

PARISH ORGANISATION

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PARISH COMMITTEE

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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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September 30, 2018

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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

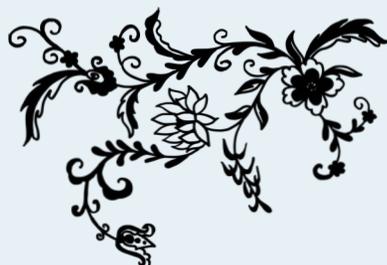
If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will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

XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

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



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

O zbawienie wieczne dla śp. Tadeusza Mieczysława Dziura (Msza Gregoriańska, dzień 14)

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - BLESSED IS HE (KTO SIĘ W OPIEKĘ)

Blessed is he who trusts in God Almighty,
And he who hopes in God's most gracious mercy.
He shall acknowledge: God is my protector.
In life's dark journey, I shall fear no danger,
I shall fear no danger.

From all the powers of evil God shall save him.
Of nature's forces, he shall never fall victim.
Under the pinions of the Lord Almighty,
In God's protection, he shall dwell in safety.
He shall dwell in safety.

God's mighty strength shall be his shield and buckler,
And shall protect him from all nightly danger.
Thousands shall fall, yet he shall walk without fear,
Kept from the arrows of the foe that is near;
Of the foe that is near.

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C: Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts, above all that you may prophesy. On the other hand, one who prophesies does speak to human beings, for their building up, encouragement, and solace.

R: For no prophecy ever came through human will; but rather human beings moved by the Holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.

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

9/30 Fr. Adam is away (XXV General Synod, Belleville, IL) until Thursday morning. If you have any urgent pastoral need, please, contact our reserve priest: **Fr. Henry Smolinski.**

9/30 Last Sunday we held special collection for the victims of Hurricane Florence. We've collected \$50 and we've sent it to our diocesan bishop. The donation from all the diocese will be gathered together and given to those in need.

10/4 Next Thursday - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Holy Mass in our church at 6.00 pm. All parishoners, friends and guests are very welcome!

10/7 Next Sunday - Solemnity of the Holy Mother of the Rosary. We will hold a special collection for Missions.

- We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own intention. If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you can 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. **We have still free Sundays in October without any Mass intention!**
- 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In our gospel for this Sunday Jesus speaks about tolerance, humility and love for our fellowmen. When John told Jesus that they tried to prevent someone from driving out demons in His name. Perhaps John was expecting Jesus to condone his arrogant behavior. But Jesus rebuked John by saying, "Do not prevent him, there is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."

This rebuke of Jesus towards John echoes up to this time and it is not anymore addressed to John but it is now given to us. We are reminded by Jesus that if the cause that is being espoused by our fellowmen is also about him or if it's for a good purpose. Let us be tolerant by all means.

We must always be tolerant, humble and loving to those who are not within the loop of our catholic faith. Jesus at all times reminds us also that we must always live these virtues because this is one of the means that Jesus could become a living symbol in our lives.

Sometimes it is so tempting to become proud and arrogant because of our status in life. Or because of the primacy our catholic faith which was founded by Jesus Himself. But how can we convince others to join our faith if we are domineering and arrogant? How can we highlight Jesus in our lives if we are always overbearing and superior?

READING 1

NUM 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 19

„The precepts of the Lord are right, and give joy to the heart.“

READING 2

JAS 5:1-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out,

and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

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!

OFFERTORY SONG - COME UNTO JESUS

Come unto Jesus, come while you may;
Hear how He calls you, come now this day.
How he does love you, follow His way,
Gently He calls you, Come!

Come O my child now, come heed His call,
Give Him your heart, your love and your all.
He shall uplift you, lest you should fall,
Gently He calls you, Come!

Ref: Lo, the vision wondrous to behold!
He would save us from this sinful world.
To heaven's blessed glory untold,
O dearest Lord we come!

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 - BLACK MADONNA (CZARNA MADONNO)**

Additional sheets.