

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/12

(Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. with a special blessing for all mothers. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Shrine (outside). **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Polish Breakfast (fellowship hour) in the church hall follows the Mass.
- 05/19

(Pentecost Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Shrine (outside). **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall follows the Mass. *Mass Intention: For + ROBERT ANDREWS.*
- **THANK YOU** Linda S. and Linda J. and Jacqueline for running yesterday’s Polish Food Sale.
 - **THANK YOU** Mike, Joe and all other contributors for organizing and cooking the Italian Dinner that took place yesterday in the Church hall. It was a great occasion for church members and friends to meet, talk and build up the fellowship spirit.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

23 Golway Street, Manchester, CT 06042
Official website: www.saintjohnspncc.org
Facebook: **John the Baptist, Manchester CT**
Rectory phone: 860-643-5906

PASTOR - Rev. Dr. Adam Piekarczyewski

May 12, 2024

BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

VII SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER’S DAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For KRISTA & JONATHAN COMTOIS on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

INTROIT

C: Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Alleluia.

R: So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. Alleluia.

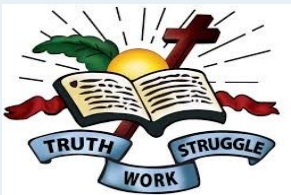
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



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.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers — there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place —. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: May another take his office. “Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of

ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26

John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord has set his throne in heaven.”

PS 103

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify

that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

1 JN 4:11-16

GOSPEL

JN 17:11B-19

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We come to the last week of the Easter season, the holiest season of the year. The focus of Easter has been the growth of the early church and the need to be united with the Risen Lord Jesus and with each other so that the GOoD News can be proclaimed to all the world. Our First Reading is appropriate, even if it is not part of the sequence of the other Sundays of Easter in speaking about the spread of the church after Pentecost. It takes place after the Ascension and before Pentecost as the apostles seek to replace Judas. The Responsorial also is appropriate as we have just celebrated Jesus’ ascension and therefore His return to His place of honor on the heavenly throne. The selection from the First Letter of John reminds us of the importance of remaining in our relationship with GOD and living it out by loving one another. The Gospel is part of Jesus’ Prayer for His disciples at the Last Supper and His lifting them up so that GOD the Abba-Father can protect them after Jesus leaves them and returns to heaven.