

From our parishes...

**St. John the Baptist Parish, Manchester, CT**

**St. John's Parish Welcomes Change of Priests**



Fr. Adam Piekarczywski, [center above] congratulates Fr. Henry Smolinski at his retirement dinner in the hall of St. John's, Manchester, 8/14/18.



[far right] Parish Committee member Nancy McHugh talks to eldest parishioner honoring Fr. Henry, her mom Virginia Narkon. [3<sup>rd</sup> from right] Millie Koski was among members & friends there.





Parish chairman Joe Bednarz rests from all his work, organizing Fr. Henry's party, after a month's labor of extensive renovations of the rectory for Fr. Adam, his wife Magda & their infant Jasiu. Standing near is his tireless co-worker and wife Maria.



Sunday Sept.2 after the first 9am Sunday parish Mass that Fr. Adam celebrated, he smiles with concelebrating pastor-emeritus Fr. Henry Smolinski. At 11am a dozen local guests came for his 1<sup>st</sup> Mass in Polish.

## Father Piekarzewski Begins at St. John's PNC Church



Father Adam Piekarzewski, [since 9/1/2018] administrator of the Church of St. John the Baptist in Manchester, celebrated his second Sunday parish Mass on Sept.9,2018, in the presence of Bishop Paul and 7 other priests of our diocese. The photo above, taken after the 3pm Mass. Shows [left to right]: Fr. Andrzej Tenus of Lowell, Fr. Krzysztof Rogalski of Norwich, Fr. Sr. Joseph Krusienski of Plantsville, Fr. Adam Czarnecki of Northampton, Fr. Piekarzewski, Bp. Paul, Fr. Henry Smolinski [now pastor emeritus], Fr. Thomas Walsh of Stratford, Fr. Henryk Wos of Woonsocket, and cleric Justin Daviault of Plantsville.

The Mass was graced by the singing of choir members from Plantsville, led by organist Karen Sobiechowski. The bishop was greeted in church before Mass by St. John's parish chairman Joe Bednarz with the traditional Polish symbols of bread and salt. Bp. Paul read letters from Prime Bishop Anthony Mikowsky, documenting Fr. Adam's incardination in the PNCC and his completion of orientation at the Savonarola Seminary in Scranton, as well as his assignment to the Eastern Diocese under Bp. Paul. Fr. Sr. Krusienski read 2 letters from Bp. Paul: one to Fr. Smolinski, appointing him to the status of Reserve Priest in the diocese, and another to Fr. Piekarzewski, appointing him as administrator of St. John's.

***By Fr. Henry Smolinski***