

**Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church**  
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<p align="center"><u><b>Mass Intentions</b></u></p> <p><u>Thirty-first Sunday, Ordinary Time November 5, 2023</u>              8:00 AM <b>Lorraine Krivanek</b>              Remembered by Joanie and Chrissy              10:00 <b>Living and Deceased Members of Holy Trinity</b></p> <p><u>Thirtieth-second Sunday, Ordinary Time, November 12, 2023</u>              8:00 AM <b>James Devinny (! year anniversary)</b>              Remembered by Gretchen and Mike Grimes</p> <p>10:00 <b>Nell Schneider</b>              Remembered by Terry</p>	
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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Jesus calls us to humility this Sunday as he says in the Gospel of Matthew, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” He encourages us to turn away from honors and titles and to take the lowest place at the banquet.

As we go about our busy lives this week, we strive to practice focusing our attention on an ongoing conversation with our Lord throughout the day. Our desires - for union with our Lord, to know God’s love for us, to become more aware of our failings, to become more generous with our family and friends, to be more patient and forgiving, to love as we have been loved - can be expressed in these simple expressions. These expressed desires will naturally interact with the real events of our day.

Jesus welcomes us - even as sinners - and eats with us. He is the one who invites us to be like him in seeking out the lost, to growing in compassion. We can reflect all week on that call, in concrete terms in relation to the people in our lives and throughout the world.



**VETERANS DAY** Saturday, November 11 is 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.*

**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 TODAY 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 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 today, November 5, 2023

**2023 SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY** Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday October 22nd the parish received \$829 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$5 for the PNCC, \$100 from AARP Hall Rental, \$25 for All Souls Day and cash was \$121. The total deposit was \$1,035. 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*

