

## PARISH ORGANISATION

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### PARISH COMMITTEE

**CHAIRMAN** - Joseph Bednarz

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### PARISH COMMITTEE

*meets normally every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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September 23, 2018

# BEHOLD

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

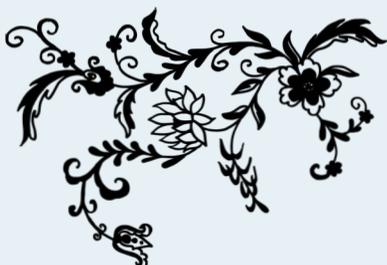
**If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention 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.**

## XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

### TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

For the PNU of America -  
we ask God's blessing  
for all the members of  
the organisation.



### TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

O zbawienie wieczne dla  
śp. Tadeusza Mieczysława  
Dziura (Msza Grego-  
riańska, dzień 7)

### 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: Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

**R: But, You, O Lord of hosts, O just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!**

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

**9/23** Today 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.

**9/23** Today we held special collection for the victims of Hurricane Florence. This is an idea of our Bp. Paul to make a donation from all the churches of the diocese to our brothers and sisters in need.

**9/29** Next Saturday - **Feast of St. Michael, Archangel.** Holy Mass in our church at **6.00 pm.** All parishoners, friends and guests are very welcome!

**9/30** Fr. Adam and Mr. Joe Bednarz are going to participate in the XXV General Synod of our Church in Belleville, IL. Please, pray that the Synod will bear the fruit God desires for His Holy Church. **The Masses at St. John (9am, 11am) will be celebrated by Fr. Henry Smolinski.**

- Celebrating 100% PNU Families - This year's Spojnia Sunday contest will celebrate our 100% PNU families and ligs to the PNCC 2018 Future Direction "Year of the Family."

Send us a family photo where everyone in the picture is a PNU member. It can be any combination of your family and extended family, but the photo must contain two or more people and PNU members only. Social membership counts as PNU membership.

Provide the full names for everyone shown in the photo and mail the photo to: Kathy Nemkovich, 37 Winthrop St., Fall River, MA 02721, or email to [kathynemkovich@gmail.com](mailto:kathynemkovich@gmail.com) . Deadline to receive photos is November 1, 2018. All photos will be entered into a drawing to win \$250 and may be used in future PNU materials. The drawing will be held in December at the PNU Board meeting.

- 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.

Whoever wants to be first  
must be last of all...

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel challenges us to be child-like servants of God. Simplicity of heart marks a loving child, and is also a "little virtue".

Simplicity requires that our interior self match our exterior self. Yet, we do not lack simplicity when we put on a smiling face while we feel upset. It is true you are agitated within when you are facing some difficulty. This is natural for our misery tends to follow an extreme course. Although we admit the feeling, we do not have to consent to it. Thus when we are troubled by something and smile, it means we accept our difficulty in a good, wholesome, simple way that helps us to flourish as a child of God.

Walk simply and you will walk confidently. If you are with someone who is moody, don't be concerned about what to do. Simply be your cheerful self. Just now she is sad, but at some other time you will be like her. Help her and yourself to enjoy the time you have together. And at another time she will help you do the same. In this way you are a child-like servant of God to others. We come closer to God's love the more we detach ourselves from things that hinder us from loving God and others. Simplicity places every event in God's hands. Happy are they who no longer journey with their own feet, that is, according to their own thoughts, desires, preferences and inclinations, but according to those of their God! For in their simplicity of heart they will find God's love and peace.

## READING 1

WIS 2:12.17-20

### A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The godless say,

„Let us lie in wait for the righteous one, who makes life inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; who reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training.

Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous one is God's son, God will help him, and will deliver him

from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

### This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 54

„The Lord upholds my life.”

## READING 2

JAS 3:16-4:18

### A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

Beloved: Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they

come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

### This is the Word of the Lord.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

### 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!

### COMMUNION SONG - I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me shall not hunger;  
he who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw him.

**Ref:** And I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and he who eats of this bread,  
he shall live for ever,  
he shall live for ever.

### FINAL HYMN - IN THY PROTECTION (POD TWĄ OBRONĘ)

In Thy protection, Father in Heaven,  
Lo, we Thy children, place our life, our all.

/ Lord, wilt Thou bless us, save us from temptation,  
Keep us from danger, lest in sin we fall. /x2

Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us,  
In Thy protection we shall find our rest.

/ Father, we pray Thee, humbly we beseech Thee,  
Deliver us, the children Thou hast blessed. /x2

