



PARISH ORGANISATION

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PARISH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Joseph Bednarz

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally every 2nd Sunday of the month.

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

. 9.00 am

- in English (po angielsku)

. 11.00 am

- 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 9 am

For the upcoming Synod of our Church that it will be a fruitful time and regenerating experience for all the PNCC parishes.



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

O Boże błogostawieństwo dla nowonarodzonego Damiana Chyła, rodziców i całej rodziny.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - MORNING HYMN (KIEDY RANNE)

Lord, this morn we raise our voices
As the world in song rejoices.
All the works of Your creation
Join to sing in adoration.

You have formed us, God our Savior,
Overwhelmed us with Your favor.
Blessed with gifts beyond all measure,
May we praise You now and ever.

At the moment we awaken,
We will call to God in heaven
When we call Him He will hear us,
When we seek Him He is near us.

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 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 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.

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9/16 A big THANK YOU to everybody who helped make our feast day last Sunday a memorable day not only for Fr.Adam but for the entire parish community! We had a beautiful Mass and a wonderful (very tasty!) reception afterwards...
- 9/21 Next Friday - **Feast of St. Matthew Apostle & Evangelist.** Holy Mass in our church at **6.00 pm**. All parishoners and guests are very welcome!
- 9/23 Next Sunday the PNCC celebrates Spojnia Sunday - let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC.
- We're trying to reorganize our parish office at the rectory... If you would like to donate any office supplies such as binders, folders, envelopes, pens, other office basics, please, bring them to Fr. Adam.
 - If you have any suggestions or improvements for our Sunday Bulletin, do not hesitate to contact Fr. Adam. We'd like to have our bulletin friendly to the parishoners and guests.

PLEASE, REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



- **Jeremy Wierzbicki**, age 37, son of Henry and Dorothy Wierzbicki, died 7/26/18 and was buried 8/4/18 on St. John's Cemetery.
- **Ronald A. Gustafson**, age 79, husband of the late Barbara (Pastula) Gustafson, died 8/21/18 and was buried 8/25/18 on St. John's Cemetery.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

By telling us to take up our cross, Jesus isn't saying that we have to meekly endure unfair treatment and suffering or embrace a blind, "offer it up" sort of spirituality. And while they may be opportunities for grace, things like illnesses, sad events, and even disasters aren't "the cross." There is nothing particularly Christian about many of the challenges we face in daily life. We can never silently or blindly accept abuse or injustice as being the will of God. Jesus rejected these and so should we. Instead, "the cross" that we are to carry embodies the sacrifices, trials, and hardships that can be a consequence of placing our faith and hope in him and of living according to his teaching.

The consequences — or "cost" — of discipleship (to borrow the phrase from Dietrich Bonhoeffer) can take two forms. The first is that by saying yes to Jesus, we willingly set aside ways of thinking and acting that are at odds with the Christian life. Faithful discipleship demands that we sacrifice for the good of others, promote peace and justice, and seek God's will in whatever comes our way. It means being a person of love and hope.

The second consequence is much more dramatic and costly: physical suffering and even death for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel.

As we know, countless Christians around the world have suffered — and continue to suffer — simply because of their faith in Jesus. We can think of so many examples from the past months and years of Christians who have suffered exile, whose communities have been ravaged, and who have given their lives for their faith.

READING 1

IS 50:5-9

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates

me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

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

READING 2

JAS 2:14-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

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!



COMMUNION SONG - JESUS, MY LORD AND SAVIOR (JEZUSA UKRYTEGO)

Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee.
All that I have I give Thee for Thou didst die for me.
Here in this Bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine.
Thanksgiving, praise and honor be ev'ry moment Thine.
All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give
unto my Lord and Savior that with Him I may live.

Hosanna in the highest! Angelic choirs do sing,
Glorious praise unceasing to Christ our Lord and King.
Setting for us a standard as we our songs,
Bringing us closer to Him, filling us with His joy.
He knows the tears of suff'ring through His own earthly life.
With trembling heart we praise Him, telling Him of our strife.

FINAL HYMN - BARKA

Lord, when you came to the seashore
you weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,
but only asking that I might follow.

Ref: Oh Lord, in my eyes you were gazing
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying,
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there
Close to you, I will find other seas.

Lord, have you need of my labor,
hands for service, a heart made for loving,
my arms for lifting the poor and broken?

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