

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023

8:00 AM **James Devinney**

Remembered by Gretchen and Mike Grimes

10:00 AM **Nell Schneider**

Remembered by Terry

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2023

8:00 AM **Robert Merkosky**

Remembered by Bobby and Darryl

10:00 AM **All the Mothers of Holy Trinity, Living & Deceased**

Remembered by their devoted children

I AM THE *Way*
THE *Truth*
AND THE *Life*

Fifth Sunday of Easter Jesus is Risen!. Alleluia! Thank you, God, for the gift of your Son!

In the gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus console us, asking us to not let our hearts be troubled because he goes only to prepare a place for us and that "No one comes to the Father except through me."

We need to hold the words of Jesus in our hearts. Their attractive invitation call us to see and experience the life of communion with the Trinity as this life of grace and love is shared with us. As we learn to live in this loving embrace we naturally begin to allow others into this life of communion.

It takes attentiveness to stay focused on this as the foundation of our daily life. We have accumulated multiple distractions over the years. As this consoling message of Jesus finds a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, we open ourselves to the mystery of God walking with us. This message moves from being a momentary message on Sunday to the foundation in which all that we do and say and experience is grounded.

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Today, our parish family celebrates First Holy Communion as Nora, Ethan, Santino and Weston approach the Table of the Lord to receive the precious body and Blood of Jesus. As they begin this new life of grace in this sacramental encounter with Jesus, please keep them and their families in your prayers. May they recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread and be inspired to follow him more completely knowing that they are supported by him and this community of faith.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER Please make note that we will once again be adjusting our Sunday Mass time during the summer months. During the months of June, July and August we will have one Mass at 9:00 AM. We will continue to stream the Mass live each Sunday.

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE Our parish will be holding our annual Rummage sale on the weekend of July 14 and 15. This has always been a successful event for the parish and for all of us who get to declutter and recycle some of our unwanted stuff. To that end, please begin staging all of the things that you no longer find useful but that just might be treasure to someone else. We will begin accepting donations after June 27.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AND PARISH PICNIC Plan now to participate in the Memorial Day Mass and cover dish picnic on Monday May 29. Mass will be held by our Veterans Memorial as we pray for and remember all those who have given their lives in service to our country. Starting this weekend we will have a basket raffle with the winners drawn at the picnic. Thanks to all those who donated the 10 baskets! Check out the baskets in the hallway and be sure get some chances to win!

SUPPORT FOR PINK TIE AFFAIR The Pink Tie Affair directly supports people fighting breast cancer in many remarkable ways. The annual golf outing which this year is going to be held on Saturday June 10 is their largest fundraiser of the year and Holy Trinity supports this effort by putting together a "tree" of PA scratch off tickets. Over the next several weeks we will be collecting tickets. Thanks for supporting this very important ministry!

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING The Parish Committee will meet after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, June 25..

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 Thanks to all who have picked up their envelopes for 2023 and for your generous support of Holy Trinity parish. Those remaining 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. Your generosity is appreciated!

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING AMBIT ENERGY First, please let me say Thank You for being a customer with Ambit Energy. Ambit was purchased by Vistra Corporation a few years ago. Vistra has begun raising the rates for electricity when it is time for a customer to renew. When you receive your renewal notice from Ambit Energy, it would be best NOT to renew. Simply call Duquesne Light at 412-393-7100 or West Penn Power at 800-686-0021.

Let them know that you want to return to them as your supplier. Please feel free to call me for any questions or help you may need. We miss you and care about you very much. Debbie and Roger Stutzman 412-849-8894

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.

MAY CROWNING Mary the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven." May has been Mary's month since medieval times, when May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It's a time for new beginnings and the chance to begin with gratitude and devotion. There are many reasons Mary is considered the "Queen of Heaven." She was a perfect follower of Christ, and so is considered the crown of creation. She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of Israel and the universe. And of course, she is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.

Today after Mass we are all invited to celebrate our May Crowning as we proceed to the outside shrine of the Blessed Mother as we place a crown of flowers on Mary's statue. May we have a special encounter with Christ through the Virgin Mary. *May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.— Author Unknown*