



PARISH ORGANISATION

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PARISH COMMITTEE

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally once a 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

- 10.00 am**
- in English (po angielsku)
- 12.00 pm**
- 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.

Septuagesima Sunday

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 10 am

For WIESLAW who
suffers from cancer
(req. by Rubik family)



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 12 pm

Za wspólnotę rodzinną
(Beata, Adam, Maximi-
lian, Dalia Klimek) i jej
zdrowie.
(req. by Dziura family)

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE 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!

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!

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!

INTROIT

C: Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked,
nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers.
Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study
day and night.

**R: They are like a tree planted near streams of water,
that yields its fruit in due season; Its leaves never wi-
ther; whatever they do prospers.**

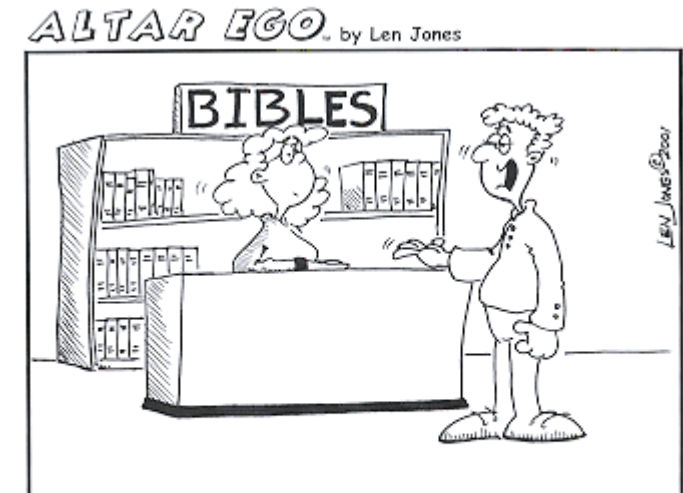
C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit,

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

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

2/23 (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!**

- **Community Project for 2019:** fence around the backyard of the rectory. A fundraising goal for this project is **\$5,000**. You will find "FENCE FUND" envelopes in the back of the church – you can mail it back to us with cash or check payable to: St. John the Baptist Church – Fence Fund. Even if you can't make a large gift, know that every little bit helps! **Thank you for your generosity! Up to now we've raised \$750.**
- 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.



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

GOSPEL REFLECTION

All the readings made me realize that we have a calling – a vocation – to seek GOD. This vocation is truly a calling from GOD – a gift from GOD. GOD implants in our very being a desire to be with the Lord Jesus, His Abba, and the Holy Spirit forever. GOD also supplies the graces we need to follow that desire. That is true blessedness. It is GOD’s gift to us. As with all of GOD’s gifts, we must be willing to put the gift into practice in our daily lives. For an unused gift is no gift at all, it does not enrich the life of the receiver, nor does it please the One Who gives the gift.

The question, then, is how do we use the gift of blessedness – the vocation to beatitude? We put it into action in our lives by living in a way which points to our ultimate end – to be with GOD forever. We lived blessed lives. We accept the circumstances and the situations in which we find ourselves, seeking to bring GOD’s GOoDness into them, not only for ourselves, but also for others. We see how we can manifest the ultimate end to which we are called. That enables us to sink our roots down into the life-giving flow which will enable us to endure the barren and arid moments in our life. We become radical (“rooted”) in the hope and trust we place in the promises of our GOD.

Another analogy which helps put this in perspective is that of a journey, a pilgrimage. We are only traveling through this time and place. Our goal is to reach a future time and place when we will be eternally with our GOD, with our whole body and soul, forever and ever. If we ever forget that we are on this journey and we become so enamored with the place and time through which we are passing, we can lose track of our ultimate goal, not only temporarily, but possibly even permanently and eternally. We thus do not fulfill the purpose of our life – eternal blessedness with the GOD Who loves us. Our eyes must be fixed on the Lord Jesus, so that we will be able to say with the psalmist today, “For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.”

READING 1

JER 17:5-8

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:
Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,
who seeks his strength in flesh,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
He is like a barren bush in the desert
that enjoys no change of season,
but stands in a lava waste,
a salt and empty earth.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters

that stretches out its roots to the stream:
it fears not the heat when it comes;
its leaves stay green;
in the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still bears fruit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 1

„Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.“

READING 2

1 COR 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain;
you are still in your sins.
Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

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 - LORD GOD OF MERCY (BOŻE COŚ POLSKĘ)

Lord God of mercy, Who for many ages,	Most holy Father, be to us no stranger.
You gave Your wisdom to her bards and sages,	Work Your great wonders! Free us from all danger!
blest our dear homeland with your endless graces,	Banish disaster! Drive off havoc’s specter!
Shielded protected her throughout the ages.	Gather Your people ‘neath Your peaceful sceptre.

Ref. Before Your altars hear our supplication:
Lord, we entreat You, bless our land and nation.

COMMUNION SONG - I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.	The bread that I will give
He who comes to me shall not hunger;	is my flesh for the life of the world,
he who believes in me shall not thirst.	and he who eats of this bread,
No one can come to me	he shall live for ever,
unless the Father draw him.	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 - IN THY PROTECTION (POD TWĄ OBRONĘ)

In Thy protection, Father in Heaven,
Lo, we Thy children, place our life, our all.

/ Lord, wilt Thou bless us, save us from temptation,
Keep us from danger, lest in sin we fall. /x2

Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us,
In Thy protection we shall find our rest.

/ Father, we pray Thee, humbly we beseech Thee,
Deliver us, the children Thou hast blessed. /x2