



PARISH ORGANISATION

ADMINISTRATOR (PASTOR)

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PARISH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY - Joseph Bednarz

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Edwin Koski

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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.

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 10 am

For + Joyce Czepiel Pike



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 12 pm

Za dobrodziejów parafii
św. Jana Chrzciciela w
Manchester

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 waited, waited for the Lord; who bent down and heard
my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud
of the swamp, set my feet upon a rock, steadied my steps.
Alleluia.

**R: And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our
God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in
the Lord. 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.**

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS** (Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday). BIG “THANK YOU” to all those who prepared & attended the Holy Week celebrations at St. John’s. I think that time was a real blessing for everyone of us! Fr. Henry, Mr. Bednarz, Mr. Bielenda thank you for your help during the liturgical celebrations; the Dziura’s family, thank you for cleaning the Church for Easter; Magda Piekarzewska, thank you for all decorations in the Church during these Holy Days...
- **EASTER POLISH DINNER.** We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the parishioners who contributed with their hard work to the success of yesterday’s POLISH DINNER. It was wonderful parish event attended by a lot of people. A special THANK YOU goes to Joseph Bednarz, Nancy McHugh, Bogusława & Alexandra Dziura, Georgie LaFranchise, Maureen Johnson and Magda Piekarzewska.
- **3 EASTER GIFT BASKETS.** It was our Lenten Community Resolution! Three very abundant baskets have been prepared from the generous donations of our parishioners & friends of St. John’s parish. Just before Easter time Fr. Adam has delivered them to the Robertson school where they were received with gratitude & handed over to three families in need. Once again our parishioners proved that they know what does it mean “to share” especially during the Lenten season...
- **LUDOMIRA KASZUBSKI**, wife of Fr. Stanley (Zbigniew) Kaszubski has recently passed away. Fr. Stanley served as a Pastor of St. John’s for several years. We ask your prayers for Ludomira, Fr. Stanley & all Kaszubski’s family. Funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday (Saturday) at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL.
- 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. We have still free Sundays in May to celebrate Mass for you!



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel spans the eight days from the Easter Sunday to the following Sunday. Jesus appears to His disciples and greets them with the message of Shalom. Shalom (peace) is His Easter gift to His followers. His death and resurrection were the means of the divine Shalom being bestowed on them. Shalom is much more than the absence of tension and stress. It is the establishment of relationship which was broken through sin. With Shalom comes the gift of the Holy Spirit and the gift of forgiveness of sins.

When the other ten apostles relate to Thomas their experience of the Risen Jesus, he demands physical proof. A week later, he is given the proof he demands when Jesus appears again and invites Thomas to come and explore the nail holes and pierced side. Thomas proclaims his belief in Jesus as GOD. The Gospel passage concludes with the first ending of John's Gospel, the proclamation that this book does not contain all the mighty signs which Jesus did, but includes enough so that those who read it may come to a (deeper) belief that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of GOD and the source of life.

As I reflect on readings, I realize Easter cannot be just a day of joyful celebrating with rich and tasty foods. It is not just a day of eating candy or other pleasurable treats we have denied ourselves for the preceding 40 days. It is not just a day when we remember that Jesus not only died but also rose again. It is an event which cannot be captured in just one day. It must be celebrated and made part of our daily lives, day after day, week after week, year after year. And the celebration must not just be a recalling of what has taken place, but also it must lead to our active response in our daily activities. Easter must be alive within us as we go out on our mission. We, like the apostles in the readings, are being sent out to proclaim the Easter message that Jesus has died, but that He is risen and active among us.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many signs and wonders were done among the people
at the hands of the apostles.
They were all together in Solomon's portico.
None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them.
Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord,
great numbers of men and women, were added to them.
Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets
and laid them on cots and mats
so that when Peter came by,

ACTS 5:12-16

at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.
A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits,
and they were all cured.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118

„Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.”

READING 2

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of

REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19

man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

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 evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are re-tained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples we-re again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe be-cause you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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

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
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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.