COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

09/15 (XXIV Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Catechism class for

children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) and the Food Sale in the church

hall follows the Mass.

09/22 (XXV Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Catechism class for

children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) and the Food Sale in the church

hall follows the Mass. No Mass intention scheduled!

- Throughout September, we will be holding our Food Sales every Sunday after Mass from 11am to 12pm. We're trying this new schedule to see if it works better than our previous times. This will also be a great opportunity for parishioners and visitors to purchase delicious food while supporting our church. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Food Sales on Sundays, a sign-up sheet is available in the church vestibule. Thank you for your continued support!
- A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make yesterday's Tag Sale a success! Your dedication and hard work resulted in a wonderful event that raised some profit to support our church. We are grateful for everyone's efforts, from organizing and setting up to selling and cleaning up. This wouldn't have been possible without your commitment. The funds raised will help us continue our mission. Thank you once again for your generosity and support!

CHURCH NEWS

 Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MILLICENT & EDWIN KOSKI (09/20), DON TENEROWICZ (09/21). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the "Church News Column",
please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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 Piekarzewski

September 15, 2024



BEHOLD

XXIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + JOREL SMITH (req. by Aurora)

INTROIT

C: From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

R: For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps.

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

READING 1

IS 50:5-9A

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together.
Who disputes my right?
Let that man confront me.
See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 116

"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

READING 2

JAS 2:14-18

A reading from the Letter of St. James.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him?
If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them,
"Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say,
"You have faith and I have works."
Demonstrate your faith to me without works,
and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 8:27-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus begins today's passage by asking what the people think of Him. The disciples assert that most of those who have come to listen to Jesus think that Jesus is a holy man, an agent of GOD, one of the promised prophets. After asking His disciples what is their take on Him, Peter boldly proclaims that Jesus is the Christ – the Messiah, the Anointed and Chosen One of GOD. Jesus then explains what the role of the Messiah is: to suffer and die for the sake of others. Peter, thinking the Messiah should be a glorious leader, demonstrates his misunderstanding of the role of the Messiah by telling Jesus that He should not speak of suffering and dying. Jesus sees Peter's remarks as a temptation to take the easy way out and not fulfill His Abba-Father's plan of suffering and dying as a sign of GOD's love for humanity. Jesus reiterates His need to do what GOD, His Abba, wants Him to do. He also remarks that those who wish to be true disciples must be willing to undergo the same sort of suffering and dying in order to be like their Master-Teacher.