

PARISH ORGANISATION

ADMINISTRATOR (PASTOR)

- Rev. Adam Piekarczywski - fr.adam@mail.com

PARISH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Joseph Bednarz

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

PASTOR EMERITUS

- Rev. Henry Smolinski - henrysmoct@juno.com

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.

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

In memory of
BRONAC KONOPACKI
(req. by Diane Makles)



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

O pokój wieczny dla
zmarłego tragicznie
BENA NORMANA

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Solemnity

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - SHEPHERDS HEARD THE ANGEL SAY
(Anioł pasterzom mówił)

- 1) Shepherds Heard the Angel say:
„Christ is born to you this day.”
Bethlehem is His lowly place of birth,
Born so humbly to this earth,
Lord, of all creation.
- 2) Thus the Lord through His great love,
Came from heaven, up above.
No great place, grand or costly, had He here,
But a manger cold and drear,
Lord of all creation.

INTROIT

C: After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, [for Him], and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon Him. And a voice came from heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

R: He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor.

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

- 1/13 (Sunday) SOLEMNITY - Baptism of our Lord.** This Sunday marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in the Church calendar.
- 1/19 (Saturday) PIEROGI WORKSHOP & PIEROGI SALE at 10 am. in the church hall.** Come and join us! If you cannot stay for the full workshop, please come for any amount of time you can spare. If you cannot come, please support us in purchasing ingredients.
- 1/20 (Sunday) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** in the Church hall after 9.00am Mass. We kindly ask all parishioners to be present at this very important Parish Meeting. There won't be a Mass at 11.00am.
- **PASTORAL HOME VISIT.** Traditionally, in this period of the year, the priest is available to visit your house for prayer & blessing. The list with available dates is exposed in the back of the Church. If you wish such a visit, please, feel free to choose your preferred day & hour.
 - We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention. Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam.



In memory of **PHYLLIS PLOCHARCZYK** who left us to be with our Lord just before Christmas. Phyllis was a lifelong parishioner of St. John's and served faithfully on the Parish Committee as well as joining in on many of our Parish activities and functions. I can still recall her sitting in the very last pew every Sunday and the first person to greet you as you entered Saint John's. She was always helping my "find the page" in the Sunday Missal! Phyllis left the area to reside in a healthcare facility a few years ago. Friends of Phyllis can send a memorial contribution in her memory to St John's.

Joe Bednarz, Chairman

You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks.

READING 1

IS 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not shouting,
not making his voice heard in the street.
a bruised reed he shall not break,
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 29

„The Lord will bless his people with peace.“

READING 2

ACTS 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying:
"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him.
You know the word that he sent to the Israelites
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,
what has happened all over Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him."

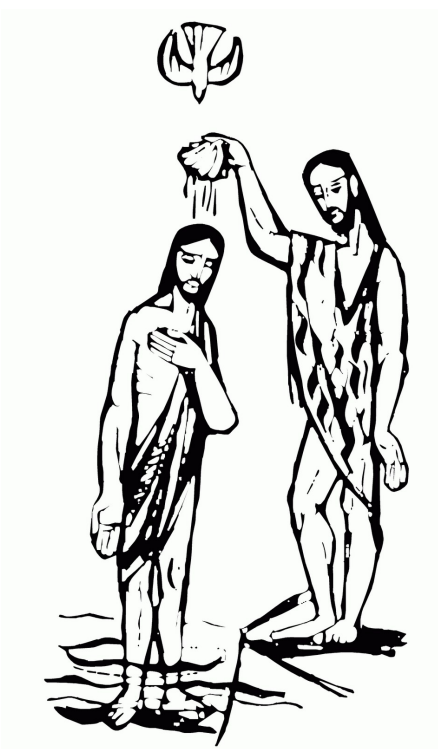
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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 - SILENT NIGHT (Cicha noc)

1) Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2) Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

COMMUNION SONG - HALLOWED BE FOREVER (BĄDŹŹE POZDROWIONA)

1) Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine,
In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime.

3) Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified,
For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died.

REF: Hail Thou Jesus, Son of Mary,
Thou art God eternal, Won'drous mystery.

4) Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory,
In this Bread Most Holy we would worship Thee.

2) Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread,
Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed.



FINAL HYMN - O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1) O Come All Ye Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him, / x3
Christ the Lord.

2) O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him, / x3
Christ the Lord.

3) All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, / x3
Christ the Lord.