

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 15, 2023

8:00 AM **Joseph Piekut** (Anniversary)

Remembered by Dorothy Karpa

10:00 **Thomas Selep** (Anniversary)

Remembered by Family

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2023

8:00 AM **Captain Sean Ruane**

Remembered by Marcia Ruane and Family

10:00 **Darius Walat**

Remembered by a friend



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME In the Gospel from Matthew this Sunday we hear the story about the King who gave a banquet for his son and invited many guests. It is a powerful story about rejecting Jesus' own invitation and about God's universal invitation to a new group of "chosen" people.

As we travel through each week we are encouraged to become more authentic. Jesus invites us to simplicity - to let go of the things that bind us and "come, join me." He wants to take us beyond obedience to the law or acts of piety. These are not bad in themselves, but they can hold a particular vulnerability to in-authenticity or hypocrisy, unless they are rooted in deep reliance upon God and faith in Jesus as our Savior. Mere cleanliness on the outside or placing burdens on people's shoulders leaves us still far away from an experience of God's love that overflows into love and mercy for others.

This week, let's wake up each day and ask God for the grace to be more authentic. We can remind ourselves of this desire in our hearts. Choosing humility is simply choosing honesty in very small ways. Throughout our days, each of us can find words to express to God our desire to be more honest and transparent with ourselves and with others. "Lord, let me be just who I am today. I know that in your eyes I'm a loved sinner. In grateful humility, don't let me be harsh or judgmental with my family, with friends or co-workers. Let me give up bragging, shading the truth, any kind of falsehood. I want to abstain today from even thoughts that take me down a road of cheating on my relationships, my commitments and my relationship with you."

This is all about focus and choosing to place our attention on our relationship with Jesus in the most ordinary moments of our day. As we end each day, we can give thanks that our desire was given to us - that whenever we open our hearts, our God is always there, ready to bless our desires.

Merciful God, help me respond as best I can to your invitation. Amen

POLISH HERITAGE SUNDAY Today is Polish Heritage Sunday! We welcome all of our guests and the Mon Valley PUSH as they uplift and inspire us with their music. We give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. We also pray for all the needs of our world as we all work to create connections that create an environment for all to live in peace. Thank you for being a part of this special celebration!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Our Parish will once again be adding to the celebration of Christmas. The Samaritans Purse Shoebox gift is a way for a child to appreciate the generosity of people that they do not know and appreciate these gifts as an expression of God's love. Each shoe box contains a pamphlet listed suggested items. Please consider packing a box or two. All boxes must be returned to church by Sunday, November 19. Thank you for your generous support of this parish activity.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING We are excited to begin a new year of learning for our Sunday School students. All students that are participating, please arrive at 9am. Pre-School/Kindergarten class will begin at 9:30am and all other classes

will be 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!

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 11 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. 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.



BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 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, November 4, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. November will be our second of five first Saturdays of the month to pray and offer sacrifices for the conversion of Russia and peace with Ukraine. Please plan to participate in these next five months of prayer as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You. Most holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING The Parish Committee will meet after the 10:00 AM Mass on, Sunday, November 5, 2023

2023 SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday October 8 the parish received \$989 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$160 for the PNCC, \$138 for HELP, \$5 for Missions and cash was \$170. The total deposit was \$1,462. The enhancement fund received \$571. 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 A. and Bob M., Carol K., Cindy, Jeanne, Jim, Joann, Kimi, Knox, Laura, Linda, 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*

