

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Epiphany, January 7, 2024

8:00 AM **Members of Holy Trinity**

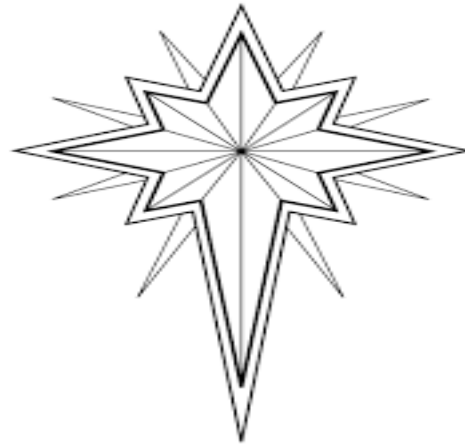
10:00 AM **"Jolly 22 Crew" 10th Anniversary**
Captain Chris Stover, Tech Stg Dale Mathews,
Staff Sgt. Afton Ponce, Captain Sean Ruane
Remembered by Family

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**



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, although in our parish due to our size we celebrate it today. The closing of the Christmas feast ends with the Baptism of the Lord, which is celebrated tomorrow.

Whether we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday or Monday, we hear the Lord say in the first reading from Isaiah, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit." That is echoed in Luke's Gospel, after Jesus' baptism: "And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This feast marks the end of the Christmas season. Monday or Tuesday begins Ordinary Time on the Church calendar which will continue until Ash Wednesday.

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly care, O Lord, we pray, that they may see what must be done and gain strength to do what they have seen. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

BISHOP MACK CONSECRATION OF THE ALTAR AND CONFIRMATION On **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.

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 (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 Thanks to everyone who participated in this season's Steelers Football pool and congratulations to all of the winners. We especially appreciate Mike Clark for putting it all together. It certainly helped to make the season a little more exciting!

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.

2023 SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday, December 31 the parish received \$1,210 in the collection. In addition, the parish received \$280 for the PNCC Fund, \$15 for Initial Offering, \$25 for the Seminary, Christmas \$10, Seminary \$25 and miscellaneous cash was \$115. The total deposit was \$1,655. The Enhancement Fund received \$5,700 in memory of Damian Walat by his family.. 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*

