



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

5.00 pm

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 5 pm

For Bishop Paul and
all the priests of our
Eastern Diocese



HOLY THURSDAY

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit
Come, Lord and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

RECEPTION OF HOLY OILS

LORD, HAVE MERCY.
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.
LORD HAVE MERCY.

GLORY TO GOD (bells in the church are rung)

*Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth.*

Lord God, Heavenly King Almighty God and Father;
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

Glory to God in the highest...

Lord, Jesus Christ only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. /x2
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer. /x2

Glory to God in the highest...

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ!
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Glory to God in the highest...

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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COMMUNION SONG - I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Ref: And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is the flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood /x2
You shall not have life within you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The liturgy of Holy Thursday moves us into the celebration of “The Three Days” – the Easter Triduum, during which we make memory of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. These three days are really one solemn liturgy. If you participate in the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper you will notice that there is no dismissal at the end. Neither is there a welcome or dismissal at the liturgy of Good Friday. The liturgy from Holy Thursday through the Easter Vigil is meant to be a continuous memorial and celebration of the climactic moments in the life of Jesus and in the life of the Christian community.

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper plunges us into the drama of the final moments of Jesus’ earthly journey. You can feel the tension of this “hour” of which John speaks in his Gospel. It is a sobering, even frightening, time when danger lurks on the horizon. We know that Jesus’ anguished prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal by Judas, and the arrest of Jesus lie just around the corner. For most people, it would be a time to withdraw, to isolate oneself out of fear. We see Jesus, however, as one who in this hour continues to be present and to offer himself to his disciples. As we hear in the Gospel account, “He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end.”

The liturgy links Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist with his action of washing the feet of the disciples. Paul’s first letter to the Christians in Corinth contains the earliest written reference to the institution of the Eucharist. It reflects an ancient tradition about Jesus’ celebration of a distinctive meal with his disciples before his death. In this meal, Jesus does not only share bread and wine with them; through these gifts he offers his very self to them to be their nourishment, their ongoing strength. Whenever they celebrate this meal, as often as they do this in memory of him, they will again experience his personal gift of self in their midst.

READING 1

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb.

EX 12:1-8, 11-14

That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. "This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight.

It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you. "This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 116

„The cup of blessing that we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.“

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,
took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

1COR 11:23-26

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

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.

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

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!

WASHING OF THE FEET - 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.



OFFERTORY SONG - HERE I AM LORD

I the lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall i send?

*Here I am Lord Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go Lord If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart*

I the lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread i will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall i send?