



PARISH ORGANISATION

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PARISH COMMITTEE

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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**
- 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 GRZYB family
(req. by Ruth Grzyb)



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 12 pm

Za dobrodziejów parafii
św. Jana Chrzciciela
w Manchester.

FIFTH 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!

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C: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. Alleluia.

R: **This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. 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

05/18 (Saturday) **PIEROGI & GOLABKI SALE.** It was another very successful sale in our parish. We've collected \$1320 to support St. John's church. Big 'thank you' goes to Nancy McHugh & Maureen O. Johnson for their time and work during the sale.

- If you have any **chicken egg cartons** or **empty wine bottles** you can bring them to Fr. Adam (or leave it at the rectory door any time). We will re-use them for the benefit of our church.
- 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 summer time to celebrate Mass for you!

Church Mice

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As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins His final discourse (John 13-17) with His eleven disciples on the night of His hour of glory. This is the climax of His mission on earth. He has come to give glory and honor to His Father and His Father will glorify Him as He suffers, dies, and rises. Jesus' words to His disciples are those of establishing a new commandment. Yes, it is patterned on words from the Hebrew scriptures, but there is a new emphasis. The new commandment is Love. They are called not simply to show a deep liking for those who are nice to them, but to love (αγαπάτε – agapate) each other just as Jesus has loved them. Jesus has told them about this love and has given them examples of His love. He, their Master and Teacher, has just finished demonstrating His willingness to serve them by washing their feet (John 13: 1-20). Later in His final words He will proclaim, "No greater love does anyone have than to lay down one's life for another" (John 15: 13). And the final act of His love will be demonstrated within a few hours as He dies on the cross (John 18-19). And the culmination of His loving service will be His resurrection and His giving of the Holy Spirit on Easter Sunday (John 20).

As I reflect on the readings, I am re-energized and renewed. The imagery that comes to me is that of working in an enclosed space, where it is hot and stuffy. All of the sudden, someone opens a door and a fresh, cool breeze blows into the room bringing a restoring, fresh breath to all those who are there. That is what today's readings are: a fresh breeze (ruah - wind, breath, Spirit) blowing in and renewing. Paul was aware of it as he saw the door of faith swing open to Gentiles to whom he preached. Our passage from Revelation refers to the newness that comes as GOD's reign reaches its climax. There will be new heaven and a new earth. Jesus has come to establish the new relationship between GOD and the people and among the people themselves. GOD will be ever present among humans.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith.

ACTS 14:21-27

Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 145

„I will bless your name for ever, my king and my God.“

READING 2

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

REV 21:1-5A

He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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.

When Judas had left them, Jesus said,
"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.
If God is glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in himself,
and God will glorify him at once.
My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."

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.

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.

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.

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

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.



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.

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.

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.