

Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024

8:00 AM **James Devinney**

Remembered by the Devinney Family

10:00 AM **Nell Schneider**

Remembered by Terry

Ascension of our Lord, Thursday, May 9, 2024

10:00 AM **Living and Deceased Mothers of Holy Trinity**

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024

8:00 AM **Sean Ruane**

Remembered by the Ruane Family

10:00 AM **Jean R. Lauck**

Remembered by Joe and Family



EASTER SUNDAY SIX On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we hear the powerful words that Jesus uses to send us on our mission: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

On Thursday, around the world and in all but a few parts of the United States, it is the Ascension of the Lord.

Jesus invites us to remain in his love. That is freedom! If we can reflect this week on ways we can remain in his love, and not let anything take away our peace, we will grow in great freedom.

Jesus tells us that his one commandment to us is to love one another as he has loved us. The most important word in that command is "as." He wants us to imitate the very "way" he loves us - completely, unconditionally, in a self-sacrificing way. It can be the focus of our entire week to ask for the grace to love the people in our lives the ways Jesus loves us. But, that begins, if it is to be deep and transformative, needs to begin by reflection on how much Jesus loves us.

All week we can let the Spirit be our guide that our Lord promises will accompany us in our journey. It helps us prepare for the feast of Pentecost, to be asking, "Come, Holy Spirit."

Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of each day and let me live my life always as your follower, in the peace of your love. AMEN

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING Today we mark the end of our School of Christian Living for the 2023-2024 school year. We are grateful for the parents and grandparents who made this a value in the lives of their children. Special thanks to all those who worked as the instructors, preparing the lessons and living their Christian faith each day. We ask God's blessing on all for a restful and joyous summer. Mark your calendars now for three special evenings this summer. June 21, July 19 and August 16. We will gather for food and fun for the entire family as one way to stay engaged during the summer. Watch the bulletin for more details as the dates approach.

MAY CROWNING Today our parish will celebrate the crowning of Mary between the masses around 9:15 AM so everyone has an opportunity to participate. All of the youth of the parish, with their families are invited to join in this time of prayer as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Our parish will celebrate the Ascension on Thursday, May 9 with a Mass at 10:00 AM. This is a first for our parish. All are invited to participate in this moment of prayer and worship.

ANNUAL PARISH RUMMAGE SALE Our annual rummage sale was a huge success raising more than 1,200 for the parish. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event with a special thanks this week to everyone who worked to clean up the parish hall and move the remaining items to organizations who can use them. We are successful because of the coordinated effort of so many! Thank you for your generous support and commitment to Holy Trinity Parish!!

SAMBS All members of the Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament are encouraged to participate in a meeting on Sunday May 19 at 11:00 AM. All members and those who are interested in becoming members are asked to attend. During this meeting we will be making plans for 2024 that include the Holy Hour, Donuts, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, the Summer Vacation Bible School and the Butterfly release in August.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING This morning, there will be a brief training for those who would like to become Altar Servers. This training will begin after the May Crowning at approximately 9:30 AM. Anyone interested in participating in this special service to the parish is invited to participate. If you are not able to attend, but would like to learn, please see 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, May 11, our parish will host a Holy Hour beginning at 10:00 AM.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE MOVED ADORATION TO THE SECOND SATURDAY OF MAY. All are invited to participate in this monthly prayer experience and to bring along your family and friends!

We give Thee thanks, O most merciful Lord and Redeemer of our souls, for this day Thou hast made us worthy by means of these immortal and heavenly mysteries. Direct our way; keep us in fear of Thee; guard our lives; and make our steps firm through the prayers and intercessions of the glorious and holy Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary. Be exalted above the heavens, O God, and above all the earth, Thy glory, now and forever and ever. Amen.
Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING The Parish Committee meeting scheduled for today has been postponed. We will meet after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning..

SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY Thanks to all who generously support Holy Trinity parish. On Sunday, April 28, the parish received \$1,513 in the Sunday collection. In addition, the parish received \$166 for the PNCC Fund, \$50 for HELP, Mission \$50, \$10 for Holy Thursday, \$10 for Good Friday, \$50 for Easter, \$100 for the AARP Hall Rental and miscellaneous cash and checks \$152. The total deposit was \$2,116. The Enhancement Fund received \$56. 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. 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*

PRAYER FOR A DEEPER ENCOUNTER WITH GOD *Loving Lord, You know the hearts of every individual we encounter in our journey of evangelism. We lift up these hearts to You, asking for Your grace to soften and prepare them to receive Your message. May the soil of their souls be ready to receive the seeds of faith that we sow. Help us to approach each person with compassion, understanding, and patience, so that Your light may pierce through any barriers and illuminate their path towards You. In Your mercy, touch the hearts of those we reach out to, that they may respond to Your call. Amen.*