

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Thirty-third Sunday, Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

8:00 AM **Louise Zuklick**

Remembered by Adrian and Family

10:00AM **Lawrence Rogowski**

Thanksgiving Eve Mass, November 22, 2023

6:00 PM In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

Christ the King, November 26, 2023

8:00 AM **Rose Broniszewski**

Remembered by Family

10:00 **Ethel and Nicholas**

Remembered by Family



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The Gospel reading today brings us the familiar and powerful parable from Matthew's Gospel about the servants who are each given sums of money to invest. We are all called upon to use the gifts we have received as gifts, and to return them, fully developed, having made the best use of them.

Spend this week asking for the grace to use the gifts we've been given. We want to recognize that we have gifts, and that they are, in fact, gifts. We didn't "earn" them; we were entrusted with them. We can reflect upon the potential each gift has and how we might develop and use each gift we have more completely - in loving, in making a difference on behalf of the poor in our world.

Dear Jesus, I spend too much time in a tree, above the conflicts, keeping myself pretty safe. Give me the courage of your presence with me today, so that I might take more risks in loving. There are going to be some hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned people crossing my path today. Guide me in loving better. The cry of the poor in our world seems so overwhelming. Help me listen better and imagine what I might do to make a difference, with your help.

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. Please invited family and friends to participate'



Dear God, on this Thanksgiving Day, I want to pause and thank you for your blessings. For another day, for family, friends, for food on the table. You are the source of all good things, We praise you for the simple things that bring us joy. Help us keep our eyes on you this day and every day So our lives may be filled with praise and joy. On this day we also ask your blessings on our world. Please bring an end to violence and war, hunger and poverty, and selfishness that prevents us from being one in your sight. May your kingdom come and bring us together into your Holy Family of love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

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 7 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 21, 2023

2023 SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday November 12th the parish received \$923 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$9 for Missions, \$183 for HELP, \$50 for the PNCC Fund, \$10 for Christmas Flowers and \$100 from a Baptism and miscellaneous cash was \$4711. The total deposit was \$1,742. The Enhancement Fund received \$95.. 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, Melinda and Shelby Lorraine.

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*

