

## Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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### Mass Intentions

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 17, 2023

8:00 AM **Gloria and Herbie Hall**

Remembered by Family

10:00 **Steffie Gasior**

Remembered by Terry

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 24, 2023

8:00 AM **Ted Broneszewski Sr.**

Remembered by Family

10:00 **Living and Deceased Members of Sponjia**



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** This week we are invited to reflect on how we forgive. Peter asks Jesus "how often" we must forgive, asking the extent of Jesus' call for mercy. The parable of the forgiven servant who can't forgive is meant to give us clear guidance for our lives as followers of Jesus: if we are forgiven, we must forgive others. Who hasn't wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.

These days, the news stories are centered on war and conflict, and on financial collapse centered on greed. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week's readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God's love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free.

***Loving God, thank you for forgiving us, and for the blessings of being able to forgive. Help us to forgive, and use us to help others who need the healing that comes from forgiving others.***

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** It is with great joy and thanksgiving to God that we announce the ordination of Deacon Joseph Anthony Pasquella and Deacon Richard Joseph Rueberger to the Holy Priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ to be conferred by his Grace the Right Reverend John E. Mack, Bishop Ordinary of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. The Ordination will take place on Saturday, October 7th, the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of the Rosary, two thousand and twenty-three at 11 O'clock in the morning. The Mass of Ordination will take place at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway St. Lancaster, New York. A light reception will follow the mass in the Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski Center. All are invited to participate. Please RSVP to the reception by calling 716-685-5766. Please keep these two men in your prayers as they prepare for ordination and continue to ask God to bless our church with good and worthy vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

**CHOIR NEWS** With summertime in the rear-view mirror and autumn on the horizon, our parish once again calls all singers to consider joining our Choir which begins a new season of leading the music at the 10:00 AM Mass today after a restful, yet fruitful respite. Thanks in advance for your faithfulness and support of our music ministry here at Holy Trinity. Thank you!

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING** We are excited to begin a new year of learning for our Sunday School students today, Sunday, September 17th for the 2023/2024 school year. All students that are participating, please arrive at 9am.

Following the first class on the 17th, Pre-School/Kindergarten class will begin at 9:30am and all other classes will begin at 9am. There will be a Communion and Confirmation class so if your child will be receiving either of those Sacraments, please plan on attending.

If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Mary Nosal at mary.l.nosal@gmail.com or 412-817-0438. All are welcome!

**POLISH HERITAGE SUNDAY** Sunday, October 15th is Polish Heritage Sunday and our parish will be celebrating with a Polka Mass at 10:00 AM. The music will be led by Mon Valley Push and all are invited to join in the Mass and reception that will follow!

**2023 - 2024 PITTSBURGH STEELERS SEASON FOOTBALL POOL** Holy Trinity Steelers football pool is complete! Good Luck to all those who are participating over the next 17 weeks of the regular season games. Blocks have been assigned and all the numbers have been picked for the entire season. All participants will have the same block for the entire season but your numbers are different each week. Please be sure to pick up one copy for each of the 17 weeks so you can follow along during the game. Each game will pay out \$25 for half and \$75 for the final. The December 23rd game will pay out \$100 for the first and third quarters, \$200 for the half and \$300 for the final score. If we would get 50 participants these numbers double. Sing up this Sunday, see Mike Clark for more details.

**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, October 7, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!



Have mercy on me, God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions. My sin is constantly before me. Against you, and you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight; that you may be proved right when you speak, and justified when you judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity. In sin my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts. You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness, That the bones which you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all of my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Do not throw me from your presence, and do not take your holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the

joy of your salvation. Uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:1-12, New Heart English Bible)

**PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING** The Parish Committee will meet after the 10:00 AM Mass next Sunday, September 24.

**2023 SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY** Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday September 3 the parish received \$1,278 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$89 for Missions, \$34 for the PNCC, \$200 from the Steelers football pool, HELP \$10, SOCL \$40 and cash was \$135. The total deposit was \$1,786. The Enhancement Fund received \$175. 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, Jim, Joann, Kimi, Knox, Laura, Nick, Nunny, 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*

