

## Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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### Mass Intentions

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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

8:00 AM **Lorraine Krivanek**

Remembered by Joanie and Chrissy

10:00 **Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity**



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Justice and compassion are keys to loving, in the readings for this Sunday, Exodus proclaims God's call that we act justly toward foreigners, and the most vulnerable among us: widows, orphans and the poor. Jesus says it most simply: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ...You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We celebrate some important feast days this week. On November 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and on November 2nd, we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. A wonderful time to remember the "communion of saints" that we have on our side and the communion we will enjoy forever.

As we celebrate All Saints, we are reminded of all the women and men whose faithful living of the Gospel is so clear that we are sure we can imitate their lives. These are all the named saints. It would be great to name the saints whose example we desire to shape our lives. All Souls day gives us the opportunity to remember and pray for all our brothers and sisters who have died. We confidently hope and pray that they may be embraced by the love and mercy of God, poured forth in the life giving death and resurrection of Jesus. This is a wonderful day to name all those we want to pray for, and to include in our prayer those who have no one to pray for them.

***Loving God, we remember now in prayer our dearly departed. May they rest in peace with you and experience the eternal joy of heaven. Heal our grief, merciful Lord, strengthen our hope that we, too, will one day share in the resurrection of your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen***

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - ALL SOUL'S DAY** Each year the church sets aside the month of November as a special time to remember and pray for our deceased family and friends. All Souls Day on Thursday, November 2, a day dedicated to praying for the souls and honoring the lives of all those who have entered into eternal life. On Thursday evening, at 7:00 PM our parish will have a special Mass of Remembrance for the faithful departed from our parish and all those buried in our cemetery. If you would like to remember anyone by name at this Mass please give their names to Fr. Mike or submit their names in the collection basket. May we all know the comfort of God as we grieve for all our loved ones who have died.

**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!

**THANKSGIVING AT HOLY TRINITY** In recent years, one of our traditions has been to celebrate Thanksgiving with mass the evening prior. This year, on Wed. Nov. 22, liturgy will be celebrated at 6:00 pm, and will feature our Festival Choir. Please make a note of the earlier hour. Also, you are invited to sing for this one-time event by attending ONE of two scheduled rehearsals. The first is on Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm. And the second rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, November 15 at 1 pm. Mass and both rehearsals are here at Holy Trinity. Thank you.

**41st ANNUAL PITTSBURGH POLISHFEST** To take place on Sunday, November 12 from 12 PM to 4 PM at the Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh. This is a free, live, family oriented cultural celebration, Listen to Folk music, song and dance. The Lajkoniki Polish Folk Dancers will be performing at 3:00 PM. Experience genealogy, cultural demonstrations with recipes as well as historical, religious and folk-art offerings. Taste ethnic foods, cookies, cakes and candies and shop in the Polish Marketplace for a wide variety of imported items. Visit [Nationalityroos.pitt.edu/evnts/upcoming](http://Nationalityroos.pitt.edu/evnts/upcoming) for more details.

**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](mailto: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 9 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 22nd the parish received \$675 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$88 for the PNCC, \$20 for HELP, \$10 for Missions and cash was \$215. The total deposit was \$1,008. The enhancement fund received \$35. All Soul's Day \$10 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, Kathy, 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*

