

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Quinquagesima, Pre-Lent 3, February 11, 2024

8:00 AM **Lucy Pedder** (Birthday remembrance)

Remembered by Margie and Family

10:00 AM **Michael Claybaugh** (Eighth anniversary)

Remembered by Family

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:00 PM Mass and distribution of Ashes

First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024

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

10:00 AM **Ethel Buriak**

Remembered by the Family



Pre-Lent Three The readings today we hear more about the life of Jesus as he heals a leper. To give us context for the story, the first reading from Leviticus shares details about the response to leprosy. The actions to be taken by both the priest and the individual are outlined to clarify when a person is unclean. And in today's second reading we hear Paul tell the Corinthians that everything we do should be for the glory of God. Paul says, "just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved." Jesus certainly embodied these words.

In today's Gospel from Mark, we hear the story of Jesus taking pity on a man with leprosy and healing him from the disease. Jesus tells the man to follow the law of the day and go to the priest to be declared clean. Jesus also asks the man to tell no one else about his being healed. Filled with faith and overcome by gratitude, the man cannot help but share the news of the miracle he has experienced

As lent begins this week, we stay reflective this week, we become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we ask, "Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life. Stretch my heart to love more today." It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It may not be serious evil we are choosing. It might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness. And like we do at the Stations of the Cross we can walk selflessly on our way to the Father.

THE SEASON OF LENT The great season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14. We will have mass and the distribution of ashes at 7:00 PM. We make ourselves with ashes as we turn away for sin and believe in the Good News.

On Fridays in Lent our parish will gather on Friday evenings at 5:00 PM to walk with Jesus as we pray the Stations of the Cross. This mini pilgrimage allows us to reflect more deeply on his life and the salvation that the Son of God brought to the world. Mark your calendars now for Friday, March 8 for our annual Youth and Family Stations of the Cross which will be followed by a Pizza Social with the pizza provided by Dough Boys! On Friday March 8 we will join with All Saints Parish in Carnegie and pray together the traditional Bitter Lamentations of Jesus and his mother, Mary.

We will be conducting a food drive beginning on Ash Wednesday until Sunday March 17. Please see this as a way that we can share with those in our community who are in need and in no way in a position to return this act of love at this time. Through our generosity we sow the seeds of love and kindness in the lives of others who are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Each year the parish community gathers for our annual parish meeting. In this meeting we review the past year and the work we have done to serve one another and bring the good news of Jesus to our community. We discuss our concerns and set goals for the new year. We set up our budget and also elect the parish committee. Over the past year we are grateful for the service our committee has provided to the parish. Members of the committee are committed to the parish and are willing to continue to serve. All members of the parish are encouraged to get involved and to put their skills to good use in the parish. This year our Recording Secretary has chosen to roll off of the parish committee. Mary Nosal has been an active participant and effectively recorded the work of the committee and that parish. We are grateful for her service on the committee and remain grateful that she will continue to serve the children and youth of our parish through her work with the School of Christian living. God bless your Mary and the work you do in the parish! If anyone would like to be the recording secretary or work as a director on the committee for 2024 please contact Michael Clark, Judy Bourroughs or Fr. Mike. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 AM Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. All members of the parish are encouraged to participate.

PNA COUNCIL 305 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE As we begin to think about the Lenten season, in an effort to build the spirit of fraternalism within sister parishes of our Polish National Alliance Council 305, we are invited to participate in the Council's food drive, "Roll Away the Stone of Hunger". There will be a bin for donations beginning on Wednesday, February 14 and conclude on Passion Sunday, March 17. All non-perishable foods will be donated to a local food bank.

SPAGHETTI DINNER All Saints Parish in Carnegie will be hosting a Dinner on Saturday February 24th from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children Call for tickets 412-276-2462.

SUPER BOWL LVIII POOL The Super Bowl is today and our parish will help to make the game more interesting with a Block Pool. We have completely sold out the blocks! Thanks everyone! The payouts will be \$100 for the 1st and 3rd quarters, \$200 for half-time and \$500 for the final score. Good luck to all!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024 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.

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, March 2, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM. Please continue to pray for the conversion of Russia and peace in Ukraine, Israel and the Middle East. All are invited to participate in this monthly prayer experience.!

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, March 17, 2024

SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday, February 4th, the parish received \$1,667 in the collection. In addition, the parish received \$85 for the PNCC Fund, \$30 for Initial Offering, \$20 for Music Scholarship, HELP \$5, \$71 for Missions, \$100 proceeds from the Super Bowl Pool and miscellaneous cash and checks \$132. The total deposit was \$2,110. The Enhancement Fund received \$187. 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 and Carol K., Carrie, Dolores, Donald, 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. 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*