

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024

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

10:00 AM **Ethel Buriak**

Remembered by the Family

Second Sunday of Lent, February 27, 2024

8:00 AM **Captain Sean Ruane**

Remembered by the Ruane Family

10:00 AM **John W. Lauck** (100th Birthday remembrance)

Remembered by Family



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT On the First Sunday of Lent, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Throughout the day, we talk with our Lord, in the background about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern.

THE SEASON OF LENT The great season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14. 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 15 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.

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 from Wednesday, February 14 until Passion Sunday, March 17. All non-perishable foods will be donated to a local food bank. 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!

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 Congratulations to all of the Super Bowl pool winners! It was a great game and a nice fundraiser for our parish. Thanks everyone! We continue to hold the people in Kansas City in our prayers as they begin the road of recovery. May God bless our world with the peace that only He can give.

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

RUTH, one of Sight & Sound's most beloved productions at the Ohio Star Theatre in Sugarcreek Ohio on **Thursday, May 16, 2024**. This day trip, sponsored by Findlay Township, is \$145/person which includes the show, bus, gratuities, and lunch. Departure is at 9am from the Findlay Township Activity Center in Imperial and the return is at 7:30pm. Registration and payment is due by March 28, 2024. To register, contact Sue or Laura at Findlay Township at 724-695-0500.

SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday, February 11th, the parish received \$1,454 in the Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$304 for the PNCC Fund, \$61 for Ash Wednesday, HELP \$177, \$60 for Missions, and miscellaneous cash and checks \$80. The total deposit was \$2,136. The Enhancement Fund received \$595. 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*