

## Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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### Mass Intentions

Feast of the Christian Family, October 8, 2023

8:00 AM **Dolores Boronsky**

Remembered by Marcia Ruane and Family

10:00 **Members of Holy Trinity Parish**

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



**FEAST OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY** On the second Sunday of October the Polish National Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Christian Family. This Feast was established in 1914 at the Third General Synod of the Church. Bishop Hodur and the delegates of the synod wanted to be mindful of the fundamental role the family plays in our lives, in the church and in society. Today we celebrate all Christian Families as we are all God's Children and called to be members of His family, the Church. The family is the first place we hear the Gospel and come to know the presence of God. It is the place where we physically, emotionally and spiritually. Today we celebrate families and commit ourselves to create an environment where all are welcome and given the opportunity to grow in wisdom and grace.

*"Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."* Philippians 4:6-9

**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.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** Congratulations to Fr. Joseph Anthony Pasquella and Fr. Richard Joseph Rueberger who were ordained 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 on Saturday, October 7th. We are grateful to God for the gift of these vocations! Please keep these men in your prayers as they begin their ministry as priests and continue to ask God to bless our church with good and worthy vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

**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! Please take time this week to invite family and friends to be a part of this special celebration!

**PARISH AND GROUNDS CLEAN UP** Thanks to everyone who was able to give their time and energy to clean up the church and parish grounds yesterday afternoon. The work is never done but we were able to get many things done to prepare for the colder weather.

**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 12 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 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, 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 1 the parish received \$1,148 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$32 for the PNCC, \$100 from the Hall Rental \$81 for Missions and cash was \$205. The total deposit was \$1,576. The enhancement fund received \$125. 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., 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*