

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

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 Beliunas and Family

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 PM **Members of Holy Trinity Parish**

Easter Vigil, April 8

7:00 PM **Deceased Members of Holy Trinity Parish**

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

10:00 AM **Sam Karpa** (Anniversary)

Remembered by Dorothy



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 Easter Sunday morning.

All the youth of the parish are encouraged to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 2 at 9:30 AM

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.

POLISH NATIONAL UNION Today 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, May 13, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

2023 SUPPORT ENVELOPES FOR HOLY TRINITY HAVE ARRIVED!!! Thanks to all who continued to support Holy Trinity Parish through the first quarter of this year. We are happy to announce that the donation envelopes for 2023 have finally arrived and are available on tables in the entrance to the church. If you would like to have a set of envelopes for the year please see Paulette or Fr. Mike. 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.



HOLY WEEK 2023 – The Journey continues! Our long journey to the Renewal of Easter ends in the three days that make up the Easter Triduum. These three days draw us into the mystery of our salvation. On Holy Thursday, we are given an example to imitate. This is a special day in our parish. We celebrate the gift of the love of Jesus, given to us for our nourishment - given to us as an example of selfless giving and love. We let our Lord wash our feet - love us unconditionally -and we let Jesus be broken and given for us. And we ask for the grace to be faithful to the commandment of Jesus - that we might love others in the same way that we have been loved.

Where charity and love are found, there is God.

On Good Friday, we embrace the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world. Come, let us worship! On this day we can draw close to our Lord, because of the crosses we carry. We fast and abstain, to sharpen our awareness and openness. Standing at the foot of the cross as a forgiven sinner we notice all the other sinners forgiven with us. Our hearts are filled with profound gratitude as we strive just to be with our Savior in this powerful moment of sacrifice.

My people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me.

There is no liturgy on Holy Saturday. We spend the day reflecting upon the powerful reality of Jesus' death. What is important is that we keep this day holy, and let our "sense" of the mystery of death shape our reflection, and our longing to celebrate the Easter gift of Jesus alive, for us and with us. During the Easter Vigil, we can renew our Baptismal Promises in a way that completes our Lenten journey and opens us to the celebration of New Life with the Risen Jesus.

Scripture: "Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection." Rom 6:3-11

Reflection and Action Item: As we actively participate in the liturgies of Holy Week we are drawn more deeply into the life of Jesus and the community of the church. Make time in your schedule to take as much in as possible. The Chrism Mass on Tuesday at Holy Family, the last supper on Holy Thursday with the washing of the feet, the Passion on Good Friday and the celebration of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil or at the Mass of Resurrection on Easter Sunday Morning. During these moments of worship the grace of God offers us all healing and transformation!

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