

## Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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McKees Rocks, PA 15136

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### Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26, 2023

8:00 AM **Joey Fedyshyn and Herbie Hall**

Remembered by Family

10:00 AM **Jean Lauck**

Remembered by Susan and Harland West

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:00 AM **Morreale and Malerbo Families**

Remembered by Sue and Dan Malerbo

10:00 AM **Bertha Baker**

Remembered by Paulette Belionas and Family



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

First Saturday, Holy Hour and Benediction, 10:00 AM (Easter Egg Hunt to follow)

Palm Sunday, Mass at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

Holy Tuesday, Chrism Mass with Bishop Mack 7:00 PM Holy Family Parish McKeesport.

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper, with the Washing of Feet. 7:00 PM

Good Friday, Passion of the Lord, 1:00 PM

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, Mass of the Resurrection, 10:00 AM

There will be no School of Christian Living on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday mornings.

All the youth of the parish are encouraged to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt after the Holy Hour on Saturday, April 1.

Everyone is invited to the Chrism Mass with Bishop Mack and the priests and deacons of our diocese.

If you would like to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday see Fr. Mike.

Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday at the 10 AM Mass.

Please note there is no 8:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday.

### THANK YOU FROM MCKEES ROCKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church Members,

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the K9 Fund. Only with the help of the community will we be able to accomplish our goal. And having the support of your church is very much appreciated and will not be forgotten. Thank you again,

Chief Rick Deliman, McKees Rocks PD

**POLISH NATIONAL UNION** Next Sunday is the last day to bring food for our Lenten Food Drive. People Need Us! Districts 5 and 12 of the PNU are inviting all parishes to join in a food drive to roll away the stone of hunger. Our lenten food drive will run until Palm Sunday. Please bring your donations to church place them in the bins located in the entrance to the church. All of the donations will be given to a local food bank to be distributed to individuals and families in our area. Thanks for your support!

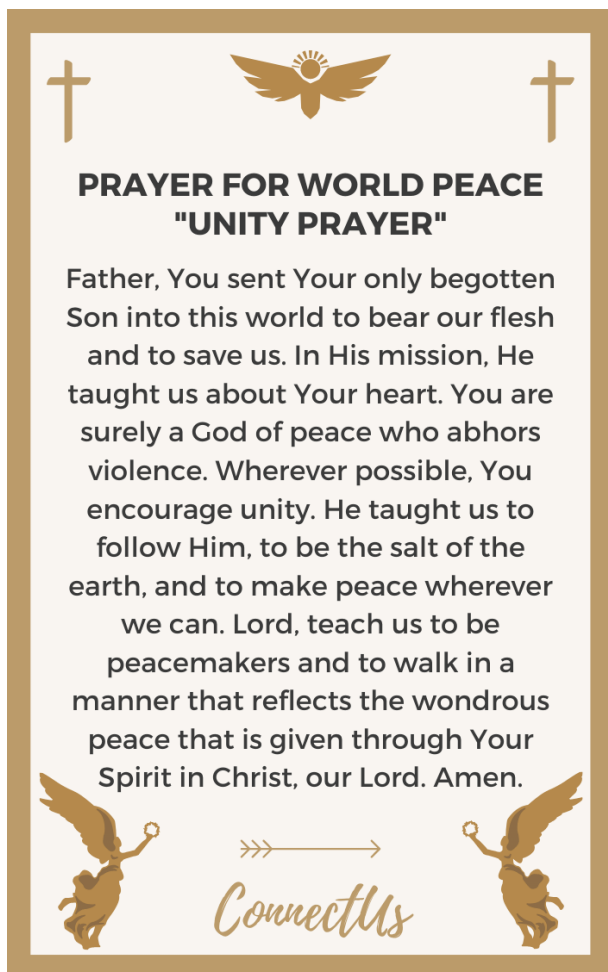
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**. Please join in prayer and fellowship beginning at 6:00 PM for the final journey through Jerusalem with Jesus during this Lenten Season this Friday evening. We will share fellowship after with a simple meal. Everyone is invited to attend!

**PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING** The Parish Committee will meet today, Sunday March 26 after the 10 AM.

**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, April 1, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

**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.

**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.



**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.

**LENT 2023 – The Journey continues!** The holy season of Lent is an exceptional gift given to us by the church to journey more deeply into the experience of God’s love. Jesus shows us the way. Throughout this season we will find him in prayer, fighting off temptations and immersing himself in the Father’s love as he completes the plan to win salvation for souls. We are invited to enter into the two movements of this season with Jesus. First we are invited to remove from our lives those things or thoughts that separate us from God. By fasting and fostering a generous heart we practice detachment from things and stuff while seeking deeper attachment to the Source of all life, Our Father. Prayer strengthens this attachment as we spend time with God in our inner rooms and in communal opportunities of worship and praise. As we nurture this beautiful gift of Union we then participate in the second part of the journey. We are commissioned to take the love the Father has for us and allow it to overflow into our world. Our words convey the message of good news to those in our circle of influence and our actions back up those words as we use our resources to lift up those around us.

***Scripture: Turn away your face from my sins; blot out all my iniquities. A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit. Do not drive me from before your face, nor take from me your holy spirit. Restore to me the gladness of your salvation; uphold me with a willing spirit. Psalm 51:11-14***

**Reflection and Action Item:** Lent 2023 is not a spectator sport, we are all invited to participate in the opportunity for individual prayer (Praying the rosary and the Psalms each day) as well as communal worship (Sunday Mass, Stations of the Cross). And as we experience the love and presence of our Father we make every effort to share the good news with others in all we say and do. We are invited to lift up those we can in our families and neighborhoods and to join in the efforts of our parish family as we are able (Parish Food Drive, McKees Rocks K-9).

*May God grant us the grace to participate fully, so that the generous gift of the Father may reach its perfection in us!!*