

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
<u>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 29, 2023</u>	
8:00 AM Members of Holy Trinity	
10:00 AM Edward Gasior	
Remember by Terry	
<u>Septuagesima Sunday, February 5, 2023</u>	
8:00 AM Members of Holy Trinity	
10:00 AM Stella and John Grohal	
Remembered by Lori and Alan Michalski	

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 the new year and what we can accomplish together. Everyone is invited to participate in the Annual Meeting which will take place today, after the 10 AM Mass.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY Today is Sunday Music Scholarship Sunday in the Polish National Catholic Church. We are so grateful for the music ministry in our parish. Music Scholarships are a way to support this ministry and future musicians who will serve our church. All funds collected go directly to the scholarship fund for future scholarship awards! Young, old or in between can apply to receive a grant for education and ongoing development taking private music lessons and a commitment to share their talents with their parish music ministry. For more information and the application please visit the National United Choirs website. Thanks to everyone for generously supporting this important program!

SUPERBOWL RAFFLE Our parish is sponsoring a Superbowl Sunday block pool to help make the game a little more interesting and to raise some money to be donated to the McKees Rocks Police department to support their K-9 Unit. Each block is \$1) and we hope to have all 100 squares taken by next Sunday so we can publish and distribute the numbers. Thanks for your support of this parish project.

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.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES The closing of the Christmas season is a traditional time for the blessing of our homes. If you would like you home blessed as we recall the three gifts of the Magi please schedule a time with Fr. Mike. The blessing is a powerful way to thank God for the many gifts we have received as we place our families once again in the loving protection and grace of our loving God.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2023 With the start of 2023 there are opportunities to remember and pray for deceased members of our parish family or for other special intentions. If you would like a mass intention for a Sunday or holiday during the year please schedule with Fr. Mike.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING The Parish Committee will meet on Sunday, February 26 after the 10:00 AM Mass.

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, February 4, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. We invite everyone in the parish to participate. After the Benediction, a special luncheon will be held featuring homemade chili, soup and salad. Begin the month in prayer and fellowship! All are welcome!

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED The parish outreach via Facebook and YouTube is a valuable asset for parishioners who are not able to participate in Mass. It is also a valuable tool to share and a way to invite others, who may not be participating in the life of a church, to visit our parish for worship and consider joining in our community life of prayer. We are so grateful to Justin and Joe for installing camera;s and all of the technology to make this all possible. Since this is becoming a regular part of our life, we are also looking for one or two members of the parish who would be willing to learn how to live stream the Mass in times when Justin is not available. He has made the process as straightforward as possible and will teach and mentor all who would like to learn. Please contact Justin or Fr. Mike to learn more about this opportunity to serve our parish family.



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.

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. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

January 2023 – Deepening Our Commitment *The image of a newborn 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!*