

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023

8:00 AM Lottie Miller (Anniversary)

Remembered by Janice and Bob

10:00 **Members of Holy Trinity**

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023

8:00 AM **Anna Russo**

Remembered by Sue and Dan Malerbo

10:00 AM **Florence Claybaugh** (Birthday)

Remembered by Family



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT In the Second Sunday of Advent we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" These lines from the prophet are repeated in the Mark's Gospel as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "there will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" "What is desert, barren, dry, life-less in you will come to life!" "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give.

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 TODAY, 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE The season of Advent is as short this year due to December 25th falling on a Monday. This makes December 24th both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. In order to accommodate a very short turnaround time between the seasons. Our parish will celebrate ONLY one mass at 9:00 AM on Sunday December 24. We will then decorate the church for Christmas and celebrate our Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 PM. We will also have one mass at 10:00 AM On Monday, Christmas day at 10:00 AM. Please help get this schedule out to the community as you invite friends and family to join us in prayerfully celebrating this very special time of year.

SPECIAL THANKS If you venture into the church hall today you will notice the new television is now installed on the wall and connected to our network! The parish is so grateful for those who made this possible. Marcia and Mike Ruane went to Costco to get the biggest TV available and brought it to church, Justin and Joe Lauck used their construction and technical skills to mount the TV and connect it to our network and of course generous parishioners contributed to making our parish be on a financially stable footing to allow for this purchase. We look forward to many enhanced hours of education and entertainment with this new addition!

GETTING TO KNOW THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH If you are interested in learning more about the PNCC and our Founder Bishop Francis Hodur join in a session tomorrow evening, Monday, December 11 from 6 to 7 PM in the social hall. Bring your questions and an open heart to learn more about our history and our mission. All are welcome to join in this discussion.

THIRTY YEARS AT HOLY TRINITY It has been a privilege to serve as pastor at Holy Trinity for the past 30 years. The support and encouragement has been a source of inspiration and comfort. I appreciate the kind words and the generous gift to mark this occasion. Julie and I have always enjoyed Ligonier and look forward to spending time there at Thistledown. Please continue to keep the parish and my ministry in your prayers as we strive to bring the good news of Jesus to our community.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING All of the youth of our parish are invited to participate in learning more about the faith in our School of Christian Living on Sunday mornings. 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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR Mass intentions are available for Sundays and other Holy Days throughout the year. Often the intention is for all of the living and deceased members of our Parish community. The Mass intention could also be offered in thanksgiving for a special blessing received, anniversary or birthday, a special prayer request for healing or in honor and remembrance of someone who has passed away. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for 2024 please schedule with Fr. Mike.

SUPER BOWL LVIII POOL The Super Bowl this year is on Sunday February 11, 2024 and our parish will help to make the game more interesting (Since the Steelers are not positioned to participate except as spectators) with a Bloch Pool. The blocks will be \$10 each and the payouts will be \$100 for the 1st and 3rd quarters, \$200 for half-time and \$500 for the final score. The parish will get \$100 for the purchase of the AED. Please see Mike after mass to get your blocks! Good luck to all!

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 5 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, January 6, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. January will be our fourth 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 December 3rd the parish received \$818 in our Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$10 for the PNCC Fund, \$290 for Christmas Flowers and \$46 for Mission and miscellaneous cash was \$262. The total deposit was \$1,426. The Enhancement Fund received \$390. 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, and Carol K., 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*

