

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Thirtieth-second Sunday, Ordinary Time, November 12, 2023

8:00 AM **James Devinny (1 year anniversary)**

Remembered by Gretchen and Mike Grimes

10:00 **Nell Schneider**

Remembered by Terry

Thirty-third Sunday, Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

8:00 AM **Louise Zuklick**

Remembered by Adrian and Family

10:00AM **Lawrence Rogowski**

Remembered by Laura, Mark and Family



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Being prepared for the coming of the Lord is a central theme in the gospel today. We hear in Matthew's Gospel the story of the foolish maidens who are not ready for their master's coming, and miss the wedding feast.

No matter how hectic our week is, it is easy to think about our daily relationship with Our Father, with Jesus, in the Holy Spirit. While the Lord has delayed His return we know he will return to bring peace and unity to our world. Today we commit to being prepared!



VETERANS DAY Saturday, November 11 was Veterans Day and we honor military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Thank you Veterans, your service is appreciated, we support you and lift you up in prayer.

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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.

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.

NEW ALTAR AND PULPIT Today we are using the new Altar and Pulpit for the first time at Mass. The Altar and Pulpit are given in loving memory of Martha Ann Lauck by her husband Joe. Bishop Mack has been invited to come to Holy Trinity to bless these special gifts. Once he confirms the date we will let everyone know. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at that time. The parish is grateful to Joe for this wonderful way to honor the memory of his wife and bless the parish. As we pray today we remember Martha and her family. May she rest in peace. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN.

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 TODAY November 12. Thank you for your support!

LESSONS AND CAROLS To deepen the Advent experience and prepare for the celebration of Christmas please consider participating in Nine Lessons and Carols. This will be conducted by our very own Dr. Neil Stahurski. This is an ancient service that will take place at 3:00 PM on Sunday December 10 at the Church of the Assumption on Lincoln Avenue in Bellevue. This is a wonderful treat for all ages. It is free and open to all. Please plan to participate.

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 8 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, December 3, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. December will be our third of five first Saturdays of the month to pray and offer sacrifices for the conversion of Russia and peace in Ukraine, Israel and the Middle East. 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 January 14, 2023

2023 SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday November 5th the parish received \$1,689 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$167, \$195 for All Souls Day and cash was \$197. The total deposit was \$2,053. The Enhancement Fund received \$635. 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 Adam, Alan, Beverly, Bobbi, Bob A. and Bob M., Carol K. Cindy, Dolores, Jeanne, Jim, Joann, Kathy, Kimi, Knox, Linda, Nick, Nunny, Melinda.

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*

