

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30, 2023

9:00 AM **Peter Betters**

Anniversary Remembrance by Dorothy Karpa



ORDINARY TIME On the **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we are reminded that God has sown good seed, but, of course, an enemy has sown weeds in the same field. We are not supposed to go out there judgmentally pulling up weeds, but to leave judgment to God. The way the Kingdom of God grows is the way tiny seeds grow and the way yeast makes dough rise: it is surprising and slow and almost imperceptible. If we have ears, we ought to hear.

This week offers us an opportunity to practice being “contemplatives in action.” For busy people, it is possible to pray - “to lift our minds and hearts to God” - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

As we journey through the week our prayer may be simple, but with a consistency that is our source of power!

Pray for growth, **“O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow.”** Pray in gratitude, **“Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today.”** Or pray to walk more closely with God. **“Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the closeness you offer me as I do so.”**



SUMMER EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES Holy Trinity first ever Summer Experience for the youth of our parish and their families yesterday morning was a wonderful success. We are grateful for the 14 youth of our parish and their families who took the time to participate. We all learned about Moses and Mariam and the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt. We came to appreciate the struggles of the Israelites, the power of prayer and the power of God to save his people. Just as Moses and Mariam were called by name we too became aware of our calling and the talents God has given to us, to be used to build up the family of God as we journey through our lives. A huge thank you as well to all those who contributed to the success of the day! The crafts, the teaching, the activities and the music all came together to create a memorable experience for all! May God bless and grow the seeds that were planted in the heart of all those who participated!

PARISH RUMMAGE SALE!!! Our parish annual Rummage has been all cleaned up and the remaining items taken to a local church for their rummage sale, to the Veterans and to Western Psych. 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. The total raised by our combined effort was a new record! We raised a total of \$2,122! During the sale we also had a basket for donations to help cover the cost of placing markers on graves in our cemetery currently without a headstone. We received \$111 in donations for this effort.. 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! The Ladies made \$110 for their efforts in the kitchen, not to mention they helped feed many of the volunteers who spent time helping with the event!

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 FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday July 16th the parish received \$970 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$6 in support of Missions, \$80 for HELP, and the PNCC Fund received \$75. Miscellaneous cash and checks were \$141. The total collection for the week was \$1,272. 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*

