



## PARISH ORGANISATION

### ADMINISTRATOR (PASTOR)

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### PARISH COMMITTEE

**CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY** - Joseph Bednarz

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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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# 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 MITCHELL BIELEND  
new member  
of St. John's parish!



## TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 12 pm

O Boże błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski  
dla JASIA  
PIEKARZEWSKIEGO  
z okazji 1 urodzin.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

#### ENTRANCE HYMN - JESUS IS RISEN

Jesus is risen! Let us sing!  
Praise to the everliving King! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him in song, ye Seraphim!  
Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,  
Let us together sing his praise! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Raise joyful voices to the sky!  
Sing out, ye heavens, in reply:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father let us sing,  
To God the Son, our risen King! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And equally let us adore  
The Holy Spirit evermore!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### INTROIT

C: He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia.

**R: Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. 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

**05/05 (Sunday) First Sunday of the month.** Special collection is held today for the Mission Fund of the PNCC. Thank you for your generosity!

#### 05/12 (Sunday) MOTHER'S DAY!

- As you can see, we have changed all light bulbs in our Church - the presbytery, High Altar, side Altars, 2 main aisle chandeliers and 2 sides wall sconces. New light bulbs are all LEDs which are extremely energy efficient and consume up to 90% less power than incandescent bulbs. Also, money and energy is saved in maintenance and replacement costs due to the long LED lifespan.
- 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!



"Thanks for understanding, in lieu of  
our malfunctioned sound system."

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, we continue with our post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus to His disciples. Since Jesus is not with His followers each and every moment (in fact not even every day) after His resurrection, but only appears occasionally, the apostles have time on their hands as they await for another revelation of their Savior and Lord. Since the Lord told them to return to Galilee to await His next meeting with them and being fishers by trade (at least four of them), they spend the night fishing. Even though the night is the best time to catch fish, and the deeper part of the Sea is the best place to net a load of fish, they catch nothing at all. As the dawn is breaking, they head back to shore. It is then that they see Someone preparing a fish breakfast on the shore of the sea. As is the custom among fishers, the Person on the shore calls out to see if the anglers have caught anything. When the apostles answer in the negative, the Questioner tells them to lower their nets in the shallow (not usually filled with fish) waters and bring in their catch. After catching a huge amount of fish the disciple whom Jesus loves realizes it is the Lord Jesus. Peter dons more clothing (since he had been stripped down to the bare minimum while fishing during the balmy spring night) and jumps into the water with all of his clothes on. Peter seems to have forgotten his companions and the load of fish until Jesus requests that the disciples bring in the fish. Peter turns around and single-handedly hauls in the net loaded with fish. As I reflect on the readings, I am reminded that being faithful to the Name of Jesus will be at times very joy-filled (especially in the eternal presence of GOD, but also even now), but it may require that I suffer and be persecuted for my allegiance to the Name. As with many things on my spiritual journey, that leaves me with both an excited, uplifted feeling and a somewhat guarded, anxious feeling. I am reminded that following the Risen Lord is not always pure ecstasy and upbeat experience. Jesus' hour of glory included both the cross and the empty tomb. In this life we cannot expect to arrive at the glory of an eternal experience without having to carry and die on the cross.

## READING 1

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.

We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 30

*„I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.“*

## READING 2

### A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."

## REV 5:11-14

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "This is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised 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 - 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.



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.

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.

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

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

FINAL 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.

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

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

3) 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.