



PARISH ORGANISATION

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally once a month.

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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

10.00 am

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 + Jan & Aniela
Sohienda, Edward &
Benjamin Sienda, John &
Helen Kavanaugh
(req. by Phyllis Gasior)



EASTER SUNDAY

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - SING A NEW SONG

Ref. Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people, dance for joy,
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrows to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

INTROIT

C: I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your
hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your
wisdom. Alleluia.

**R: O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you
know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.**

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.**

share in it. How do we cling to our Resurrected Lord? There are many ways. Here is one.

Take joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most. Whatever it is that makes you angry, sad or depressed. Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and joy. Seriously, it can. If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, or even your sin can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Sure, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! Happy Easter!

Lord, help me to cling to You in Your Resurrection. Help me to let you transform every cross and burden in my life into joy. Lord, may Your joy fill my life and be my strength in all things. Jesus, I trust in You. joy. Seriously, it can. If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, or even your sin can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection!

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

At the Easter Vigil, the Exsultet is sung as Mass begins in darkness, illumined only by candles throughout the church. The Exsultet is a beautiful hymn of rejoicing in Christ's triumph over sin and death. One part states:

O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

This line stands out because it calls the sin of Adam "necessary" and refers to it as "O happy fault." At first, this may seem strange. Why is it that we refer to the sin of Adam, Original Sin, as "necessary" and "happy." The answer is Easter. It's because God, in His perfect wisdom and love, took sin and the consequence of sin (death) and used them as the means of the salvation of the world. That's what Easter is all about!

This may be hard to comprehend so it's worth thinking about more deeply. Without Adam's sin, there would be no Jesus. God would not have had to become one of us. So even though the original sin of Adam, as well as all future sin, is evil and wrong, God in His perfect power and love chose to use it as the very means of the salvation of the world. How? By allowing the sins of the world to persecute Him and crucify Him, and then, by turning that suffering and death into the very means of salvation. Jesus destroyed sin by destroying the consequences of sin which is death. Death loses in the Resurrection! Jesus' Resurrection takes away the effects of all sin for those who cling to Him.

Easter is a time when we must do just that. We must "cling" to our resurrected Lord! We must cling to Jesus who is alive and well. We must cling to His Resurrection and strive to sha-

READING 1

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak and said:
 "You know 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. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118

„This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.“

READING 2

COL 3:1-4

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Collosians.

Brothers and sisters:
 If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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 - DO YOU KNOW...

*Do You know what I have done to you,
you who call Me your Teacher and your Lord?
If I have washed your feet so you must do as I have done for you.*

- 1. What I am doing now you do not know
but after a time has gone by you will understand.
- 2. Don't you understand what I must do?
If you would be mine then I must bend to wash your feet.
- 3. I have given to you an example.
What I have done for you, you must do for one another.



COMMUNION SONG - ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man
No more

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord
Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all

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FINAL HYMN - GLORY AND PRAISE

*Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
To those who trust in his ways.*

- 1) We, the daughters and sons of him
Who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done
In ev'ry heart that sings.

- 2) In his wisdom he strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save.

- 3) God has watered our barren land
And spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
For anyone to drink.