

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 29, 2023

8:00 AM **Lorraine Jefferies**

Remembered by Marcia Ruane and Family

10:00 **Michael Claybaugh** (Birthday)

and Josh Haskins (Anniversary)

Remembered by Family



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME In the passage from Matthew's gospel today we hear of the Pharisee plot to set a trap for Jesus. This time they use politics to see if he will offend either Rome or the people. Should they pay Rome's census tax? Jesus pushes the challenge back to them: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." What is it they must repay to God that is God's? Their trust in Jesus -- God's gift to them.

This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer. There's freedom "from" and freedom "for." We can ask to be released *from* what has a hold on us. If we ask, we can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. We can pray to be free *for* whatever God desires of us. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others and to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.

We pray with St. Ignatius and with all of the saints, in our words and in our actions: Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will. All I own and all I have, You gave to me, to you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours, dispose of it according to your will. Give me your love and grace, this is enough for me. Amen.

POLISH HERITAGE SUNDAY Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Polish Heritage Sunday last week a success!! All of our guests and the Mon Valley PUSH were certainly exposed to a dose of hospitality and faith. We continue to 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 listing 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.

REQUEST FOR CLOTHING Western Psychiatric Hospital is in need of clothing for adults, children and adolescents. ANY gently used T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, jeans and socks would be appreciated. They cannot use dresses, shorts or skirts or clothing with drawstrings. We will be accepting donations until Sunday November 5. Thank you for your support!

REST IN PEACE Please keep in your daily prayers the mother of Fr. John Dinello, Giovanna, who passed away this past week at the age of 97. The visitation will be at Warco Funeral Home in Washington on Friday from 2 PM to 4:00 PM and 6 PM to 8:00 PM. The funeral mass will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday at Immaculate Conceptions in Washington PA. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMen

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 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!

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 10 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 \$649 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$45 for the PNCC, \$25 for HELP, \$20 for Missions and cash was \$364. The total deposit was \$1,103. The enhancement fund received \$60. 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*

