into a new era of growth.

Ms. Filak begins her duties at Queen of Angels on July 1, 2020. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Filak to the Queen of Angels Catholic School community.

May God bless you always,

Maureen G. Marsteller, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Catholic Schools



QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Do you have a school age child? Have you considered our parish school, Queen of Angels Catholic School? From Toddler Two to the 8th grade, our school offers a wonderfully warm, faith-based environment staffed with dedicated and highly qualified faculty who educate the whole child. High expectations and high support help to develop each child's unique gifts. Parents like the extended family created by the school community and the personal attention each child receives. The school invites parents to be an active part of the home/school team. Tours are available Monday through Friday. Also, be sure to check our website at www.queenofangelssch.org for more information. Please call the school office at 724-978-0144 to make an appointment for a tour. For information on Angels After School Care, please contact the school office.

CHICKEN DINNER -

They're back! The Stewartsville Lions Club invite you to their take-out Chicken Bar-B-Q dinner, TODAY, Sunday, June 28, at 11:00 a.m. (until the dinners are sold out) in the parking lot of Holiday Travel, N. Huntingdon. Dinners are still only \$8.00. **Please stay in your car.** Orders will be taken and brought to you. All are welcome!

PA CHILDLINE -

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child, call 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

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