

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14, 2024

8:00 AM **Anna Slezak**

Remembered by Sue and Dan Malerbo

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21, 2024

8:00 AM **Stella Funiaock**

Remembered by Sue and Dan Malerbo

10:00 AM **Martha Lauck** (Anniversary)

Remembered by Joe and Family



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME On the Second Week of Ordinary Time, John's Gospel offers us the story of the calling of the first two disciples. He asks them what they are looking for and when they ask where he lives, he invites them, "Come, and you will see."

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. This year we have seven or eight weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent begins. These weeks between the Christmas season and Lent are an important time to continue to work on our habits of focusing our desires early in the day and talking with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "contemplatives in action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of our real lives.

How do we do that with the hectic pace of our lives? We hear people say "I don't have time to pray." It isn't about finding more time but more focus in our day with God. With this type of focusing and active consciousness, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song,

replaying the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

God, I appreciate the extra effort and energy we pour into our holy days. I love when the sanctuary is fuller than usual. I love the banners and flowers and special music. And, God, I love ordinary days like today. Days when we bring our best to worship you in the regular part of the church years. Days like today remind me how much of our life is spent in ordinary time. We go to work. We go to school. We wish it was the weekend or vacation or any day but today. God, give us the courage to live in the now. Help us to live into the ordinary days of our lives and of the church year. Remind us again that this day is a gift from you in all its ordinariness. For this day, we give you thanks, Gracious God, because you gave us another day to love you and to love each other. On this ordinary day in ordinary time, we will worship you, Loving God. Amen. Rev. DeBenedetto

BISHOP MACK CONSECRATION OF THE ALTAR AND CONFIRMATION Next **Sunday, January 21 at the 10:00 AM**

Mass Bishop John Mack will be at Holy Trinity to consecrate the new Altar and celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Please plan to join us for this special celebration. **WELCOME FR. SR. BOB PLECZKOWSKI** Holy Trinity parish welcomes Fr. Sr. Bob to our parish today. We are grateful for his presence with us and ask God to bless his ministry in both our Diocese and as a retired Army Chaplain.

Christmas 2023 As we move into the season of Ordinary Time this week I want to thank everyone who contributed to a very special celebration of the Christmas season this year. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes to plan and execute for the music, the decorations and all the celebrations! All of that effort is very much appreciated. It is the generosity of so many that makes Holy Trinity a special place! Thank you all! May God bless our parish with His grace and presence as we strive to be light in the New Year! With a grateful heart, Fr. Michael

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.

DONATION OF THE AED We celebrate the gift of God the Father of his Son to all of creation, and we are grateful. Our parish is also extremely grateful for the generous donation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for our parish. Mike and Nicole Stepek graciously worked with the Borough of McKees Rocks and the Damar Hamlin Foundation to secure this gift for the parish. We are grateful for Mike and Nicole for bringing this gift to us and for the generosity of McKees Rocks Borough and the Damar Hamlin Foundation. We will soon be conducting training on the use of this device and general CPR. All members of the parish will be informed once the training is scheduled and are invited to participate.

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 (especially now that the Steelers have made the payoffs and could go all the way?) with a Block 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. Please see Mike after mass to get your blocks! Good luck to all!

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!

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, February 3, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. February will be our final 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 this time 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, February 4, 2023.

SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday, January 7 the parish received \$1,209 in the collection. In addition, the parish received \$437 for the PNCC Fund, \$120 for Initial Offering, \$10 for HELP, \$10 for Music Scholarship and miscellaneous cash and checks was \$392. The total deposit was \$2,233. The Enhancement Fund received \$650. 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, Donald, Jeanne, Jim, Joann, Joe, 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*

