

# Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church :

200 Grace Street  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
January 1, 2023



## Mass Intentions

Circumcision of the Lord, January 1, 2023

8:00 AM **John Funaiock**

Remember by Sue and Dan Malerbo

10:00 AM **Members of Holy Trinity**

Humble Shepherds, January 8, 2023

8:00 AM **Anna Slezak**

Remember by Sue and Dan Malerbo

10:00 AM **Captain Sean Ruane** (Anniversary Remembrance)

Remembered by Marcia and Mike Ruane



**HELP US ENTER THE NEW YEAR** God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honor rather than destroy. Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come. May we welcome your lavish love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead. - *Vinita Hampton Wright*

**2023 SUPPORT ENVELOPES FOR HOLY TRINITY** As the New Year begins we are still waiting for our annual church envelopes. The company has run into several obstacles and promises to get them to us as soon as possible, which now looks like it will be the middle of January. Please, until the envelopes arrive and are distributed, place your weekly contribution in a regular envelope with your name so all contributions can be properly credited. We appreciate your generosity and your support of the parish.

**BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT NEW YEAR HOLY HOUR** As a Eucharistic people, adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament focuses our attention on the love of God that permeates our lives and our world. On Saturday, January 7, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. Please plan to participate. All are welcome!

**PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING** The Parish Committee will meet next Sunday, January 8 after the 10:00 AM Mass. We will prepare for the Annual Parish meeting which will take place on Sunday, January 29 at 11:00 AM.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** The Constitution of the Polish National Catholic Church requires each parish to hold an Annual Parish meeting. In this meeting we will review the past year and set goals for the new year. We are grateful to all who helped to make 2022 a successful year and look forward to what is before us in 2023. We ask that everyone plan to participate in the Annual Meeting which will take place on Sunday, January 29 after the 10 AM Mass. If you would like to be a part of the Parish committee please talk with Michael Clark, Fr. Mike or any of the current members of the Parish Committee to learn more about the work and how you can become more engaged.

**ANGELS IN THE SOCIAL HALL** The message of Christmas is announced by Angels as Mary accepts her role as the Mother of the Savior and the Magi are directed to the newborn King. In our Social Hall today are Angel figurines that are available for you to take home to make a part of your home thanks to the generosity of Mike and Carrie Clark. Any donations to the parish will be used to bring the message of Jesus to the youth of our parish.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE RUSSIAN UKRAINE CONFLICT** At this time of escalating tension we pray with people around the world for peace to prevail: God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Please send your Spirit of peace into the hearts of all and banish from us all the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family, uniting all of creation and in obedience to your law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LIHEAP APPLICATIONS** The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program is open to all PA residents who have a heating responsibility . This is a one time grant that can be sent to your primary or secondary heating source, gas, electric or fuel oil. Thereis also a CRISIS component that is available to help with heating emergencies. Paper applications are available or you can apply online at the COMPASS web site (<https://www.compass.state.pa.us>)



**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and touch my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### **January 2023 – Deepening Our Commitment**

*The image of a new born demonstrates the potential that a new year presents to us. We have the opportunity to consider our past efforts as well as the place that we have arrived because of these efforts. We can consider this present status and see it as a jumping off point to what the Lord still has in store for us. Two foundational concepts to consider as we deepen our role as disciples of Jesus. First, all of creation is an expression of God's love. From this perspective, the blessings and even the storms we all may face are there to guide us along the way. Second, God's will for our lives and for all of Creation will be realized according to God's plan.*

*Scripture: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27*

*"God called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." 2 Timothy 1:9*

**Reflection and Action Item:** *As we set our direction for 2023 one of biggest obstacles is the comfort we have created. Now is the time to wake from our slumber and proclaim the goodness of God to a waiting world. The task may seem like a giant before us, but we can with God's grace do it!*

**Action Item** – *Plan for ways to be engaged. Our words are powerful! Be committed to having conversations about God in all parts of your life, family, work, social. This is not the work of one hour, one day per week. The effort, maybe even a better word is battle, must be daily with all of the energy we can muster.*

**Fight selfishness:** *Commit to lifting others up. No lift is small! As we put others first and do our best to meet their needs we are giving Glory to God and helping bring all of creation back to him.*

**Say no to greed:** *We are building so much cushion in our lives, as is evidenced by the proliferation of storage units, that taking more than we need may be inconceivable in our current mindset. "The person with two coats is to share with the person who has none; and he who has food is to share with those who are hungry" Luke 3:1 Coats and food are representative of the excess we enjoy!*

**Act like you care:** *Apathy can be a powerful sign of a heart that is not engaged. Each of us is given this new year, a time of grace, to accomplish God's will in our lives and overflow into our families and community. Success, maybe even our survival, is dependent on our commitment to participate fully in creating a world of peace and joy for ourselves, our children and their children. What we do today will have repercussions for generations!*