



PARISH ORGANISATION

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally once a month.

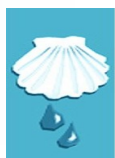
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- Rev. Henry Smolinski - henryksmact@juno.com

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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BEHOLD

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.

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 10 am

For all the benefactors
of St. John's that they
generosity may be re-
warded by the Lord.



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 12 pm

O zdrowie i pomyślność
dla Brenda, Marcin, Jo-
anna, Jeivan Mróz
(req. by Dziura family)

Sexagesima Sunday

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - LORD GOD OF MERCY (BOŻE COŚ POLSKĘ)

Lord God of mercy, Who for many ages,
You gave Your wisdom to her bards and sages,
blest our dear homeland with your endless graces,
Shielded protected her throughout the ages.

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

Most holy Father, be to us no stranger.
Work Your great wonders! Free us from all danger!
Banish disaster! Drive off havoc's specter!
Gather Your people 'neath Your peaceful sceptre.

INTROIT

C: „If you enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him
something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning
coals upon his head.”

**R: Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with
good.**

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

3/2 (Saturday) **POLISH DINNER 5-7pm.** Our menu includes: GOLABKI (stuffed cabbage rolls with meat, served in tomato sauce), PIEROGI (potato&farmer's cheese, potato&cheddar cheese, sauerkraut&mashrooms) boiled & fried on butter, BIGOS (hunter's stew), POLISH RYE BREAD (freshly baked), CAKE, WATER, JUICE, TEA&COFFEE TABLE... **Preordered ticket: \$20.**

- **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 \$1500.**
- 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.



“About my loaves and fishes . . .
could I get a receipt for tax purposes?”

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel today presents the Golden Rule and even raises it up to a higher level. Not only should we treat others as we would want to be treated, not only should we love those from whom we expect love in return, but also we are called to love our enemies and lovingly treat people whom we know will not treat us in the same loving way. In presenting this attitude of life, Jesus surpasses the teachings of all other belief systems. He asks His disciples to love, pray for, and give to others without expecting anything in return, except possibly receiving only hostilities. Jesus emphasizes that even if those whom we love do not respond in kind, GOD Who sees all will use the same generous unit of measure with us. In fact, GOD will even be more generous, more forgiving, and more loving toward us that we are toward our worst enemy.

As I reflect on the readings, I am conscious of the fact that Jesus raise the bar higher and higher for His disciples. The goal which Jesus places before us is to be like the loving, divine Abba-Father, Who forgives, loves, and cares for us even while we are sinful. We are also called to be like the One Who calls us to be His disciples.

We may find this too much to achieve. There is no way we can be as forgiving, as loving, and as caring as GOD. We will fail. The fact that we will not achieve such a high level of concern for others is not what is to be the focus of our attention. Our attention should be on the One Whom we are trying to imitate. The more we strive to keep our eyes on Jesus, our Master-Teacher and upon His Abba, the more that Jesus can, and will, fill in the gaps.

READING 1

1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear

and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 103

„The Lord is merciful and gracious.“

READING 2

1 COR 15:45-49

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

Brothers and sisters:
It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being,
the last Adam a life-giving spirit.
But the spiritual was not first;
rather the natural and then the spiritual.
The first man was from the earth, earthly;
the second man, from heaven.
As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly,

and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly.
Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

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 said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

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 - 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!

COMMUNION 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.

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

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!



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