

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16, 2023

9:00 AM **Flo and Tom Claybaugh** (July 18)

Connie and Tom Selep (July 21)

Anniversary Remembrance by Family

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23, 2023

9:00 AM **Karen and Bill Behrenberg** (Anniversary)

Remembered by Family

Martha Lauck

Remembered by Susan and Harland West



REST IN PEACE The Polish National Catholic Church suffered a loss this past week as Bishop Jerry Rafalko, The Bishop of the Western Diocese died. Please keep his wife Leslie, his family and the Western Diocese in your prayers during this time of mourning and prayer. Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is about God's faithfulness. The promise of Isaiah 55 and Parable of the Sower from Matthew's Gospel remind us that no matter what obstacles we face as his disciples, as sowers of the Good News, God will work effectively through us. "But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This is a great week to grow in a sense of not being alone. It is so difficult to find intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday lives if we go through our lives, either trying to do it alone or simply not acknowledging the fact that God is always with us. We could make this the special gift we ask for each week: "Lord, let me know and experience that you are with me, every day, all the time." If we only came to realize that God is as faithful to us in our slavery as God was in the Exodus story, we'd feel so different each day. We'd express our gratitude more. We'd sing God's praises.

If we walk through each day this week with a little more confidence in God's presence, God's merciful love for us, God's protection and care for us, then the Gospel message of Jesus can find a way into our hearts much more freely. Imagine if with this confidence, we could start asking Jesus:

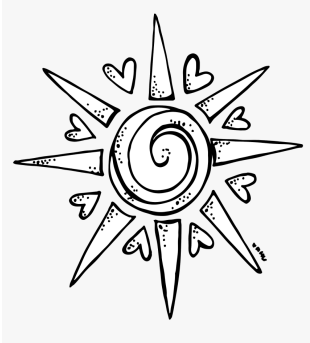
Lord, I don't want to keep seeking myself this week. I don't want to be so absorbed in my needs, in winning, in manipulating, in criticizing, in using my power to protect myself. I want to find myself, the life you offer me, by surrendering more, by letting go of what I cling to. Help me be freer each day whether I am at work, at play or at home.



SUMMER EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES Holy Trinity will be conducting a Summer Experience for the youth of our parish and their families next Saturday July 22. There will be videos, crafts, conversation and food. Everyone is invited to participate in this mid summer event to grow closer to the Lord Jesus and one another. We will begin at 9:00 AM and finish up with lunch. Please plan to attend and kids bring your friends!

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE!!! Our parish annual Rummage continues today after Mass. Please, please, please be sure to visit the hall and take some special treasures home with you! Thanks to Mike and Carrie Clark for leading us this year to another successful sale where everyone benefits! Those who donated got better organized and decluttered, those who bought added treasures to their lives and the church benefited by this fundraising effort also by helping our parish be known by more people in our community. A heartfelt thanks to ALL who helped to make this happen!

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE Summer Sunday Mass time that will remain in place during the months of June, July and August. The Parish will celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM. We will continue to stream the Mass live each Sunday. Thanks to all for adjusting their Sunday schedule in order to continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper with us. With only one Mass on Sunday mornings we are likely to have larger congregations. Please be sensitive to those who are coming to church to quietly pray and prepare for the celebration of the Mass. Building community and catching up with one another is an important part of parish Life with long conversations held in the social hall. Thanks for helping to create an atmosphere that is conducive to both prayer and the building of community!



PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure. Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gifts. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence. Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. AMEN

SAMBS (Ladies of Adoration) A special thank you to the members of the Ladies Adoration who hosted both breakfast and lunch during the annual Parish Rummage Sale. The coffee and donuts, pierogies, hotdogs with all the fixings were a huge hit for both the volunteers and those visiting our church!!

After Mass this morning the members of the Ladies Adoration Society will meet to finalize plans for our Youth and Family Summer Experience to be held next Saturday.

POLISH NATIONAL UNION, DISTRICT 5, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUTING On Sunday August 20, 2023 the Polish National Union will host a Family and Friends day at the Washington Wild Things Stadium. An all you can eat picnic will be available at 4:15 PM and the baseball game will begin at 5:30 PM. You must sign up by July 31, 2023 Children are \$10 and adults are \$23. Please see Paulette to register for the event or to ask any questions you may have about all of the wonderful benefits that come with membership in the Polish National Union!

CHOIR NEWS FOR SUMMER We often wonder about how quickly time passes; especially when engaged in a purposeful work. So it is with our choir at Holy Trinity. These faithful and talented people, who so generously give in this music ministry, are certainly worth their weight!! We applaud our choir today and give them a much needed summertime rest. As we head into Ordinary Time in our church year, we hope and pray all have a relaxing summer holiday to recharge the battery! THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Enjoy the sunshine and may the time pass ever so slowly! AND for all those who love to sing please consider sharing your musical talents with the parish in September!

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING The Parish Committee will meet after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, August 20.

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, August 5, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. During this time of worship, praise and prayer we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing for all those who are seeking healing. All are welcome!

2023 SUPPORT ENVELOPES FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday July 9th the parish received \$1,250 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$6 in support of Missions, \$128 for HELP, and the PNCC Fund received \$65. Miscellaneous cash and checks were \$46.55. The total collection for the week was \$1,495.55. In addition the Enhancement Fund was \$555. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you would like to have a set of envelopes for your contributions please see Paulette or Fr. Mike.

PRAY FOR THE SICK Please pray for all those who are infirmed or home bound. In a special way we pray for Beverly, Bob, Joann, Knox, Nick, Melinda, Alan and Jordan.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER *In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen. Julian of Norwich*

