

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 20, 2023

9:00 AM **Nicholas Lopushansky**

Remembered by Mary and Matt Nosal and Penny

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 27, 2023

9:00 AM **Lorraine Krivanak** (Birthday))

Remembrance by Joanie and Chrissy

Janet Trapuzzano (Birthday)

Remembered by Paulette and Ed Beliuнас



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME God's love belongs to all of us, according to the readings of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Isaiah, God promises "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, tells us "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" and refers to himself as the "apostle to the Gentiles." In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus hears the pleas of a "foreign" woman, a Canaanite who begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

This week we can be moved by the powerful faith of the Canaanite women. We are all presented with challenges to being a person of faith. For many of us, our daily prayers are asking God to bless us with more freedom and more independence. When our priorities are in line as disciples of Jesus our prayer will match up with what "success" really means for us. Like the Canaanite women we may adjust our focus away from self and on to others with a renewed dependence and trust in God's power to heal and save us.

We pray for the grace to find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy everyday lives. May our own faith be deepened as we learn from the faith of the Canaanite woman!

"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." "Lord, help me."

"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."



MINISTRY TO STUDENTS. NEXT SUNDAY IS THE END OF OUR DRIVE For many, the beginning of a new school year initiates a time of exploration and learning, making new friends and developing new skills. It is also a time that requires preparation and resources. To help families in our community with this task we will be collecting school supplies that will be distributed to families with students in our community. We will help students in our parish, then also reach out to others in our community working with the FOR Center. During the month of August please bring School supplies. Some ideas include black Sharpie markers, masking tape, clear packing tape, dry erase markers, paper towels, Crayola 24 count crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, plastic baggies. Also Pretzels, Cheese Crackers and Animal Crackers, Stickers, Playdoh, Gummy Bears. See handout for more ideas. Thanks for supporting this outreach effort to enable children in our community to have a strong start to

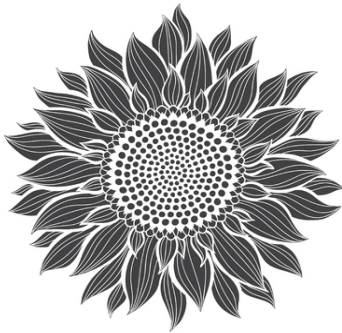
the new school year!

Dear Lord, as we begin a new school year, we gather as a community of believers, a family of your children. We thank you for the renewal of the summer months and our safe return to our schools. We thank you for the promise of the days ahead and for the blessing of grace to grow in knowledge and understanding. Be with us this year. Open our hearts to become people with and for others. Help us to be studious, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice. Keep all safe in body and spirit. May we be gentle with ourselves while striving to serve your greater glory. And may we be a source of support, encouragement and love to others. AMEN

YOUTH SUNDAY Next Sunday, August 27, we will celebrate a special Mass for the beginning of the new School year. Students and teachers please plan to join us to pray together for a successful and safe school year.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SUMMER 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, September 9, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. Please note this will be on the second Saturday of the month due to the Labor Day holiday weekend. All are welcome!

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE Our Parish will return to the traditional Mass schedule on the first Sunday in September. On Sunday, September 3, Fr. Sr. Bob Pleczkowski will join us to celebrate mass at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Please make note of the time change. Thanks to everyone for the flexibility and willingness to adjust their schedules during the summer months. We will continue to stream the Mass live each Sunday at 9:00 AM for the next three weeks, then we will shift back to streaming live the 10:00 AM Mass. Please continue to 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**

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 today, August 20.

2023 SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday August 13 the parish received \$1,895 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$20 for the PNCC, \$20 for HELP, SOCL received \$10 and cash was \$60. The total deposit was \$1,087. The Enhancement Fund received \$650. The total collection for the week was \$1,396. 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, Cindy, Joann, Kimi, Knox, Laura, 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*

