



PARISH ORGANISATION

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CHAIRMAN - Joseph Bednarz

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

PASTOR EMERITUS

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SACRAMENTS

- BAPTISMS:** must be arranged in person
- MARRIAGES:** 6 months prior arrangement
- CONFESSIONS:** by appointment
- SICK VISITS:** by appointment
- FUNERALS:** family should contact Fr. Adam as soon as possible

If you have a family member or a friend in the hospital or sick at home wishing a pastoral visit, notify Fr. Adam as soon as possible to schedule a visit.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH BULLETIN

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Saint John the Baptist Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of Manchester community for almost 90 years meeting the religious needs first for the Polish immigrants, and later for all residents of the Connecticut State.

Consider joining us for Sunday Worship! For more than two thousand years, the Sunday Eucharist has been at the very heart of the life of the Christian Church. There is no substitute for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Everything we are and everything we do flows into and out of this act of Divine Worship.

In addition, Catholics know that they must continually nourish their spiritual lives apart from Sunday Eucharist. Daily prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, devotions, bible study, ongoing Christian formation and an active life of charity are the building blocks of what it means to be a CHRISTIAN-CATHOLIC. You will find all of these activities in our parish and we encourage your participation.

If you have questions or suggestions about the parish, you may contact us. Please feel free to stop by the Parish Office or to speak to one of the priests or lay members after Sunday Mass.

You are very welcome to our community!

Fr. Adam Piekarczywski
Administrator



HOLY MASS

. 9.00 am

- in English (po angielsku)

. 11.00 am

- in Polish (po polsku)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

For eternal rest of
EUGENE ERICKSON
(req. by Marguerite
Hensley).



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

Msza dziękczynna za
wszystkie Boże łaski ze-
słane na każdego z nas w
tym roku!

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - MORNING HYMN (KIEDY RANNE)

Lord, this morn we raise our voices
As the world in song rejoices.
All the works of Your creation
Join to sing in adoration.

You have formed us, God our Savior,
Overwhelmed us with Your favor.
Blessed with gifts beyond all measure,
May we praise You now and ever.

At the moment we awaken,
We will call to God in heaven
When we call Him He will hear us,
When we seek Him He is near us.

INTROIT

C: The brightness of the sun is one kind, the brightness of the moon another, and the brightness of the stars another. For star differs from star in brightness.

R: So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/18 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! We wish all our parishioners and guests the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this coming Thanksgiving Day & always!

11/24 Next Saturday: Healing Prayer Service at 3 pm. This is a powerful church service of bringing God's healing power into the lives of those who are suffering from illness, physical disabilities, grief, fear, and mental or spiritual health issues. If you suffer physically or spiritually come to experience the healing power of Jesus! **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

11/25 Next Sunday: Solemnity of Christ the King! The last Sunday (and the last week) of the liturgical year.

- **In December we plan to have CHRISTMAS RAFFLE and CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.** Would you like to offer something we can use for these events to raise some funds for our parish?! Please, consider only NEW or BARELY USED goods. You can bring your items to the church hall on Sunday or to the rectory any time you wish... Thank you for your generosity!
- **We have still free the last Sunday of November without any Mass intention!** This is a great opportunity for you to have a Mass celebrated in the intention of your deceased family members and friends. You can ask for the Mass in two ways: stop by the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass or take one of the envelopes from the back of our Church, fill it and return it to Fr. Adam.



"After Ted closes with prayer, there will be a brief meeting in the parking lot to determine what, if anything, was actually decided in this meeting."

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Jesus said that “no one knows” when the Second Coming would happen, was he saying that even he didn’t know? It sure seems that way. Maybe he was reminding us that he had submitted to the limitations of being human, just like us. Yes, he was fully divine, but he was also fully human. And that entailed certain limitations. This is why Luke tells us that Jesus was always increasing in wisdom “before God and man” (Luke 2:52).

Today, however, Jesus knows when he will come again. The problem is, we still don’t know!

Repeatedly throughout history, people have tried to predict the end of the world. St. Paul thought it was just around the corner. St. Hippolytus of Rome and St. Irenaeus of Lyon thought it would happen in AD 500. John Wesley, the first Methodist, thought the end would come in 1836. Many Christian leaders—and no shortage of psychics—have also weighed in. Not surprisingly, many of these people then recalculated the dates after their first predictions didn’t come true, only to have their followers disappointed again.

Some believers are more cautious. They tell us that we will see specific clues when the time is near. They point to certain signs—a war in the Middle East, a drought in Africa, earthquakes in Peru, or some other disaster. When those signs occur, it means that Jesus is very near.

Still, no human being knows when Jesus will come. It could be today. It may not be for thousands of years.

St. Francis had a different take on the subject. Once, when he was working in the garden, a friar asked, “What would you be doing now if you knew that Jesus was coming back today?” Francis replied, “I would keep hoeing my garden.” Francis knew he was trying his best to be ready, and there was nothing more he could do.

The point is, Jesus will come. So our best answer is the same as it has always been: be ready. **“Come, Lord Jesus!”**

READING 1

DN 12:1-3

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel.

In those days, I Daniel,
heard this word of the Lord:
“At that time there shall arise
Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;
it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.
At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 16

„Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.”

READING 2

HEB 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:
Every priest stands daily at his ministry,
offering frequently those same sacrifices
that can never take away sins.
But this one offered one sacrifice for sins,
and took his seat forever at the right hand
of God;
now he waits until his enemies are made his
footstool.

For by one offering
he has made perfect forever those who are
being consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these,
there is no longer offering for sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me! / x2
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!

OFFERTORY SONG - AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.



COMMUNION SONG - I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever,
he shall live for ever.

Ref: And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

FINAL HYMN - COME UNTO JESUS (PÓJDŹ DO JEZUSA)

Come unto Jesus, come while you may;
Hear how He calls you, come now this day.
How he does love you, follow His way,
Gently He calls you, Come!

Come O my child now, come heed His call,
Give Him your heart, your love and your all.
He shall uplift you, lest you should fall,
Gently He calls you, Come!

Ref: Lo, the vision wondrous to behold!
He would save us from this sinful world.
To heaven's blessed glory untold,
O dearest Lord we come!